

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

1. Prime Minister, Narendra Modi will inaugurate plenary session of Advantage Assam 2.0 Investment and Infrastructure Summit in Guwahati today.
2. Prime Minister, Narendra Modi attends Jhumoir Binandini programme at Guwahati marking 200 years of Assam's tea industry, and says, North Eastern states will reach new heights of development through efforts of his government.
3. Mizoram government urges 16th Finance Commission to give special consideration in terms of fund allocation keeping in mind the state's difficult terrain, frequent natural disasters, floods, landslides, and water scarcity.
4. Voice of the People Party in Meghalaya is all set to form new Executive Committee in Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council after winning 17 seats in district council elections.
5. Reserve Bank of India launches Financial Literacy Week, 2025 for Nagaland which was inaugurated by General Manager & Officer-in-Charge, Paresh Chauhan in Kohima.
6. Manipur Governor, Ajay Kumar Bhalla distributes Manipur State Kala Akademi Award, MSKA Fellows and MSKA Young Talent Awards to distinguished personalities who have contributed in the field of Manipuri art and culture.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

ASSAM-PM

Prime Minister, Narendra Modi will inaugurate the plenary session of the Advantage Assam 2.0 Investment and Infrastructure Summit in Guwahati today in the presence of several dignitaries, diplomats and industrialists. The two-day long summit includes an inaugural session, seven ministerial sessions and 14 thematic sessions with a focus on industrial evolution, global trade partnerships and the vibrant MSME sector of Assam, featuring over 240 exhibitors. Assam Governor, L.P. Acharya, External Affairs Minister, S. Jaishankar, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, Union Minister for Ports Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal, Union Minister for DoNER, Jyotiraditya Scindia and Chief Ministers of neighbouring states, 61 diplomats, business delegations from several countries, industry experts will attend the session. The Prime Minister will leave for New Delhi in the afternoon.

PM-TEA

Prime Minister, Narendra Modi yesterday said that the North Eastern states will reach new heights of development through the efforts of his government. Speaking at the Jhumoir Binandini programme at Guwahati in Assam yesterday, the Prime Minister stated that there was a time when the development of Assam and the North East was neglected, and the region's culture was overlooked. However now he himself has become the brand ambassador of the Northeast's culture. The Prime Minister expressed confidence that the development of the tea industry and its workers will drive the overall growth of Assam and elevate the Northeast to new

heights. Modi witnessed a grand Jhumoir dance featuring nearly 8,000 dancers and drummers which marked 200 years of Assam's tea industry and celebrated the rich cultural heritage of the tea tribe community.

FINANCE COMMISSION

The Mizoram government has urged the 16th Finance Commission to give special consideration in terms of fund allocation keeping in mind the state's difficult terrain, frequent natural disasters, floods, landslides, and water scarcity. The Finance Commission team led by the chairman Dr. Arvind Panagariya, is on a four-day visit to Mizoram and held a meeting yesterday with Chief Minister, Lalduhoma and officials to discuss the fund allocation and development priorities for the state. The Chief Minister highlighted that nearly 83.56% of Mizoram's revenue comes from Tax Devolution and Grants-in-Aid, with only about 16.77% generated internally, and stressed on the need for special financial consideration from the Finance Commission. He also urged the Finance Commission to provide continued financial support to overcome these challenges and promote sustainable development. Meanwhile Dr. Arvind Panagariya, informed that a decision would be made after visiting every state and clarified that the panel chooses each state's portion from the divisible pool, which consists of customs, corporation, and income tax receipts. AIR

ELECTIONS

In Meghalaya, the Voice of the People Party is all set to form the new Executive Committee in the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council after winning 17 seats. In the 30-member House, one member will be nominated by the state government. The United Democratic Party secured 5 seats, National People's Party emerged victorious in 4 seats, the Hill State People's Democratic Party got 1 seat, besides 2 Independents. In the Jaiñtia Hills Autonomous District Council, the National People's Party emerged as the single largest party as it won from 13 seats while the Voice of the People Party got 8 seats, Congress 3 seats, UDP 3 seats and 2 Independents. AIR

LITERACY WEEK

The Reserve Bank of India has launched the Financial Literacy Week, 2025 for Nagaland which was inaugurated by General Manager & Officer-in-Charge, Paresh Chauhan in Kohima yesterday. Chauhan expressed hope that through joint efforts of all stakeholders, the campaign will amplify the importance of financial literacy for women and reach out to them on the widest possible scale. As part of the campaign, the central bank will collaborate with banks and other stakeholders to conduct awareness and outreach activities throughout the week. The campaign will cover topics such as risk diversification, responsible borrowing, maintaining a good credit score, and household budgeting, with a special focus on homemakers, working women, and women entrepreneurs.

AWARD

Manipur Governor, Ajay Kumar Bhalla yesterday distributed the Manipur State Kala Akademi Award, MSKA Fellows and MSKA Young Talent Awards to distinguished personalities who have contributed in the field of Manipuri art and culture in its different forms. The annual award distribution ceremony was held at the Darbar Hall of Raj Bhavan in Imphal. Speaking at the ceremony, the Governor said that Manipur is a land known to the outside world for its richness and diversity in the field of art

and culture. He congratulated all the gurus, artistes, writers and visual artistes who have been honoured with MSKA Fellows, Awards and Young Talent Awards.
