

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Meghalaya and Assam Government holds discussions to normalise situation following incident of vandalism of Assam-registered vehicles in Shillong.
- Protesters at Jorabat temporarily lifts road blockade following intervention by the Meghalaya and Assam governments
- Coordination mechanism established between the IG, Special Branch, Assam, and the IG, Law and Order along with dedicated helplines.
- Army and Rapid Action Force conducts flag march across Shillong
- Resumption of public transport along the Imphal-Dimapur-Guwahati route via National Highway-2 continues smoothly on its second day
- Nagaland's Deputy Chief Minister T.R Zeliang holds meeting with senior officials of MoRTH to discuss the widening of NH-202 from single-lane to two-lane
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi holds interactions with the newly appointed national office-bearers of the BJP
- Chairperson and members of the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Protection of Child Rights calls on Governor KT Parnaik

NEWS IN ORDER:-

MEET

A meeting between the Meghalaya and Assam governments was held yesterday to deliberate upon the developments following the recent incident of vandalism of Assam-registered vehicles in Shillong on 19th August. Meghalaya Deputy Chief Minister Sniawbhalang Dhar and Minister for Implementation of Assam Accord, Border Protection & Development, Atul Bora led the meeting at Koinadhara State Guest House in Guwahati. The Meghalaya government expressed sincere regret over the incidents and assured strict action against those involved. It was decided to constitute joint committees at the district level to ensure that day-to-day issues arising along the inter-State border are resolved promptly.

BLOCKADE

Protesters at Jorabat temporarily lifted their road blockade following intervention by the Meghalaya and Assam governments yesterday. Assam Minister Atul Bora, along with Guwahati Commissioner of Police, Partha Mahanta, met representatives of transport workers and civil society groups protesting at Jorabat. The Meghalaya Government will provide compensation to those injured in the recent violence in Shillong. A joint committee comprising Commissioner/Secretary-level Transport authorities of both states, along with representatives of the tourist vehicle associations, will be constituted to facilitate and regulate tourist transport movement. Both states will ensure safe transit for vehicles from Barak Valley to

other parts of Assam via Meghalaya and vice versa. Arrangements will be made for people travelling from Meghalaya to other parts of Meghalaya through Assam.

HOTLINE

A coordination mechanism has been established between the IG, Special Branch, Assam, and the IG, Law and Order, Meghalaya, along with dedicated helplines. An online support forum will have been activated to assist in locating and facilitating stranded individuals. The numbers are WhatsApp: 91 810 14 888 and landline: 0361-2381-511. This mechanism will remain operational until the situation is fully normalized, an official statement issued by the Meghalaya government said.

MARCH

The Army and Rapid Action Force conducted a flag march across Shillong yesterday as part of confidence-building measures among the people. Security measures have been enhanced after violence and vandalism during a bike rally on 19th August by the Khasi Students' Union to press for its five-point charter of demands. The police registered 15 FIRs and three KSU leaders were arrested. The Meghalaya government has constituted a Special Investigation Team to identify all those involved and prosecute them as per law.

IMPHAL

The resumption of public transport along the Imphal-Dimapur-Guwahati route via National Highway-2 continued smoothly on its second day yesterday. Over 200 passengers left Imphal in a fleet of four buses and six other vehicles. The vehicles departed from the Inter-State Bus Terminal at Khuman Lampak in Imphal in the morning. Meanwhile, 125 passengers who had embarked on the inaugural journey on Friday, safely reached Guwahati yesterday. The resumption of public services on the Imphal-Dimapur-Guwahati route marks a significant development after a gap of nearly three years since the crisis in Manipur. It is an important step towards restoring normal life and strengthening connectivity.

ROAD

Nagaland's Deputy Chief Minister T.R Zeliang recently held a meeting with senior officials of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) in New Delhi to discuss the widening of NH-202 from single-lane to two-lane, along with NH-329A, NH-702A and the Foothill Road. TR Zeliang said MoRTH had provided interim relief on the land acquisition issue, allowing the State to proceed under the Nagaland Land (Requisition and Acquisition) Act, 1965, in view of the State's reservations over the National Highways Act, 1956, in the context of Article 371(A) of the Constitution.

