

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Centre releases Fifteenth Finance Commission Grants for financial year 2024-25, for Rural Local Bodies of Haryana, Tripura and Mizoram.
- Sixteenth Finance Commission headed by Chairman Arvind Panagariya holds meetings with Nagaland government led by Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio and various stakeholders in Kohima.
- Meghalaya Cabinet approves 2021 Forensic Science Laboratory Service Rules.
- Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan holds meeting with senior officials of Assam government in Guwahati.
- Two-days' Community Radio Awareness Workshop underway at Sikkim capital Gangtok.
- Meghalaya hosts Jammu and Kashmir in second home match of Ranji Trophy 2024-25 Elite Group A in Shillong.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

FUNDS

The Centre has released the Fifteenth Finance Commission Grants for the financial year 2024-25, for Rural Local Bodies of Haryana, Tripura and Mizoram. For Tripura, the first installment of untied grants amounting to 31.40 crore rupees and first installment of tied grants amounting to 47.10 crore rupees have been released. These funds are for all the 1260 Rural Local Bodies. Funds released for Panchayati Raj Institutions and Rural Local Bodies in Mizoram include second installment of untied grants of 2022-23 amounting to 14.20 crore rupees and second installment of tied grants of 2022-23 amounting to 21.30 crore rupees. These funds are for all 834 village councils including Autonomous District Council areas.

NAGALAND

The 16th Finance Commission headed by Chairman Arvind Panagariya held a series of meetings with the Nagaland government led by Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio and various

stakeholders including political parties, rural and urban local bodies, and representatives of trade, industries and commerce in Kohima yesterday. The Nagaland government submitted a memorandum seeking grant-in-aid for various sectors, infrastructure development, including airports, foothill roads, and hydroelectric projects.

CABINET

The Meghalaya Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma yesterday approved the 2021 Forensic Science Laboratory Service Rules. This will enable mobile forensic crime scene units and new forensic staff across districts to strengthen crime detection. The Cabinet also approved amendments to building by-laws, specifically for industrial zones within designated estates across the state. The revised by-laws are intended to address the growing needs of urban expansion, particularly in areas like New Shillong, which require organized, scientific urban planning. The new regulations introduce a structured categorization for industrial zones, specifying requirements, government spokesperson and urban affairs minister Paul Lyngdoh informed.

ASSAM

Union Home Secretary Govind Mohan held a meeting with senior officials of the Assam government in Guwahati yesterday. He reviewed the ULFA, Adivasi, Karbi and Dimasas National Liberation Army accords in presence of Chief Secretary Ravi Kota. The Home Secretary also reviewed the various issues on the rehabilitation of surrendered militants of several groups. Our correspondent reports that during the past few years, several militant groups in Assam laid down arms and joined the mainstream.

SIKKIM

A two-days' Community Radio Awareness Workshop, organized by the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, in partnership with Seeking Modern Applications for Real Transformation (SMART), was launched at Sikkim capital Gangtok yesterday. The objective of the workshop is to raise awareness about community radio stations. The head of DDK Gangtok, Neeraj Pandey said that Sikkim is known for its tourism, peaceful environment, music, monasteries and diversity of languages. Project Director Amit Dwivedi pointed out that the Northeast has only 18 Community Radio stations, with most of them in Assam and Manipur and one in Sikkim named Radio Kanchanjunga. Founder-director of SMART, Archana Kapoor highlighted about the potential of community radio, particularly in the North-East region.

CRICKET

Preparations are on to host the second home match of the Ranji Trophy 2024-25 Elite Group A at the Meghalaya Cricket Association Ground in Polo grounds in Shillong. Meghalaya is set to host Jammu and Kashmir in the multi-day match from today. The curator and ground staff have been working for months to get the pitches to a high standard and their work has been appreciated by BCCI officials. Meghalaya Cricket Association president Nababrata Bhattacharjee said that such recognition inspires the entire Association to reach the top.