

HEADLINES:-

- Joint committee of the two Houses of Parliament constituted to examine the contentious FCRA Bill, 2026
- Vice President of India, C. P. Radhakrishnan to visit Shillong for a two-day visit on September 7 and 8
- Nagaland Legislative Assembly unanimously adopts resolution urging Central Government to withdraw Protected Area Permit regime in the state
- 36,000 IDPs Resettled; Government Continues Support To 59,000 Displaced Persons in Manipur
- Meghalaya records its highest-ever pass percentage in the Meghalaya Teacher Eligibility Test
- Meghalaya's HPV vaccination coverage stands at 5 per cent, Health Department to step up awareness efforts about the importance of HPV vaccination
- Court-issued divorce certificate now mandatory for anyone seeking to remarry after separation from a spouse under the amended Mizo marriage law
- Tripura successfully brings around 10,000 hectares of land under oil palm cultivation in last three years

NEWS IN ORDER:-

FCRA:

A 31-member joint committee of the two Houses of Parliament was constituted on Thursday to examine the contentious Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026, with BJP's Sanjay Jaiswal named as its chairperson. The panel, which was constituted by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, has 21 members from the Lok Sabha and 10 from the Rajya Sabha. It comprises 14 members of BJP and five of Congress. On August 12, Parliament had sent the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill to a joint committee amid protests by opposition parties, which alleged that the proposed law targeted minorities and NGOs, and demanded its withdrawal. The government rejected the charge and challenged the opposition parties to identify even one provision that discriminated against minorities.



VICE PRESIDENT:

Vice President of India, C. P. Radhakrishnan is scheduled to visit Shillong for a two-day visit on September 7 and 8. During his visit, the Vice President will unveil several developmental programmes at the U Soso Tham Auditorium on September 7. In view of the visit, the district administration has declared a No-Drone Zone from September 7 to 8, 2026, covering a radius of three kilometres from the venue of the function at the State Central Library, Shillong, as well as the Vice President's place of stay at Lok Bhavan, Shillong. The administration has imposed the restriction as part of security arrangements for the Vice President's visit.



PAP:

The Nagaland Legislative Assembly has unanimously adopted a resolution to appeal to the Central Government to withdraw or relax the Protected Area Permit (PAP) regime in the state. The resolution was moved by Deputy Chief Minister, Yanthungo Patton on the final day of the Assembly's ninth session, and adopted through voice vote. The resolution noted that the PAP regime was hampering tourism, investment, business, cultural exchange and employment opportunities, particularly for young people. The PAP regime, introduced under the Foreigners Protected Area Order, 1958, was relaxed for Nagaland in 2011. It was reimposed in December 2024. Taking part in the discussion, Tourism Minister, Temjen Imna Along said Nagaland's peaceful situation is distinct from neighbouring states and urged the Centre to reconsider the reimposition of the permit system.



MANIPUR:

Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh on Thursday informed the State Assembly that 36,000 Internally Displaced Persons have been resettled out of the total 60,000 IDPs who were rendered homeless during the unprecedented crisis that began in 2023. He also informed the House that despite the resettlement of 36,000 IDPs, the Government is still providing financial assistance to around 59,000 of the total 60,000 IDPs. Replying to a short duration discussion moved by Congress MLA, the Chief Minister said that 24,000 IDPs are still living in various relief camps across the State and the Government had called representatives of six to seven joint associations of IDPs for discussions on the issue to explore ways to provide assistance and facilitate their resettlement. Khemchand said that he is also discussing

with the Planning Department to explore further steps and initiatives for the rehabilitation and livelihood support of the affected people.



MTET:

Meghalaya has recorded its highest-ever pass percentage in the Meghalaya Teacher Eligibility Test (MTET), with more than 18,000 candidates qualifying in each of the two papers in the 2026 examination. The MTET 2026 result, declared on Thursday, showed that 84.30 per cent of candidates passed Paper I, meant for teaching Classes I to V, while 85.32 per cent qualified in Paper II, meant for Classes VI to VIII. According to the Directorate of Educational Research and Training (DERT), 21,999 candidates appeared for Paper I, of whom 18,546 passed. In Paper II, 21,884 candidates appeared and 18,672 candidates qualified.



