

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- President Droupadi Murmu gives assent to Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority Bill 2026.
- Narcotics Control Bureau launches ‘Operation Trident’, striking 38 locations across Assam, Mizoram, and Manipur.
- Meghalaya and Nagaland’s efforts to revive traditional millet cultivation lauded by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Mann Ki Baat programme.
- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma directs police to take immediate action against those responsible for alleged attack on Bihu troupe in Sribhumi.
- Sinai Camp of Kuki militants in Manipur taken over by Central Reserve Police Force.
- 36th death anniversary of Late Captain Williamson A. Sangma, Meghalaya’s first Chief Minister commemorated.
- Tripura Food Minister Sushanta Chowdhury says free suji, flour and sugar to be distributed through ration shops during festive season.
- Milady’ Squad MC, a Shillong-based all-female motorcycle club organises ‘Ride Against Molestation’.

OPERATION

In a lethal blow against drugs by the Narendra Modi Government, the Narcotics Control Bureau has launched ‘Operation Trident’, with 38 teams striking 38 locations simultaneously across Assam, Mizoram, and Manipur. The crackdown is in line with the Centre’s policy of Zero Tolerance against Drugs and strategic shift from a seizure-centric to a network-centric approach. Union Home Minister Amit Shah said the network trafficked narcotics across the borders of India, Myanmar and Bangladesh through the Death Triangle Corridor. The offensive attests to India’s Himalayan resolve to realise the mission of eradicating every drug network by 31st December, 2029.

NAGALAND

President Droupadi Murmu has given her assent to the Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority (FNTA) Bill 2026. The bill was unanimously passed by the Nagaland Legislative Assembly on the 3rd of September, 2026. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio thanked President Murmu for granting assent to the Bill and expressed gratitude to the Union Home Ministry for coordinating the process. The Chief Minister said the development marks a key step towards realising the aspirations of the people of Eastern Nagaland.

PM

Meghalaya's efforts to revive traditional millet cultivation through value-added food products received national attention on Sunday, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighting initiatives in West Jaintia Hills and West Garo Hills during the 139th episode of Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani. Modi spoke about how two women entrepreneurs in Khanduli village in West Jaintia Hills district are helping revive interest in millets by turning the traditional grains into products such as cookies, cakes, muffins and baby food. Millets have been part of the village's food culture for generations, but the number of farmers growing the crop had declined over time. The two women, Darapbiang Mulieh and Daieidlangki Suchiang, are developing new products and creating a market for locally grown finger millet. The Prime Minister also highlighted the efforts of Chekjing Sangma, a farmer from Sadolpara village in West Garo Hills, who has taken up millet cultivation using improved farming practices. Modi also cited the revival of millet cultivation in Kezoma village in Nagaland's Kohima district, where farming of the crop had stopped for more than a decade. The community resumed cultivation in 2024 and organised its first millet festival in 2025. The examples from Meghalaya and Nagaland underline how community initiatives, improved agricultural practices and demand for millet-based foods can help revive traditional crops while creating new livelihood opportunities in the Northeast, the prime minister underscored.

ASSAM

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma yesterday directed police to take immediate action against those responsible for an alleged attack on a Bihu troupe in Sribhumi district. He asserted that any insult to the state's culture and heritage would not be tolerated. The incident took place on Friday during a Durga Puja idol immersion procession in Sribhumi, where miscreants allegedly attacked a Bihu troupe invited to perform at the event. Sarma, who also holds the Home portfolio, directed the DGP to initiate immediate action against those responsible.

LOKTAK

The 37th Loktak Day Celebration commenced yesterday at the Loktak Lairembi Ground in Thanga of Bishnupur district in Manipur. The two-day celebration seeks to raise awareness about the importance of conserving Loktak Lake, the largest freshwater lake in Northeast India and a vital part of Manipur's ecological and cultural heritage. The Manipur Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Yumnam

Khemchand Singh has declared Loktak Day a State Festival to be celebrated annually on the full moon day of Mera month according to the Meitei lunar calendar. Loktak lake was designated as a Wetland of International Importance under the Ramsar Convention in 1990.

ANNIVERSARY

The 36th death anniversary of Late Captain Williamson A. Sangma, Meghalaya's first Chief Minister and the first Chief Executive Member of the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council, was commemorated at the Council premises in Tura yesterday. The programme began with a Rashtriya Salute by the 2nd MLP Battalion, followed by floral tributes, a minute of silence, prayer and a musical presentation by Tura Music Academy. GHADC Chief Executive Member Dhormonath Ch. Sangma recalled Captain Sangma's contributions to the A'chik people and the establishment of district councils. Cabinet Minister Marcuise N. Marak described him as a visionary leader whose efforts helped secure the identity and political standing of the Garo people and contributed to the creation of Meghalaya.

MKB

Farmer Chekjing Sangma of Sadolpara village in West Garo Hills has expressed happiness after Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted his millet cultivation in Mann Ki Baat. Sangma said he began farming millet after settling in the village following his marriage and continues to grow it alongside rice, cotton, chilli and sesame. He said cultivation has declined because seeds are difficult to obtain and crops are often damaged by birds and animals. Despite the challenges, he resumed millet farming and secured a good harvest this year. His wife and fellow villagers said his work had inspired others to consider millet cultivation, helping preserve traditional farming practices and create livelihood opportunities.

AWARENESS

Milady' Squad MC, an all-female motorcycle club based in Shillong, organised a 'Ride Against Molestation' yesterday to raise awareness about sexual harassment and promote women's safety and dignity. The ride began at Shillong Club, proceeded to the Umling toll gate and returned to Shillong, as part of a pan-India campaign by independent riders. Fifteen riders participated, including seven club members and eight guests. Co-founder Angela Indira Hrangkhawl said the initiative was not directed against men but aimed at opposing molestation and challenging stereotypes surrounding women's safety. She called for greater public awareness and collective efforts to create a safer environment for women.

RATION

Tripura Food Minister Sushanta Chowdhury said that, following a Cabinet decision, free suji, flour and sugar will be distributed through ration shops to 9.92 lakh ration cardholders across the state during the festive season. The Minister informed that suji and flour have already reached 59 percent of ration shops. He

explained that sugar delivery was taking time as it had to be transported by trucks from outside the state. However, supplies would reach the remaining ration shops shortly. Chowdhury assured that all beneficiaries would receive the items before the festive period ending with Bhai Dooj.

MANIPUR

In Manipur, the Sinai Camp in Kangpokpi district, belonging to Kuki National Army and Kuki Liberation Army under Suspension of Operation with Government was disarmed and taken over by the Central Reserve Police Force. Security forces had recently conducted a joint operation in the camp after three civilians were killed in an ambush near it. Seventeen individuals allegedly impersonating registered Suspension of Operations cadres were arrested and 24 firearms, ammunition and other combat equipment were seized during the operation on 23rd October. Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh visited the camp yesterday and inspected the entire premises. He was briefed by officers of CRPF and Assam Rifles on the operation conducted and the prevailing law and order situation in the area. The Chief Minister maintained that due care must be taken to ensure innocent civilians are not affected by combing operations. He appealed to the people of the State to shun violence, surrender illegal arms and join hands towards restoring peace and harmony in the State.
