

## **NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN**

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### **HEADLINES:-**

- Northeast Education Conclave calls for shift from examination-focused education, towards learning for employability.
- State Election Commission releases draft list of polling stations for municipal and Nagar Panchayat elections in Tripura.
- Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma launches third phase of government's flagship 'Bana Kaih' (Handholding) scheme.
- Thirty-eight new Polling Stations created as part of ongoing Special Intensive Revision of Electoral Roll in Nagaland.
- Initiative taken in Unakoti district, Tripura, to market women's garments produced by members associated with self-help groups.
- Election Duty Votes for Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council Village Committee elections on 22nd and 23rd September.
- Journalists from Uttar Pradesh, undertake Meghalaya Press Tour, organised by Press Information Bureau, Government of India.
- Nominations of 18 out of 25 candidates for Nagaon Lok Sabha by-poll in Assam found valid.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma greets Unitarian community on 139th Unitarian Day.
- Sikkim's first government medical college commences inaugural academic session with 100 MBBS students.
- NITI Aayog Member Joram Aniya calls on Arunachal Pradesh Governor K T Parnaik to discuss strategic planning for sustainable growth.
- World Bamboo Day observed on importance of bamboo in environmental conservation, economic development and cultural preservation.

### **NEWS IN ORDER:-**

#### **EDUCATION:**

The Northeast Education Conclave has called for a shift from conventional, examination-focused education, towards learning, that builds skills, employability, innovation and critical thinking. The conclave is being held in Chümoukedima, Nagaland, under the theme 'Implementation of National Education Policy 2020: Vision, Challenges and Opportunities for the North Eastern States'. Mizoram Minister for School Education, Higher and Technical Education and IT, Vanlalhlana, said Mizoram has introduced standardized question papers for

government and aided schools, along with a new assessment format aimed at developing students' curiosity and critical thinking.

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#### **CONCLAVE:**

Tripura Minister for Panchayats, Higher Education and General Administration, Kishor Barman, said the Northeast's diversity of languages, cultures, traditions and geography must be preserved while preparing young people for emerging opportunities in artificial intelligence, digital technology, research, innovation, entrepreneurship and new-age skills. Speaking at the Northeast Education Conclave, Barman said the long-term objective is of developing Tripura as an education hub in the Northeast. MLA-cum-Advisor to the Education Department of Arunachal Pradesh, Mutchu Mithi, said financial limitations remain a major challenge for states such as Arunachal Pradesh. Assam Minister for Tribal Affairs and Information Technology, Ranoj Pegu, said the National Education Policy calls for a shift from rote learning towards meaningful and holistic learning that enhances employability. Assam has introduced a two-certificate system in schools, with students receiving their regular board examination certificates as well as certification for a skill subject.

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#### **POLLS:**

The State Election Commission has released the draft list of polling stations for the upcoming municipal and Nagar Panchayat elections in Tripura. The list contains a total of 784 polling stations, covering the Agartala Municipal Corporation, 13 Municipal Councils and seven Nagar Panchayats. Agartala Municipal Corporation has the highest number of polling stations at 439. Among the Municipal Councils, Dharmanagar has the highest number with 45 polling stations. Among the Nagar Panchayats, Amarpur, Panisagar and Sonamura have 13 polling stations each. As per the election schedule, claims and objections regarding the draft polling-station list will be accepted until 21<sup>st</sup> September. The final list of polling stations is scheduled to be published on 25<sup>th</sup> September.

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#### **JOBS:**

Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma yesterday launched the third phase of the government's flagship 'Bana Kaih' (Handholding) scheme, announcing plans to introduce a new component of foreign placement loans to help young people seeking employment abroad. Several long-standing government commitments, including procurement of agricultural produce at support prices, interest-free loans through 100 per cent interest subvention and government bank guarantees, are being fulfilled through the 'Bana Kaih' scheme. The scheme has so far covered 7,275 beneficiaries under the CM Special Package in its first two phases. The chief minister said that the government is aware of the difficulties faced by many young people seeking employment outside Mizoram, particularly due to the lack of access to bank loans. The government is considering introducing a foreign placement loan through the Bana Kaih scheme, which is expected to facilitate employment opportunities for a number of young people.

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**NAGALAND:**

In Nagaland, 38 new Polling Stations have been created as part of the ongoing Special Intensive Revision of Electoral Roll, Phase-III. Chief Electoral Officer Bhagyashree Banayat informed that the rationalisation of Polling Stations was carried out across all 60 Assembly Constituencies in Nagaland. She added that based on the house-to-house enumeration conducted by Booth Level Officers, Polling Stations having more than 1,200 electors were identified for rationalisation. The CEO said that 38 new Polling Stations were created with the approval of the Election Commission of India. With the addition of the new Polling Stations, Nagaland now has a total of 2,399 Polling Stations.

