

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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- Resumption of public road transport service along Imphal-Dimapur-Guwahati route via National Highway-2 continues smoothly.
- Meghalaya Government initiates process for restoration of bust of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose vandalized in Shillong recently.
- Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh hosts outgoing Chief Secretary Puneet Kumar Goel.
- Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha participats in Raksha Bandhan celebration in Agartala.
- Second phase of Agniveer pre-recruitment training for Tripura youth concludes at Agartala Military Station.
- Sports Minister Wailadmiki Shylla announces establishment of High-Performance Sports Science Centre at Polo Grounds, Shillong.
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- Mizo footballer Lallianzuala Chhangte named Indian Footballer of the Year 2026.

HIMANTA

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma made a historic visit to the Assam Regimental Centre (ARC) in Shillong yesterday. The Chief Minister was felicitated with the Assam Regiment's highest traditional honor, the 'Gaon Bura' title. Mr Sarma laid a wreath and paid homage to the martyrs at the ARC War Memorial, noting the eternal debt owed to the soldiers and their families. He reflected on the historical significance of the Assam Regiment—which was raised in Shillong in 1941 during World War II—calling it an embodiment of the legacy and spirit of undivided Assam.

MANIPUR

The resumption of public road transport service along the Imphal-Dimapur-Guwahati route via National Highway-2 continued smoothly, with more than 400 passengers departing from Imphal in 19 vehicles yesterday. The steady movement of public transport along NH-2 underscores the ongoing efforts by authorities to facilitate safe and hassle-free travel for passengers on this vital route. Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh, Deputy Chief Minister Nemcha Kipgen and Saitu MLA Haokholet Kipgen had jointly announced the reopening of National Highways for free movement of all communities and the resumption of Imphal-Dimapur-Guwahati bus service on the 8th of this month. Chief Minister Singh had stated that the resumption of public road transport services between Imphal and Guwahati will provide much-needed relief to the people of Manipur, particularly students studying outside the State and those travelling for medical treatment.

NETAJI

The Meghalaya Government has initiated the process for restoration of the bust of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose at RR Colony, Rynjah, Shillong, which was recently vandalised. Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma visited the site yesterday to see the damage and sanctioned five lakh rupees to begin restoration work. The government remains firmly opposed to acts of vandalism and to any forces that threaten the peace, harmony and unity of Shillong and Meghalaya, the chief minister asserted. The bust of Netaji and a glass enclosure of the statue of Swami Vivekananda were vandalized during violence following a black-flag protest bike rally of the Khasi Students' Union on 19th August in Shillong. Netaji was instrumental in forming the first Congress government in the then composite Assam in 1938 under the premiership of Gopinath Bordoloi. This historic move by Netaji Subhash Chandra had ensured that the then composite Assam, which is the present North East, continued to remain with India and not tagged with Pakistan.

SIR

Hearings under the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls in various Assembly constituencies of East Khasi Hills will resume from the 31st of this month, the District Election Office has announced. Law-and-order concerns in the district had led to the suspension of SIR hearings in 14 assembly constituencies. The rescheduled hearings will be conducted by Electoral Registration Officers and Assistant Electoral Registration Officers in different constituencies. The details of the new dates, times and venues will be communicated through public address systems of concerned Dorbar Shnongs, direct telephone calls by Booth Level Officers to electors, or other appropriate means.

TRANSPORT

The Meghalaya Government has extended the One Time Settlement scheme for vehicle owners to clear outstanding Motor Vehicle Tax, Passenger and Goods Tax and fitness fees, along with applicable penalties. The Transport Department extended the deadline from the earlier date to 31st October, 2026. All other terms and conditions remain unchanged. The extension followed a request from the All Meghalaya Truck Owner, Driver and Welfare Association, which cited financial difficulties among them.