PM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi held interactions with the newly appointed national office-bearers of the BJP at party Headquarters in New Delhi last evening. Besides BJP president Nitin Nabin, the meeting was attended by the party's national vice presidents and general secretaries, among others. Mr Modi said that organizational

meetings are all about new ideas and perspectives aimed at strengthening the party and deepening its connect with the people.

INDO-BANGLA

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar has said that India-Bangladesh ties must be based on mutual respect. Speaking at the Economic Times World Leaders Forum in New Delhi yesterday, he said that for any relationship to work, it has to meet the test of mutual interest. India wants positive, constructive and forward-looking relations with Bangladesh based on mutuality of interests and reciprocity. On India-China relations, Mr Jaishankar said India should continue doing business with China while developing the domestic strength needed to compete with it. Significantly, the North Eastern Region of India shares boundaries with both China and Bangladesh.

ARUNACHAL

The Chairperson and members of the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Protection of Child Rights called on Governor KT Parnaik, at Lok Bhavan in Itanagar yesterday. They briefed the Governor on the outcomes of the two-day North East SCPCR's Convention on Child Rights, held at Tawang on 31st July and 1st August, 2026. She informed that the convention brought together child rights institutions from across the North Eastern States. Governor Parnaik expressed his grave concern about the growing POCSO cases and regretted the extremely low rate of prosecution.

TRIPURA

NITI Aayog member Joram Ania yesterday visited Garia Academy Model School in Atharobhola, Gomati district, Tripura. He was welcomed by Tripura Legislative Assembly Speaker Rampada Jamatia. Discussions were held on the school's education system, infrastructure, challenges and future prospects. They also exchanged views on the culture, traditions and heritage of the Jamatia Hoda community.

SIKKIM

Sushma Tamang, a Post Graduate Teacher of Chemistry at PM SHRI Government Senior Secondary School in Dikling, Sikkim, has been selected for the prestigious National Teachers' Award 2026. The Union Ministry of Education's Department of School Education and Literacy selected Ms Tamang for her dedication and exemplary contribution to school education. The National Teachers' Award 2026 will be presented to Sushma Tamang by the President in New Delhi on 5th September.

NAGALAND

A common pig raised for generations in the backyards of Nagaland has now acquired a national identity. The Nagal pig, a distinct local breed known for its black coat, fast growth and characteristic pork, has been entered in India's national register of animal genetic resources. It has been recognized by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). Nagaland now has three nationally recognized indigenous breeds: Tenyi Vo pig, Nagami Mithun and Nagal pig. Research by

ICAR scientists and local universities has found several traits valued by tribal farmers, including rapid growth, larger litter sizes, black colour and its distinctive pork quality.

FELICITATION

Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh, yesterday felicitated Saikhom Mirabai Chanu and other Manipuri medalists and participants of the Glasgow Commonwealth Games, 2026. He distributed appointment letters to the gold medalists of the 36th and 37th National Games at a programme held at Khuman Lampak Indoor Stadium in Imphal. Silver medalists Chanambam Rishikanta Singh, Mayengbam Jadumani Singh and Sorokhaibam Bindyarani Devi were honoured. The Chief Minister handed over appointment letters to 71 gold medalists from the 36th and 37th National Games.

TEACHER

In Mizoram, Lunglei’s Government Electric Veng High School Headmistress Pi Lalnunmawii has been selected for the National Teachers’ Award 2026 in recognition of her contribution to education. The Union Ministry of Education announced her selection on Friday. President Droupadi Murmu will confer the award at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi. Lalnunmawii is among 47 teachers from across the country selected for the honour this year.

ASIAN

The Sports Ministry yesterday approved a 492-member Indian contingent for the Asian Games, which will begin next month in Japan. The contingent includes 265 male and 227 female athletes. The boxing squad has eleven members, including recent Commonwealth Games silver medalists Lovlina Borgohain, from Assam in the 75-kilogram category, and others.
