

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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1. Tripura Governor Indra Sena Reddy Nallu says drug abuse as one of the most serious challenges facing the state.
2. Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha says the state police are being modernised and make the force more people-friendly.
3. Two more accused in connection with the abduction and killing of six Naga civilians in Manipur arrested by security forces.
4. Meghalaya Minister for Animal Husbandry & Veterinary, Sanbor Shullai inaugurates 14.27 Crore rupees RCC+4 Municipal Market in Shillong
5. Zoological Survey of India discovers news spider species in Meghalaya
6. Manipur conducts State-Level Green Finale of Van Mahotsav 2026 with 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam 3.0'
7. Representing India Meghalaya's singer Kitkumar Nongsieje reaches semifinal in World Championships of Performing Arts 2026.
8. The Office Comptroller and Auditor General of India in collaboration with ICSSR is organising a nationwide Research Article Competition for young scholars.

POLICE

Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha said the state police are being modernised with a strong focus on making the force more people-friendly. Addressing the passing-out parade of the 92nd batch of police constables at the 2nd Battalion of Tripura State Rifles in R.K. Nagar yesterday, he urged the newly recruited personnel to serve with honesty, dedication and compassion. A total of 469 male constables and one TSR rifleman completed nearly a year of training. The Chief Minister said the recruitment process for 218 Sub-Inspectors and 918 more police constables will begin soon. Dr. Saha highlighted the Government's commitment to transparent recruitment and technology-driven policing. Director General of Police Anurag said the recruits received training in traffic management, law and order, disaster response, crowd control and cybercrime investigation.

DRUG

Tripura Governor Indra Sena Reddy Nallu described drug abuse as one of the most serious challenges facing the state and the country, calling it not merely a law-and-order issue but a deep social, economic and moral crisis. He was inaugurating a one-day state-level awareness workshop on "Drug-Free Tripura," organised by the

Social Welfare and Social Education Department at the Maharaja Bir Bikram College auditorium in Agartala yesterday. The Governor said Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s vision of a “Nasha Mukta Bharat” is a national commitment to safeguard the country’s future. He warned that anti-social elements are using drugs to weaken the youth, leading to severe health complications and destroying their future. Expressing concern over rising addiction among children aged 12–20, he stressed the need for empathy, counselling and timely guidance.

ARREST

A joint team of the National Investigation Agency, Manipur Police and the CRPF yesterday arrested two more accused in connection with the abduction and killing of six Naga civilians in Manipur, taking the total number of arrests in the case to four. The latest arrests come eight days after the first breakthrough in the high-profile case that triggered widespread outrage across Naga-inhabited areas. Confirming the arrests in a post on X, Manipur Police said the duo was apprehended on July 18 as part of the ongoing investigation into the abduction and murder of the six Naga men. The six Naga civilians were abducted on May 13 while returning from a wedding in Kangpokpi district. Their bodies were recovered near Leilon Vaiphei village on June 10, sparking protests, shutdowns and candlelight vigils across Naga-dominated areas, including Dimapur and Shillong.

JUSTICE:

Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla yesterday said criminal justice is the foundation of democracy as it protects citizens' rights and upholds the rule of law. Speaking at a two-day seminar on Criminal Justice Administration in Imphal, he said the new criminal laws focus on speedy justice, victim rights, digital technology and time-bound trials. The seminar, organized by the Home and Law Departments with Manipur Judicial Academy, aims to improve coordination among judiciary, police, prosecution and prison administration.

NAGALAND:

Nagaland ranked 27th among 36 States and Union Territories and 6th among 12 Northeastern and hilly states in NITI Aayog’s Investment Friendliness Index released Friday, with a score of 41.2 percent. The report cited strong performance in regulatory ease, institutional environment and low crime rate. Nagaland scored highest in Institutional Environment at 76%. However, infrastructure, business climate and human resources were flagged as areas needing improvement. NITI Aayog recommended upgrading Dimapur Airport, boosting digital and 5G/4G connectivity, and expanding the technical workforce. The State recorded 4.84% GSDP growth, above the national average, along with 18% industrial capex and 59% female workforce participation.

MEETING:

The government has convened a meeting with the floor leaders of Political Parties in the Parliament, today ahead of the upcoming Monsoon Session of the Parliament. During the meeting, the government will seek cooperation from all political parties to ensure the smooth functioning of both Houses of Parliament. The Monsoon Session will commence from the 20th of this month and continue till

the 13th of next month. During the session, several important legislation are scheduled to be taken up for discussion and passage.

INAUGURATION:

Meghalaya Minister for Animal Husbandry & Veterinary, Sanbor Shullai yesterday inaugurated the new municipal market at Iewdak, Laban in Shillong. The RCC+4 commercial building with a community hall was constructed by the Shillong Municipal Board at a cost of 14.27 crore rupees. The project was funded under the North Eastern Council scheme. Speaking at the event, the Minister said a proposal for a hall on the terrace has been sanctioned at 2 crore rupees for use by residents of the constituency. He also announced that 2 crore rupees has been sanctioned for the renovation of Lumshatsngi market, with work to begin this month. An infrastructure scheme worth 35 crore rupees has also been proposed for the cantonment area. NEC Secretary S.K. Bhalla said the new building will provide livelihood opportunities and promote cultural preservation through the community hall and Dorbar Shnong office.

SPECIES:

Scientists have discovered a tiny new spider species in a Meghalaya cave, marking the first record of the genus *Simonia* in India. Researchers from the Zoological Survey of India found *Simonia lawbah* in Krem Lawbah cave near Lawbah village, Mawsynram. The microscopic spider measures less than 2 mm belongs to the ray spider family, known for its cone-shaped webs that snap like slingshots to catch prey. The discovery, published in *Zootaxa*, makes Meghalaya home to two of the three ray spider species recorded in India. Scientists named it after its cave habitat and say it is likely cave-loving.

SAPLING:

The state-level Green Finale of the 77th Van Mahotsav 2026, held with Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam 3.0, was observed at Convention Centre, Imphal yesterday. Manipur Chief Minister Y. Khemchand Singh, who attended as chief guest, said around 15 lakh saplings were planted across Manipur in the past two weeks through joint efforts of government departments, security forces, civil bodies and students. The CM also watered a commemorative Uthambal sapling and visited exhibition stalls. Ukhrul Forest Division won the award for maximum plantation under EPMKN 3.0, with 4,31,493 saplings planted between June 5 and July 14.

WCOPA:

Meghalaya singer Kitkumar Nongsie has qualified for the Semi Finals of the World Championships of Performing Arts 2026, representing India. From Kynshi village, Eastern West Khasi Hills, Kitkumar rose to fame after winning Ka Sur Kynud Season 3 and performing with the Shillong Chamber Choir. He secured his place in Team India through a global online audition. The event, called the "Olympics of Performing Arts," features artists from over 60 countries. A send-off ceremony was held at Don Bosco Youth Centre, Laitumkhrah before his departure.

COMPETITION

The Office of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India, in collaboration with the Indian Council of Social Science Research, is organising a nationwide Research Article Competition for young scholars. The initiative will cover 28

States and three Union Territories. It aims to promote research and informed discourse on public finance, governance, fiscal federalism, social sector spending and sustainable development by encouraging students to undertake original research based on CAG Audit Reports. The last date for submission of entries for the State or Union Territory level competition is 31st of the next month, while entries for the National-level competition can be submitted till 30th September this year.

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