FNTA:

Nagaland’s Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio on Thursday said the proposed Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority (FNTA) is aimed at addressing the longstanding developmental deficits in Eastern Nagaland and ensuring equitable and inclusive development across the State. The Nagaland Legislative Assembly on Thursday passed the FNTA Bill, 2026, providing for the creation of a unique self-governing authority over six eastern districts of the state - Mon, Tuensang, Longleng, Kiphire, Noklak and Shamator. Delivering the concluding remarks during the discussion on the Bill, Mr Rio said the six districts of Eastern Nagaland had ‘long suffered from significant developmental deficits’ due to historical and geographical challenges.



MIZORAM:

Mizoram Chief Minister, Lalduhoma has called for stronger and impartial action against corruption, urging inquiry officers to use their statutory powers firmly to detect and prosecute corrupt practices. He was speaking at the inauguration of a training-cum-workshop on the Prevention of Corruption Act, 1988, organised by the Vigilance Department for officials of the Mizoram Lokayukta, Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) and Mizoram police. Lalduhoma said the government was committed to building a transparent and clean administration and had taken steps to strengthen anti-corruption institutions, including the Lokayukta and ACB.



HPV:

Meghalaya’s HPV vaccination coverage currently stands at only 5 per cent, with 1,841 girls vaccinated out of the targeted 39,796 eligible girls, NHM Director, Ramkumar S said while speaking to media persons on Wednesday. The low coverage has prompted the Health Department to step up awareness efforts, particularly in schools, to educate parents and adolescent girls about the importance of HPV vaccination and its role in preventing cervical cancer. The State’s HPV vaccination campaign was launched in February this year and is being implemented across all 12 districts of Meghalaya. Ramkumar said greater awareness is required as cervical cancer remains a significant health concern among women in Meghalaya.



MARRIAGE:

The Review Committee on Mizo Marriage and Inheritance of Property Act has said that a court-issued divorce certificate will be mandatory for anyone seeking to remarry after separation from a spouse under the amended Mizo marriage law. The committee, chaired by Law and Judicial Department additional secretary, Zahmingthanga Ralte, met in Aizawl to review customary practices and provisions under the Mizo Marriage & Inheritance of Property (Amendment) Act, 2026, which was legislated by the state Assembly in February. The committee said that the responsibility of verifying the divorce certificate has been placed on the person solemnising the marriage as per the amended law. A person remarrying without producing divorce certificate could face imprisonment of 7 to 10 years, depending on the circumstances.



PALM:

Tripura has successfully brought around 10,000 hectares of land under palmoil cultivation over the past three years. State Agriculture Department Director, Phanibhushan Jamatia urged farmers to take up the profitable crop by availing themselves of various government support schemes. A Mega Palm Oil Plantation Programme was held at Konaban in Bishalgarh, Sepahijala district, with the aim of increasing edible oil production and farmers’ income. Palm oil saplings were planted during the programme, while experts advised farmers on boosting earnings through palm oil cultivation.



SIKKIM:

The Sikkim Film Promotion Board on Thursday drew up a roadmap to strengthen the state's film ecosystem, with a proposed three-day Cine Conclave. The decision was taken during a meeting chaired by Sikkim Film Promotion Board chairman, Tashi Tshering Bhutia in Gangtok to discuss measures to promote, develop and facilitate the film sector in the state. Bhutia proposed organising the Sikkim Cine

Conclave from November 26 to 28, as a platform to bring local filmmakers and creative-sector stakeholders together, the IPRD said in a statement.



SPORTS:

The Department of Sports & Youth Welfare, Assam, on Thursday organised the State Sports Day 2026 at Guwahati. The programme was graced by the Minister for Sports & Youth Welfare Biswajit Daimary, as the Chief Guest. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said that the State Sports Day is an occasion to remember and celebrate the remarkable legacy of Arjun Bhogeswar Baruah, whose achievements have inspired generations of sportspersons in Assam and across the Northeast. The State Sports Day is being observed every year on 3 September in recognition of legendary Assamese athlete’s outstanding contribution to Indian athletics and his historic achievements.