IMPHAL

Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh hosted the outgoing Chief Secretary of Manipur, Puneet Kumar Goel at his official residence last evening. The Chief Minister expressed his gratitude to Goel for his dedication and selfless service towards the welfare of the people of Manipur. He highlighted the outgoing chief secretary's significant contributions, particularly noting his sincere efforts towards the resettlement of Internally Displaced Persons and the restoration of peace in Manipur. Mr Goel had been serving as Chief Secretary of Manipur since 21st July, 2025 and is set to retire on the 31st of this month.

TRIPURA

Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha participated in a Raksha Bandhan celebration held at his official residence on Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Road in Agartala yesterday. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister said the festival strengthens the bond between brothers and sisters and reflects mutual respect, love

and affection. Dr Saha said the Tripura government is working towards the overall development of women, with particular focus on empowerment, financial security and safety. Women members of the BJP Mahila Morcha and other organisations tied rakhis on the Chief Minister and presented him with gifts, wishing him good health and well-being on the occasion of Rakhi Poornima.

SPORTS

Sports Minister Wailadmiki Shylla has announced that Meghalaya will establish a High-Performance Sports Science Centre at the Integrated Multi-purpose Hall, JN Stadium Complex, Polo Grounds, Shillong, to identify and nurture athletes. The centre is expected to be inaugurated in September. Speaking during National Sports Day celebrations, he also said the Sports Department has sought special provisions under the Meghalaya Health Insurance Scheme for sports-persons facing injuries. The event, themed ‘Khelega Bharat, Jeetega Bharat’, marked Major Dhyani Chand’s birth anniversary. A video presentation highlighted over 24,500 athletes assessed through the STAR programme, while the Chief Minister’s Football Mission currently trains over 10,000 athletes across 125 centres.

FELICITATION

The Meghalaya Government felicitated sports-persons who brought laurels to the state during National Sports Day celebrations at the State Convention Centre, Shillong, yesterday. Organised by the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, the event honoured athletes who qualified for the Olympics and others who achieved distinction at state, national and international competitions during 2025. Sports Minister Wailadmiki Shylla, urged athletes to pursue greater achievements, particularly as Meghalaya prepares to host the 39th National Games in 2027.

AGNIVEER

The second phase of the Agniveer pre-recruitment training programme, aimed at encouraging Tripura’s youth to join the armed forces, concluded at Agartala Military Station yesterday. Organised by the Spear Corps, the 14-day residential training camp was conducted from 17th to the 29th of this month with 13 Agniveer aspirants from Tripura participating. An Indian Army spokesperson said the candidates underwent endurance training, functional strength exercises, obstacle-crossing techniques and core stability exercises to improve physical fitness. They were also prepared according to the physical standards required for military recruitment rallies. Daily classroom sessions covered Mathematics, General Science and Logical Reasoning. The residential military environment also focused on developing discipline, punctuality, leadership, teamwork and patriotism among the participants.

MIZORAM

Mizo footballer Lallianzuala Chhangte was named Indian Footballer of the Year 2026 at the Indian Football Awards held last night. The 29-year-old, who recently moved from Mumbai FC to Mohun Bagan, received the award from Indian football legend Bhaichung Bhutia. Organised by the Football Players Association of India, the award is decided through votes from fellow players. Chief Minister Lalduhoma congratulated Chhangte, while the Mizoram Football Association hailed the achievement as a proud moment and said it would inspire the next generation of Mizo footballers.

ARUNACHAL

The Hockey Arunachal observed the National Sports Day commemorating the 121st birth anniversary of Hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand at Sangey Laden Hockey Ground in Chimpu in Arunachal Pradesh yesterday. Floral tributes were paid and a friendly hockey match was held. In Tawang, a football match was held between MLA XI and DC XI and an archery competition at Gyalwa Tsangyang Gyatso High Altitude Sports Stadium. Meanwhile, the Arunachal Pradesh Department of Education organised district-Level Governor's Quiz Competition, Science Seminar and Science Exhibition at Government Town Secondary School in Tawang yesterday. About 15 Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools participated in the programme.
