

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Decision on merger of eight former UDP MLAs with BJP in Meghalaya remains under speaker's examination.
- DONER Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia urges banks to extend services to remote areas to support development in Northeast.
- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu agrees to reduce number of security personnel in anti-dam-protest-hit Siang Valley.
- Meghalaya Cabinet approves winding up of state-owned Mawmluh Cherra Cements Limited.
- Second phase of Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram launched at Pragjyotishpur Medical College and Hospital in Guwahati.
- Cabinet approves Meghalaya School Education (School Complex) Rules, 2026.
- Chief Minister Manik Saha inaugurates Tripura Government Ayurvedic Medical College and Hospital at Chandrapur in Gomati district.
- Agniveer Army Recruitment Rally underway at Dasharath Deb Sports Complex, Agartala.
- Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang thanks outgoing Governor Om Prakash Mathur and welcomes newly appointed Dushyant Gautam.
- Preparations underway for 27th edition of Hornbill Festival in Nagaland.
- Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh felicitates three hockey gold medallists from Manipur.
- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma says government committed to building modern sports infrastructure.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

MERGER:

The Meghalaya Legislative Assembly Speaker, Thomas A. Sangma, yesterday said that the proposed merger of eight former United Democratic Party MLAs with the Bharatiya Janata Party remains under examination. A decision in his regard will be taken after receiving legal opinions and the completion of necessary procedural requirements. The speaker told reporters that his office had not formally recognised the UDP legislators as BJP MLAs, as the matter remained under consideration. Informing that the UDP had submitted a petition, seeking disqualification of the eight legislators, he said a decision in this regard was his immediate priority.

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BANKS:

Union Minister for Communications and Development of the North Eastern Region, Jyotiraditya Madhavrao Scindia, has urged banks to extend their services to remote areas to support development in the Northeast. Addressing the Northeast Bankers' Conclave at Mizoram University in Aizawl yesterday, he urged banks to help farmers expand businesses and reach wider markets, including overseas. The DoNER minister said digital dealings accounted for 90.2 per cent of transactions in the Northeast, compared with 81 per cent across the country. The figures showed that the region was making progress in the use of digital technology. Scindia said the Centre had taken several steps to develop the Northeast under Prime Minister Narendra

Modi’s leadership. The Bairabi–Sairang railway line has made travel easier, improved connectivity with other parts of the country and enhanced tourist inflow to Mizoram.

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MIZORAM:

Chief Minister Lalduhoma yesterday said that although corporate social responsibility spending had increased in the country, it was not distributed evenly. He said CSR funds should not be confined to large, established development projects but should also be used to improve connectivity in remote areas. He urged companies to give Mizoram due consideration in CSR spending, given the state’s strategic location as a link between India and neighbouring countries. Addressing the Northeast Bankers’ Conclave, Lalduhoma called on banks to provide loans to Mizoram’s youth, who were seeking to build their futures.

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CEMENT:

The Meghalaya Cabinet yesterday approved the winding up of state-owned Mawmluh Cherra Cements Limited (MCCL), whose production stopped in 2020. The government has also written off 24.43 crore rupees in pending sales tax and royalty dues, Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma said. Dues owed to MCCL employees have been settled in line with the government's commitment. MCCL, Meghalaya's oldest state-owned cement company, was originally incorporated as Assam Cements Limited in 1955, before being renamed Mawmluh Cherra Cements Limited in 1974. Its plant at Mawmluh in Sohra, Cherrapunji, began commercial production on 15th of November, 1966.

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HEALTH:

The second phase of the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram was launched at Pragjyotishpur Medical College and Hospital in Guwahati yesterday. The programme aims to ensure early identification and timely treatment of health problems among children. Congenital defects, nutritional deficiencies, diseases and developmental delays are identified at an early stage and appropriate treatment provided. Assam Health Minister Ashok Singhal stressed the need for active cooperation from schools, families and society, besides the healthcare system, to ensure the overall well-being of children.

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SCHOOL:

The Cabinet yesterday approved the Meghalaya School Education (School Complex) Rules, 2026 to streamline student transitions between schools across the state. Meghalaya has 9,244 Lower Primary Schools, but only 532 Higher Secondary Schools. This gap often makes it difficult for students to secure admission and forces them to go through multiple admission procedures as they progress through school, Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma said. Under the new framework, Lower and Upper Primary Schools will be linked with nearby Secondary and Higher Secondary Schools. This will create a smoother transition between classes and reduce administrative hurdles for students.

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TRIPURA:

The Tripura Government Ayurvedic Medical College and Hospital was inaugurated at Chandrapur in Udaipur, Gomati district, on the occasion of the 11th Ayurveda Day yesterday. Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha expressed hope that the establishment would open new avenues for the advancement of Ayurvedic medical education and healthcare services in Tripura. The institution would play a significant role in promoting the traditional system of Ayurvedic medicine and ensure that its healthcare services reach the common people.

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AGNIVEER:

A four-day Agniveer Army Recruitment Rally, organized by the Army Recruiting Office, Silchar, commenced at the Dasharath Deb Sports Complex in Agartala yesterday. The recruitment drive will continue till the 17th of this month. Of the 369 candidates who appeared for recruitment, 337 cleared the first phase of the physical test. The recruitment drive is underway across eight districts of Tripura and seven districts of South Assam.

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ARUNACHAL:

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu has agreed in principle to reduce the number of security personnel deployed in the Siang Valley. The chief minister also decided to withdraw FIRs registered during protests against the proposed 11,200 Mega Watt hydropower project in the region. This is being seen as the state government's willingness to take confidence-building measures amid growing tensions over the mega dam. The dam has been projected as a driver of

economic growth and a means of strengthening water and energy security for Arunachal and the nation.

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SIKKIM:

Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang yesterday thanked outgoing Governor Om Prakash Mathur for his service to the state and welcomed Dushyant Gautam, who has been appointed as his successor. In a social media post, Tamang expressed gratitude to Mathur for his guidance and commitment during his tenure, saying his warmth and affection for the people of Sikkim would always be cherished. The chief minister also extended a warm welcome to Gautam, expressing confidence that his tenure as governor would contribute to Sikkim’s development and progress.

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HORNBILL:

Preparations are underway for the 27th edition of the Hornbill Festival. The Nagaland Government is developing Kisama Heritage Village as a year-round tourism destination through a public-private partnership. Tourism Minister Temjen Imna Along said this after a meeting of the High Power Committee at Kisama yesterday. Chaired by Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, the meeting reviewed preparations for the festival with committee members, heads and representatives of various line departments.

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MANIPUR:

Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh yesterday felicitated three hockey gold medallists from Manipur at the CM Secretariat, Mantripukhri in Imphal. The players represented India in hockey discipline at the recently concluded 20th Asian Games in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan. The gold medallists from Manipur are Sanglakpam Nilakanta Sharma from the men's squad and Pukhrambam Sushila Chanu and Kharibam Bichu Devi from the women's squad. In response to the players' request for suitable employment in the Manipur Government departments, the Chief Minister advised them to submit applications to the Director of Youth Affairs and Sports.

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SPORTS:

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma yesterday said his government was committed to building modern sports infrastructure across the state. He stressed that investment in such facilities was essential to identifying and nurturing talent at the grassroots. After inaugurating a multi-sports complex at Naharkatia in Dibrugarh district, he expressed hope that the facility would help aspiring sportspersons to hone their skills and bring laurels to Assam. The first-of-its-kind facility in the Naharkatia Assembly constituency brings together facilities for football, athletics and swimming within an integrated campus. It also features a gymnasium, a medical and first-aid room, a canteen, administrative offices and other essential amenities.

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