

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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4. Petrol bombs hurled at Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board office in Shillong.
5. Nagaland observes Indian Organ Donation Day.
6. Kidney patients appeal to Meghalaya Government for dialysis unit at Nongstoin Civil Hospital
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8. Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council examining concerns surrounding Shillong Ropeway Project.
9. Entrepreneurship Development Programme organised in Imphal.

ASSAM

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma yesterday launched the disbursement of interim financial assistance of 15,000 rupees each to flood-affected families of Sivasagar, Charaideo, Jorhat and Golaghat districts. The financial assistance is being provided through Direct Benefit Transfer to around 75,000 flood-affected families. Mr Sarma also released the state subsidy under the Pradhan Mantri Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana for eligible beneficiaries from the four flood-affected districts.

FLOOD

The flood situation in Assam has improved with waters receding in the worst-affected districts of Sivasagar, Jorhat, Charaideo and Golaghat. Most inmates of relief camps have returned to their homes. However, around 11 thousand people continue to stay in relief camps in Sivasagar district. With two more flood-related deaths reported yesterday, the death toll in Assam due to flood has risen to 87. Meanwhile, the India Meteorological Department has forecast heavy rainfall in Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh today and tomorrow. The Assam State Disaster Management Authority has urged people to take all necessary precautions and remain vigilant.

JUDGES

The Lok Sabha yesterday passed the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026. The bill aims to increase the number of Judges in the Supreme Court from the present 33 to 37 (excluding the Chief Justice of India). Union Minister of Law and Justice, Arjun Ram Meghwal said that the Bill was brought in view of the rising number of pending cases in the Supreme Court and to make the judicial system more efficient and effective.

MANIPUR

Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh yesterday attended the inaugural ceremony of the 'Ten Crores Addiction-Free Pledge Mega Campaign' under the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan and Mission SPANDAN or Spiritual Partnership Against Narcotic Drug Abuse. It was organised by the Brahma Kumaris, Manipur, in collaboration with its Medical Wing (Rajyoga Education and Research Foundation) at Pheidinga of Imphal West district. The Chief Minister said that although Manipur continues to face multiple challenges, the Government and the people are making sincere efforts to restore lasting peace and encouraging signs of improvement are now visible. He said that every ordinary citizen who has no interest in conflict desires only peace and normalcy.

MSPCB

The Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board office in Shillong came under a petrol bomb attack yesterday afternoon when three unidentified masked men targeted the premises. No one was injured and no records were damaged. Board Member Secretary G.H. Chyrmang said a formal complaint had been lodged. Police are investigating the motive behind the attack.

NAGALAND

Nagaland observed Indian Organ Donation Day at the Naga Hospital Authority Kohima yesterday. The event was organized to promote awareness, encourage organ donation, and strengthen the state's preparedness for organ transplantation services. Principal Director, Health and Family Welfare, Dr. Mereninla Senlem noted that, while transplant services are not yet available in Nagaland, the process of obtaining the necessary registration and licensing for establishing organ transplantation services has been initiated.

UNIT

Kidney patients from West Khasi Hills have appealed to the Meghalaya State Government and public representatives to establish a dialysis unit at Nongstoin Civil Hospital. They cited severe hardship caused by its absence. Patients from Maweit, Rambrai, Mawshynrut and Nongstoin travel to Shillong or Mairang two or three times weekly, facing high expenses, exhaustion and inconvenience. A previous proposal to establish a dialysis unit reportedly remained pending after former Nongstoin MLA Macmillan Byrsat left office.

KHADC

The Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council has begun examining concerns surrounding the 151-crore rupees Shillong Ropeway Project, with its enforcement wing surveying the proposed site at Lum Shyllong. The development followed a meeting between KHADC Chief Executive Member, Winston Tony Lyngdoh and the Joint Action Committee against

Shillong Ropeway Project. The committee raised concerns over public consultation, water sources and forests, describing Lum Shyllong as an important catchment area. While supporting development, the JAC opposed projects threatening environmentally sensitive areas.

MARCH

Meghalaya Deputy Chief Minister Sniawbhalang Dhar has urged the Voice of the People Party to submit a memorandum to Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma instead of organising a proposed march to the Meghalaya Secretariat on the 6th of August. Speaking to reporters, Mr Dhar said the government is willing to discuss any urgent public issues raised by the opposition party. VPP president and MLA, Ardent Miller Basaiawmoit, said the proposed march reflected growing public frustration over unresolved concerns.

NEHU

The North Eastern Hill University has granted No Objection Certificates to two professors contesting the upcoming Shillong Lok Sabha byelection. The certificates were issued to National People's Party candidate DRL Nonglait of the Department of Khasi and Voice of the People Party nominee Batskhem Myrboh of the Department of Political Science.

LAPTOP

The Meghalaya Government has opened online registration for its laptop award scheme for meritorious students who passed the 2026 board examinations. Registration will remain open till the 3rd of September, 2026. The scheme covers students who cleared the SSLC, HSSLC, ICSE, ISC and CBSE Class X and XII examinations. The ICSE, ISC and CBSE candidates must have studied in Meghalaya-based affiliated schools. Claims and objections must be filed by 3rd September, an official notification said.

PLEDGE

Tripura Governor Indra Sena Reddy Nallu, inaugurated the state-level launch of the '10 Crore Addiction Free India Pledge Campaign' and the 'Universal Brotherhood Blood Donation Drive' at the Brahma Kumaris Aralia Center in Agartala yesterday. The Governor paid tribute to the legacy of Dadi Prakashmani, in whose memory the dual initiatives were organized. The Governor urged the youth to reject harmful substances while prioritizing their physical and mental health.

SCHEME

A seven-day Entrepreneurship Development Programme organised under the Chief Minister's Entrepreneurship Support Scheme of the Manipur StartUp Scheme kicked off in Imphal yesterday. The programme aims to strengthen entrepreneurial awareness, enterprise-planning skills and self-employment readiness among aspiring entrepreneurs and the youth of Manipur.

WOMEN

Tripura Legislative Assembly Speaker Rampada Jamatia inaugurated the Samriddhi programme at Killa Block in Gomati district yesterday. It is aimed at strengthening the financial empowerment of rural women and expanding access to institutional credit for Self-Help Groups. Loan approvals worth 42 lakh rupees were sanctioned for 30 Self-Help Groups.

TURF

Meghalaya Cabinet Minister and Jirang MLA Sosthenes Sohtun yesterday inaugurated Ri Bhoi district's first artificial turf football ground at Umbuda Playground. Constructed at a cost of 10.93 crore rupees and fully funded by the State Government, the facility is expected to promote football and nurture young sporting talent.

SPANDAN

The Border Security Force yesterday launched the five-day Spandan League Tripura State-Level Football Tournament at BKI Ground in Belonia. The tournament is aimed at strengthening ties with border communities. Eight teams representing Tripura's eight districts are participating.