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**GARMENT:**

An initiative has been taken in Unakoti district, Tripura, to market a range of women's garments produced through modern fashion-design techniques by members associated with self-help groups and the handloom sector. The garments will be marketed under the brand name 'Loom-Uno Crafts' and are expected to reach the market ahead of the upcoming Durga Puja festivities. Unakoti Additional District Magistrate, Arghya Saha said that a 35-day professional training programme is underway at the Panchayati Raj Training Institute in Kumarghat. It is focused on developing skills in fashion design and garment production to give traditional handloom products a contemporary appeal.

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**COUNCIL:**

Election Duty Votes for the upcoming Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council Village Committee elections will be conducted on 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> September. According to the State Election Commission, polling will be held from 10 AM to 4 PM under the supervision of the concerned Returning Officers. All polling personnel, along with other officials and employees engaged in the conduct of the Village Committee elections, will be eligible to cast their votes through the Election Duty Vote facility. The Village Committee elections will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> September, while the counting of votes will take place on 5<sup>th</sup> of October.

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**MEDIA:**

Journalists from Uttar Pradesh, on a Press Tour organised by the Press Information Bureau (PIB), Government of India, visited Siej village in East Khasi Hills. They interacted with Padma Shri awardee Hally War, who guided them to the Umkhar Living Root Bridge. He explained how the aerial roots of the rubber fig tree (*Ficus elastica*) are carefully guided and nurtured over several years to form functional bridges across streams and difficult terrain. The visiting UP journalists said the interaction gave them a better understanding of the close relationship between Khasi communities, their environment and indigenous knowledge. The visit formed part of the PIB Press Tour aimed at providing journalists with first-hand exposure to Meghalaya's cultural heritage, indigenous knowledge, environment and community-based tourism initiatives.

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**BY-POLL:**

Nominations of 18 out of 25 candidates for the Nagaon Lok Sabha by-poll in Assam were found to be valid after scrutiny on Friday. Candidates with valid papers are Devasish Sharma of the BJP, Badruddin Ajmal from the AIUDF and Sibamoni Bora from the Congress, an official statement said. The last date for withdrawal of candidature is Saturday. By-election for the Nagaon seat is scheduled for 6<sup>th</sup> October, and counting of votes will take place on 9<sup>th</sup> October. The by-poll was necessitated after former Congress leader Pradyut Bordoloi resigned from the party, days before the Assam assembly election earlier in the year, to join the BJP. He won from the Dispur assembly constituency and became an MLA.

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**UNITARIAN:**

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma extended greetings to the Unitarian community on the 139th Unitarian Day yesterday. The Unitarian movement in the Khasi-Jaintia Hills was founded by Hajom Kissor Singh, who conducted the first Unitarian service at his residence in Jowai on 18th September 18, 1887. Sangma said the occasion was an opportunity to recognise the community's contribution to preserving the region's distinctive spiritual and cultural heritage while continuing to uphold values of faith, peace, reason, tolerance and service.

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**MEDICAL:**

Sikkim's first government medical college has commenced its inaugural academic session with the first batch of 100 MBBS students. Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang said the commencement of the first academic session at Helen Lepcha Sikkim Government Medical College was a new chapter in the history of healthcare and education in Sikkim and would provide young people an opportunity to pursue quality medical education within the state. Speaking at the White Coat Ceremony for the inaugural batch, he said the white coat symbolised trust, compassion, discipline, knowledge, confidence, humanity, humility, honesty, dedication and responsibility.

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**ARUNACHAL:**

NITI Aayog Member Joram Aniya called on Arunachal Pradesh Governor K T Parnaik yesterday to discuss strategic planning, infrastructure, and pathways for sustainable growth in the frontier state. They discussed providing policy support, boosting connectivity, and accelerating inclusive development tailored to the state's unique geographical and socio-cultural landscape, an official statement from Lok Bhavan said. Parnaik emphasised that Arunachal Pradesh, endowed with rich natural resources, a distinct tribal heritage, and strategic importance, requires region-specific development solutions. He noted that NITI Aayog can play a transformative role by offering data-driven policy guidance and long-term vision to advance the goals of 'Viksit Arunachal' and 'Viksit Bharat@2047'.

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**BAMBOO:**

World Bamboo Day was observed yesterday to create awareness about the importance of bamboo in environmental conservation, economic development and

cultural preservation. This year’s theme was ‘Bamboo Beyond Boundaries’. India has 131 species of bamboo, of which 51 are found in Assam. Bamboo is cultivated across around 31 thousand hectares in the state. Its commercial importance has also increased following the inauguration of the world’s first bamboo-based ethanol project at the Numaligarh Refinery complex by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said bamboo can strengthen the livelihoods of artisans, promote local industries and contribute significantly towards building a greener and more sustainable economy.

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