

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES

- 1. Arunachal Pradesh cabinet holds outdoor meeting at Nyapin in Kurung Kumey District and takes several major decisions including establishment of Institute for Transforming Arunachal which will serve as state's premier policy think tank.**
- 2. Meghalaya Department of Textiles receives special award under Textiles Sustainability Awards for its remarkable efforts towards Textile Heritage Revival.**
- 3. 55th Director General level Border Co-ordination Conference between Border Security Forces and Border Guard Bangladesh is underway in New Delhi.**
- 4. A delegation of 27 members from Tripura along with officers arrive in Mendipathar, North Garo Hills in Meghalaya to participate in week-long Inter State Youth Exchange Programme 2024-25.**
- 5. Significant infrastructure project emerges with proposal of 180-kilometre broad gauge railway line from Chaparmukh Junction in Assam to Jowai in Meghalaya.**
- 6. District Council Affairs department in Meghalaya which is conducting elections to two district councils will not make arrangement for elderly persons to cast their votes from home or by using postal ballot.**

NEWS IN ORDER

CABINET

In Arunachal Pradesh, the fourth Outdoor Cabinet Meeting and the first in this tenure of the Pema Khandu-led Government was held at Nyapin in Kurung Kumey District yesterday. The meeting took up as many as 38 agendas, the highest number of agendas in Arunachal Pradesh's history for discussion and decision-making. Various major decisions include the approval of "The Arunachal Pradesh Arun Parivar Patra Authority Bill,

2025”, which seeks to establish a family centric citizen data base for the State to streamline the delivery of public welfare schemes and services, and enhancement of the fixed deposit under Dulari Kanya Scheme from 20,000 to 30000 rupees on institutional birth of girl child which could be withdrawn on maturity. Another important decision was the establishment of the Institute for Transforming Arunachal which will serve as the state’s premier policy think tank, providing research-backed advisory support, policy recommendations, and strategic direction to accelerate socio-economic development.

TEXTILES

The Department of Textiles in Meghalaya has been awarded and recognised with a SPECIAL AWARD under the Textiles Sustainability Awards by the Confederation of Indian Textile Industries coinciding with the Bharat Tex 2025 Global Textiles Expo organized by the Department of Textiles at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi with a focus on textiles, sustainability & fashion. Principal Secretary, Textiles Department Meghalaya, FR Kharkongor, received the Special Award on behalf of the state from Union Minister of State for Textiles, Pabitra Margherita. The initiatives taken by the Textiles Department Meghalaya include an official declaration & recognition of the Umden-Diwon village in Ri Bhoi district as Meghalaya’s first ERI Silk village in 2021, setting up of the Design Innovation Research Centre in 2022, which showcases the entire value chain of Ryndia from farm to fibre, fibre to fabric, fabric to fashion to visitors, developing the Ryndia brand, pushing for GI tag for Ryndia, among other initiatives besides Dubai Expo, International Sericulture Commission, Romana, Silk in Lyon, France 2022, and supporting local production houses & designers cum entrepreneurs to participate & showcase their designs.

CONFERENCE

The 55th Director General level Border Co-ordination Conference between the Border Security Forces and Border Guard Bangladesh began in New Delhi yesterday. The conference will culminate on the 20th of this month. During the conference, border-related issues will be discussed between the Border guarding forces for better coordination. Discussions will also be held on prevention against attacks and assaults on BSF personnel and Indian civilians by Bangladesh-based miscreants, ways to prevent trans-border crimes, construction of single row fence, action against Indian Insurgent Groups in Bangladesh, and issues related to border infrastructure. The last BSF-BGB Border Co-ordination Conference was held in March last year at Dhaka in Bangladesh. States in the North East India apart from West Bengal shares long border with Bangladesh.

DELEGATION

A delegation of 27 members from Tripura along with the officers arrived in Mendipathar, North Garo Hills in Meghalaya to participate in the Inter State Youth Exchange Programme 2024-25. The week-long youth exchange programme kicked off with the inaugural function held at Mendipathar Multi Purpose Hall yesterday. Speaking as the chief guest, Additional Deputy Commissioner, North Garo Hills, TR Marak called for national integration through ideas of cultural exchange, language learning, experience sharing, social development and entrepreneurship among the youth. He also motivated the participants to foster the sense of comradeship while experiencing the diverse culture and heritage which was imperative for the progress of the state and the country as a whole. Similarly, 27 participants from Mizoram participated in an Inter-State Youth Exchange Programme 2025 at Youth Hostel in Shillong. The initiative aims to foster cultural exchange, national integration, and leadership development among young participants from different states.

PROJECT

A significant infrastructure project has emerged with the proposal of a 180-kilometre broad gauge railway line extending from Chaparmukh Junction in Assam to Jowai in Meghalaya. This initiative has been included in key surveys targeting new railway development in the North East. The proposed railway route is set to traverse several key locations such as Bhoksong, Rajagaon, Baithalangso, Jengkha, Kherani, and Umrangso.

COUNCIL

In Meghalaya, the district council affairs department which is conducting the elections to the two district councils will not arrange for elderly persons to cast their votes from homes or by using postal ballots. There are many voters above the age of 85 years and they are unable to reach the polling stations due to age and health related issues. The voting will be held on Friday and counting of votes on Monday.
