

## **NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN**

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### **HEADLINES:-**

1. Government introduces Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty Ninth Amendment) Bill, 2024 related to holding simultaneous elections and Union Territories Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2024 in Lok Sabha but refers to Joint Parliamentary Committee for wider consultations as demanded by Opposition parties.
2. Gauhati High Court bans buffalo and bulbul bird fights in Assam by quashing Standard Operating Procedure issued by Assam government which allows such activities.
3. Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Organisation temporarily accepts Central government's offer for Frontier Nagaland Territory with executive, legislative and financial autonomy.
4. Anti-Narcotics Task Force Police Station inaugurated in Shillong by Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma to tackle menace of drugs and will act as central hub for monitoring and coordination.
5. Voting for elections to two Autonomous District Councils - Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council and Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council will held on on February 21, 2025 and counting of votes will take place on February 24, 2025.
6. India Meteorological Department forecasts dense fog conditions will prevail over Assam, Meghalaya, and East Rajasthan during next 2-3 days.

### **ONE ELECTION**

The bills related to One Nation One Election have been introduced in the Lok Sabha yesterday. Union Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal moved the motion to introduce the Constitution (One Hundred and Twenty Ninth Amendment) Bill 2024 and The Union Territories Laws (Amendment) Bill 2024 in the House. As the Opposition sought for the division of votes, 269 members voted in favour of the introduction of the bill and 198 members voted against it. The Opposition parties have opposed the introduction of the bills terming it an attack on the basic structure of the Constitution. As demanded by the Opposition, the government has referred the bills to the Joint Parliamentary Committee for wider consultations.

### **COURT BAN**

In Assam, the Gauhati High Court has banned buffalo and bulbul bird fights in the state by quashing a Standard Operating Procedure issued by the Assam government which allowed such activities. Both the fights are being held at several places in Assam during Magh bihu celebrations. The court's verdict came after petitions filed

by People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) arguing that such fights violated core animal protection laws. The case was heard in the court of Justice Devashis Baruah. The court found the practices to be in contravention of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act, 1960, and Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.

**ENPO**

The Eastern Nagaland Peoples’ Organisation has temporarily accepted the Central government’s offer for Frontier Nagaland Territory with executive, legislative and financial autonomy. The organisation announced its decision following the tripartite meeting in New Delhi on on the 13<sup>th</sup> of this month. During the meeting, the delegation reiterated its unwavering stance on the demand for a separate state "Frontier Nagaland". However, considering the difficulties currently being faced by the Government of India, it temporarily accepted the 'Unique Arrangement' proposed for Frontier Nagaland Territory. The organisation hoped that the Government of India, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, will fulfil its proposed offer in the interest of the people of Eastern Nagaland. The next round of tripartite meeting will be held in the second week of January 2025 to discuss certain unresolved issues.

**ANTF**

In Meghalaya, the Anti-Narcotics Task Force Police Station was inaugurated yesterday in Shillong by Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma in the presence of Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Home, Prestone Tynsong, Social Welfare Minister, Paul Lyngdoh, Health Minister Dr. Ampareen Lyngdoh, and DGP, I. Nongrang. In his address, the Chief Minister emphasized the significance of the initiative, stating that the police station may appear small, but its impact on tackling the menace of drugs will be substantial. The Anti-Narcotics Task Force Police Station will act as the central hub for monitoring and coordination.

**POLLS**

In Meghalaya, the state government has announced that the voting for the elections to the two Autonomous District Councils - Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council and Jaiñtia Hills Autonomous District Council will held on on February 21, 2025 and counting of votes will take place on February 24, 2025. This was announced by Deputy Chief Minister in-charge District Council Affairs, Prestone Tynsong after the Governor has given his assent to the proposed schedule for the polls.

**IMD**

The India Meteorological Department has forecast that dense fog conditions will prevail over Assam, Meghalaya, and East Rajasthan during the next 2-3 days. It also forecast cold wave conditions at isolated places over Himachal Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Chandigarh, and Rajasthan today. The Weather Department has also predicted heavy rainfall over Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Rayalaseema, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, and Yanam during the next two days. In Delhi-NCR, a cold wave is expected today along with smog and shallow to moderate fog in the morning and night hours.

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