

HEADLINES:-

- Union Government defers Census operations in Manipur
- United Democratic Party in Meghalaya denies move by its MLAs to switch over to BJP
- Ninth session of 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly to commence today
- Union Government to upgrade Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, Imphal to the status of AIIMS
- Election Commission in Tripura announces the schedule for elections to the Village Committees of the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council
- Minister for Employment & Skill Development in Meghalaya, Methodius Dkhar calls for a stronger partnership between the media and administration to improve awareness and counter misinformation
- Poor road conditions along the Aizawl-Silchar route causing considerable hardship to commuters
- Sikkim delegation visits Nagaland to study the implementation of the Nagaland Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme

NEWS IN ORDER:-

MANIPUR:

The Union Government has decided to defer the Census operations in Manipur. The decision came after Union Home Minister, Amit Shah chaired a high level review meeting in New Delhi on Monday to assess the current situation in Manipur. The meeting held at the Ministry of Home Affairs discussed in detail the demand raised by the people of Manipur to defer the Census exercise in the State before the implementation of the National Register of Citizens (NRC). The meeting agreed to defer the proposed Census exercise in the State considering the feelings and aspirations of the people of Manipur. Manipur's Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla, Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh, Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan along with other senior officials attended the meeting.

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POLITICS:

Amidst reports of UDP MLAs looking to switch over to BJP in Meghalaya, the United Democratic Party has rubbished such reports while asserting that the none of the party MLAs have expressed their dissent over the present leadership of the party. Putting an end to all speculations, UDP President, Metbah Lyngdoh said that all the 9 MLAs of the party recently visited New Delhi and met Union Home Minister, Amit Shah over the issue of FCRA and not for joining BJP. According to Lyngdoh, he has met all the MLAs of the party and none of them have spoken about leaving UDP and joining BJP. He also maintained that there is no move from the party MLAs to join the party. Asked about the discontentment following the decision to drop two Ministers during the Cabinet reshuffling last year, Lyngdoh said that the decision was taken with the knowledge of each and everyone in the party.

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ASSEMBLY:

The ninth session of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly will commence today, with a wide ranging legislative agenda that include the Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority(FNTA) Bill, 2026, several government bills and discussions on the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act. On the first day of the session, Speaker Sharingain Longkumer will make an obituary reference to the passing away of former Assembly member G. Kughavi, followed by Question Hour. Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio will introduce four government bills- the Nagaland Goods and Services Tax (Eleventh Amendment) Bill, 2026; the

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RIMS:

Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare. JP Nadda has agreed to upgrade RIMS (Regional Institute of Medical Sciences) Imphal to the status of AIIMS. This was informed by Nadda to Manipur Chief Minister of Manipur at New Delhi. The Chief Minister expressed his profound gratitude to the Union Minister of Health for improving the health sector in the State. The Union Minister also agreed to the idea of establishing a new Medical College at Senapati district.

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ELECTION:

The Election Commission in Tripura have announced the schedule for elections to the Village Committees of the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council. Addressing a press conference State Election Commissioner, Pradip Chakraborty said the formal election notification will be issued today with the filing of nominations beginning the same day. The last date for filing nominations is September 8 while the scrutiny will take place on September 9. Nominations can be withdrawn until September 11. Polling will be held on September 28 from 7 am to 4 pm. If repolling is required, it will be conducted on October 3, while counting will take place on October 5. The election process will conclude by October 8. A total of 9,61,977 voters, including 4,82,041 male , 4,79,930 female and six third-gender voters, are eligible to vote in the election.

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MEDIA:

In Meghalaya, the Minister for Cooperation; Labour, Employment & Skill Development Methodius Dkhar have called for a stronger partnership between the media and administration to improve awareness, counter misinformation and ensure that the benefits of government schemes reach the last mile and the intended beneficiaries. Addressing the PIB *Varta* - Media Sensitisation Workshop on Centrally Sponsored Schemes, at Nongstoin, the Minister stressed the need for greater grassroots outreach and credible dissemination of information on government initiatives. The workshop brought together media representatives, social media influencers of the district with the objective of strengthening media-administration coordination.

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ROAD:

Poor road conditions along the Aizawl-Silchar route have been causing considerable hardship to commuters, transport operators and traders, particularly in villages along National Highways 306 and 6 in Kolasib district. Speaking to Akashvani News Aizawl, residents of Kolasib said several stretches of the highways have deteriorated badly, making travel difficult and affecting the movement of goods and vehicles. The two highways are among the main road links connecting Mizoram with Silchar and are used regularly by commuters, traders and transport operators. PWD Minister Vanlalhlana said the 19 locations have been identified for priority repair and improvement works.

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SIKKIM:

A Sikkim delegation is on a two-day visit to Nagaland to study the implementation of the Nagaland Chief Minister's Health Insurance Scheme, CMHIS. The delegation, led by Secretary to the Sikkim Chief Minister, Karma N. Bhutia, paid a courtesy call on Nagaland Development Commissioner Y. Kikheto Sema at the Civil Secretariat in Kohima yesterday. Interacting with the visiting team, Mr Sema highlighted the evolution of CMHIS, including improvements in reimbursement rates and expansion of the empanelled hospital network. He said over 70 hospitals across the country are currently empanelled under the scheme, with around 64-thousand beneficiaries registered and approximately 252 crore rupees spent on treatment over nearly four years.

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DREAM:

The DREAM Mission in Meghalaya, has launched DREAM YOUNG, an initiative aimed at preventing drug abuse by providing vulnerable youth with skills, employment and entrepreneurship opportunities. In

its first phase, 69 youths identified by Seng Kynthei Catholic, Zone 2, were introduced to vocational training opportunities. Following counselling and support, 22 youths have enrolled in various trades at ITI Shillong, Don Bosco Technical School and Don Bosco Youth Centre. The Mission Director, DREAM Mission, said drug prevention should go beyond awareness and provide young people with positive opportunities.

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RAILWAY:

The Silchar Broad Gauge Implementation Committee has demanded the development of an alternative railway road connecting Silchar with Guwahati via Lanka and Lumding. The committee staged protests at various locations in Silchar, including the Silchar Railway Station premises, urging the authorities to expedite the implementation of the proposed project in the interest of improving connectivity in the Barak Valley and the Northeast region. Passengers in the Barak Valley often face considerable difficulties as rail connectivity remains dependent on a limited route. The proposed alternative route is expected to provide smoother rail connectivity between Silchar and other parts of the state.

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CENTRES:

Mizoram currently has 48 drug de-addiction centres and homes providing care and rehabilitation services to people affected by drug addiction, officials said. The centres and homes are currently giving care to 5,224 people, they said. The state government has so far provided Rs 42 lakh in financial assistance to the centres and homes during the current year, they said. Officials also said that a total of 2,255 people have been admitted for treatment at Hulhliap short stay centre (Detoxification centre) and nine batches have been completed since its launch in June last year. The government has spent Rs 3.8663 crore on the nine batches, while the centre has also received assistance amounting to Rs 1.34 lakh from other sources, they said.

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