

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Flood situation in Assam improves as number of affected people dips.
- Meghalaya Cabinet approves draft resolution opposing uranium mining to be tabled in Assembly during autumn session.
- Security strengthened across Tripura ahead of Independence Day.
- Preparations for Independence Day celebrations in full swing across Mizoram.
- Manipur commemorates Patriots' Day in homage to martyrs of Anglo-Manipuri War, 1891.
- Nagaland's Department of Higher Education signs MoU with Starscapes Experiences Private Limited, Gurgaon, to promote astronomy education.
- Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha inaugurates 18 government projects under Chandipur and Kailashahar Assembly constituencies.
- Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma welcomes Centre's decision to refer Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill, to Joint Parliamentary Committee.
- Sikkim set to bring digital media under formal government empanelment framework.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister, Deputy Chief Ministers, ministers and legislators to lead Independence Day celebrations across state.
- Arunachal Pradesh's Domin Karbak conferred with Sangeet Natak Akademi Award 2025 for contribution to folk dances.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

FLOOD:

The flood situation in Assam improved yesterday as the number of affected people dipped to over 77,000 people in four districts. According to the Assam State Disaster Management Authority, more than 77,500 people remained affected in Golaghat, Jorhat, Nagaon and Sivasagar districts. The administration has been operating 70 relief camps and relief distribution centres in four districts. A total of 370 villages were under water and 9,908.85 hectares of crop areas were damaged across Assam. Embankments, roads, bridges and other infrastructure have been damaged by flood waters in different districts.

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MEGHALAYA:

The State Cabinet yesterday approved a draft resolution opposing uranium mining in Meghalaya, which will be tabled in the Autumn Session of the Assembly starting

24th August. The cabinet also approved introducing a dedicated Paper VI on Meghalaya — covering its history, culture, traditional systems, society and economy — in the Meghalaya Civil Service exam. The Meghalaya Official Languages Bill, 2026 — previously in force as an ordinance — was approved and will be formally introduced in the Assembly. It will recognise Khasi and Garo as official languages alongside English, paving the way for an amended Official Language Act.

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ARUNACHAL:

The Arunachal Pradesh Cabinet, headed by Chief Minister Pema Khandu, has introduced uniform eligibility criteria for all Group A, B, and C direct recruitment posts under the State Government. Applicants must now fulfil three mandatory conditions—Permanent Residence, Indigenous/APST status, and Indigenous Tribal Language proficiency. The Cabinet also granted a one-time two-year service relaxation for promotions to Principal/DDSE and one-time relaxation for promotion of PWD Executive Engineer to Superintending Engineer. Recruitment rule amendments for Senior Statistical Assistants in Agriculture and Field Publicity Assistants in DIPR also received cabinet approval.

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TRIPURA:

Security has been strengthened across Tripura ahead of Independence Day. Inspector General of Police, Monchak Ippar said that BSF, police and Tripura State Rifles have increased patrolling along all state borders. All arrangements have been completed for the main Independence Day function at Assam Rifles Ground in Agartala. The IGP also announced a special crackdown on drug trafficking.

SPECIAL SERIES (CAPSULE) as part of *Har Ghar Tiranga*

News Reader: As the nation prepares to celebrate the 80th Independence Day on the 15th of August, Akashvani News Shillong brought you a special series on the Indian national Flag from the 9th of August. Here is one last fact from the series winding today.

Capsule:-

You must have heard about how the Tricolour is to be hoisted or displayed with honour and dignity. Do you also know how the National Flag should be disposed? As per the Flag Code of India, if the National Flag is damaged, it shall be destroyed as a whole in private, preferably by burning or any other method considering the dignity of the National Flag.

The National Flag, if made of paper and is waved by the general public, these flags should not be discarded on the ground. These should be discarded in private, keeping in mind the dignity of the National Flag.

News Reader: That was the special series from Akashvani News Shillong ahead of Independence Day.

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NAGALAND:

The National Cooperative Development Corporation, held a meeting with Nagaland's Cooperation, Fisheries & Aquatic Resources Departments, in Kohima to discuss the formulation and implementation of an Integrated Fisheries Development Project in the state. The meeting, chaired by Commissioner & Secretary (Cooperation), Nagaland, Orenthung Lotha, focused on strengthening growth of the fisheries sector. Launching the Integrated Fisheries Development Project under Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana-II was also discussed.

