

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlights the country's potential as an investment destination in the mobility sector.
- Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region hosts the North East Trade and Investment Roadshow in Ahmedabad.
- Meghalaya Government reviews the major road projects implemented by National Highway Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd in the state.
- Lok Sabha MP Dilip Saikia elected as the new Bharatiya Janata Party state president.
- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu says the state's revenue generation is witnessing a growing trend by each year.
- Composite Regional Centre for Skill Development, Rehabilitation & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Shillong, conducts a two-day Zonal Level CRE Programme at DERT Annex, Malki, Shillong, Meghalaya.
- Meghalaya Social Welfare Department seeks intervention of the State Government for the upgradation of Anganwadi Centres in the state.

EXPO:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday highlighted the country's potential as an investment destination in the mobility sector while emphasizing on government support, green technology, and the 'Make in India' initiative. Modi was speaking after inaugurating the six-day Bharat Mobility Global Expo 2025 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. The Prime Minister asserted India's automobile sector is witnessing an unprecedented transformation, driven by the aspirations of the people of the country. The Prime Minister pointed out that India is focusing on the development of Green Technology, Electric Vehicle, Hydrogen Fuel and Bio-fuels.

DONER:

The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region hosted the North East Trade and Investment Roadshow in Ahmedabad yesterday. The roadshow evoked interest from potential investors to explore opportunities in the North Eastern States. The event was attended by the Minister of State for MDoNER & Ministry of Education, Dr. Sukanta Majumdar, along with senior officials from MDoNER. Ahmedabad roadshow drew participation from industry leaders. Dr Majumdar highlighted the potential of North Eastern Region to emerge as one of the country's leading economic powerhouses. Its proximity to Southeast Asia also positions the North Eastern Region as a gateway to South East Asian countries, aligning perfectly with India's Act East Policy.

PROJECTS:

Meghalaya government, yesterday reviewed the major road projects implemented by National Highway Infrastructure Development Corporation Ltd in the state and said that the four lane road from Umiam to Shillong will be extended. A meeting with the consultant and PWD will take place next week to finalize the alignment. The government had also reviewed projects like Western Bypass, Shillong Dawki Road project. According to the Deputy Chief Minister, Prestone Tyngsong, land acquisition hurdles is a big problem and is being resolved one by one while adding that the Government is keen to implement the High Speed corridor project from Umiam to Ratacherra at the earliest.

ELECTION:

Lok Sabha MP Dilip Saikia has been elected as the new Bharatiya Janata Party state president. The announcement of the new president's name was made during the organizational event held at Vajpayee Bhavan in Guwahati yesterday. The event was attended by Assam Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, Union Ministers Sarbananda Sonowal and Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, as well as outgoing president Bhabesh Kalita. It is noteworthy that Dilip Saikia was the sole candidate to file a nomination for the president's post on Thursday, following which his name was formally announced yesterday with unanimous approval from the party. The Chief Minister Sarma expressed hope that under Dilip Saikia's leadership, the BJP alliance would be able to secure more than 100 seats in the 2026 Assembly elections.

REVENUE:

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu said that the state’s revenue generation is witnessing a growing trend by each year. He said this while speaking at the concluding session of the 2-day Sashakt Arunachal Conference of Deputy Commissioners in Itanagar yesterday. He advised the Deputy Commissioners to review their respective district’s contribution to the state's revenue and if it is not satisfactory, implement measures to make it satisfactory. Advocating decentralization of power and planning through a bottom-up planning process, Mr. Khandu said that reform is in final stages of compilation and that once the reform is finalized, another round of conference with all the Deputy Commissioners will be held. The 2-day conference revolved around six thematic areas, each designed to address specific dimensions of governance and development.

CRCSRE:

The office of the Composite Regional Centre for Skill Development, Rehabilitation & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (CRCSRE) – Shillong, under the administrative control of SVNIRTAR, Cuttack, Odisha, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, conducted a two-day Zonal Level CRE Programme on “An Integrative Approach – New Trends in Disability Rehabilitation” at DERT Annex, Malki, Shillong, Meghalaya. A total of 95 rehabilitation professionals from across North East India are set to benefit from this CRE Programme. This training initiative holds significant importance in the field of disability rehabilitation.

CENTRES:

Meghalaya Social Welfare Department is seeking the intervention of the State Government for the upgradation of Anganwadi Centres in the state. Meghalaya Social Welfare Director Camelia Doreen Lyngwa, said that there are around 6000 Anganwadi Centres and many of those were created two decades ago. Some of the Centres do not have electricity while many do not even have water and toilet facilities.