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MANIPUR:

Manipur commemorated Patriots' Day yesterday in homage to those who laid down their lives in defence of the sovereignty of their motherland during the Anglo-Manipuri War, 1891. The main event was held at Sahid Minar in Imphal, where Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla led the people in paying tributes to the martyrs. Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh, Speaker of Manipur Assembly, Ministers, MLAs, Chief Secretary, Security Advisor, and DGP paid homage to the warriors. Floral tributes were paid at Kangla Uttra in Imphal and Guard-of-Honour and Gun Salute were accorded by the Manipur Rifles. The Assam Rifles continued its series of patriotic rallies across remote villages of Kamjong and Tengnoupal districts in commemoration of the 150 Years of Vande Mataram and 80th Independence Day.

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MIZORAM:

Preparations for the Independence Day celebrations are in full swing across districts in Mizoram, with elaborate security arrangements put in place to ensure peace. Security has been tightened across Aizawl, with police personnel deployed at various locations conducting checks. Chief Minister Lalduhoma will address the main Independence Day function at Aizawl Lammual. The Mizoram government has invited people to participate in the celebrations at designated venues and urged government employees in particular to attend the programmes. The Akashvani Aizawl Regional News Unit will broadcast a special Independence Day newsreel at 4 pm tomorrow, featuring reports on celebrations across the districts.

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ASTRONOMY:

Nagaland's Department of Higher Education has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Starscapes Experiences Private Limited of Gurgaon, to promote astronomy education and develop observatory infrastructure in the state. Astronomy observatories will be developed as a pilot project at select Government Higher Education Institutions, giving students opportunities for experiential learning and greater exposure to astronomy. The collaboration aligns with the vision of National Education Policy 2020 and the Indian Knowledge Systems framework. The initiative is expected to expand opportunities for astronomy education, scientific learning, and public engagement with science across Nagaland.

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FOUNDATION:

Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha yesterday virtually inaugurated 18 government projects under the Chandipur and Kailashahar Assembly constituencies at a programme in Dolugaon. The projects involve a total

expenditure and allocation of 45.18 crore rupees. Major projects include renovation of Dolugaon school ground, open community halls and a newly constructed sub-health centre building. Foundation stones were also cemented for an orphan girls' home, panchayat building and badminton court. The Chief Minister distributed various benefits to beneficiaries and launched the 'Unakoti Shiksha Sangbad' web portal and the 'Swachh O Sabuj Unakoti' initiative.

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ARREST:

A 41-year-old man was arrested in Mizoram's Kolasib district, bordering Assam for alleged poaching and killing of 'serow' locally called 'saza', the Mizoram state animal. He was also in possession of the animal's meat and trophy, Environment, Forests & Climate Change department officials said. The accused, a resident of Kawnpui Hmarveng locality, was produced before the District Court in Kolasib, and subsequently remanded in judicial custody.

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FCRA:

Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma has welcomed the Centre's decision to refer the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill, to a Joint Parliamentary Committee. The Chief Minister thanked Union Home Minister Amit Shah for moving the motion in the Lok Sabha. He said the move would allow wider consultation and careful consideration of concerns raised by stakeholders, including those from Mizoram.

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SIKKIM:

Sikkim is set to bring its fast-growing digital media under a formal government empanelment framework. The Information and Public Relations Department is finalising guidelines for recognising eligible news organisations in the state, an official statement said. The matter was discussed at a meeting convened by the IPRD at Soochna Bhawan on Thursday, where senior officials and representatives of the state's journalist bodies deliberated on the proposed digital media empanelment guidelines. The proposed framework could give Sikkim-based digital news platforms access to government publicity and communication initiatives, while bringing them into a more organised relationship with the government.

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DAY:

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma, Deputy Chief Ministers Prestone Tynsong and Sniawbhalang Dhar, and several ministers and legislators will initiate Independence Day celebrations across the state tomorrow. Chief Minister Sangma will lead the Independence Day celebrations at Polo Grounds in Shillong, where he will hoist the National Flag and take the salute at the ceremonial parade. Independence Day programmes will also be held at all the 12 sub-divisional headquarters across Meghalaya. The Lok Bhavan in Shillong will be open to the general public on Independence Day.

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AWARD:

Arunachal Pradesh's Domin Karbak has been conferred with Sangeet Natak Akademi Award 2025 for his contribution to folk dances. President Droupadi

Murmu presented the awards for the years 2024 and 2025 to 115 artists in a special investiture ceremony in New Delhi, on Thursday.
