

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Union Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju says the Central Government is committed to the welfare of minority communities in the country.
- Central Bureau of Communication, Government of India in association with Press Information Bureau Gangtok organized an Integrated Community Outreach Program.
- Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio tables a deficit budget of 843.21 crore rupees for the financial year 2025-26 in the state Assembly.
- “Nagaland Town and Country Planning (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2025 and Investment and Development Authority of Nagaland (Validation) Bill, 2025 passed by Nagaland Legislative Assembly.
- Arunachal Pradesh Arun Parivar Patra Authority Bill, 2025 introduced on the first day of the state budget session in the legislative assembly.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma informs the state Assembly that the state Government had spent a total of 97.68 crore rupees for the construction of 3,230 Fishery Ponds under various schemes from 2020 to 2024.

MEETING:

Union Minority Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said, the Central Government is committed to the welfare of minority communities in the country, prioritising inclusive development. The Minister was speaking at the Regional Review Meeting and Training Workshop on the Pradhan Mantri Jan Vikas Karyakram for the States and Union Territories of the Southern Region at Thiruvananthapuram in Kerala. Mr Rijiju said, India is a country where majority and minority communities live in harmony, and all Central Government schemes are designed for the welfare of every citizen. He reaffirmed the Central Government's commitment to "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas.

PROGRAMME:

Central Bureau of Communication, Government of India in association with Press Information Bureau Gangtok organized an Integrated Community Outreach Program yesterday on VIKSIT BHARAT @2047 covering themes ‘Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam’, ‘Fit India’ and ‘Swacchta Hi Seva’. The event was held at Doordarshan Kendra, Gangtok. Rajib Gogoi, Head, Botanical Survey of India, Sikkim Himalayan Regional Centre graced the program as Chief Guest. Neeraj K Pandey, Deputy Director & Cluster Head, Akashvani & Doordarshan Gangtok in his welcome address invited young generation to shoulder responsibility of planting trees, reduce air pollution above all adopt a healthy lifestyle. Mr. Pandey concluded requesting parents to encourage children to adopt a simple and healthy food habits and lifestyle since their childhood.

BUDGET:

Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio yesterday tabled a deficit budget of 843.21 crore rupees for the financial year 2025-26. The deficit is primarily due to negative

opening balance carried over from the previous fiscal year. In his budget 2025-26 statement, Mr Rio projected gross receipts at 24 thousand 849 crore rupees and gross expenditures at 24 thousand 699 crore rupees. He said, the gross receipts and expenditure during 2025-26 is estimated to be equal. He also announced an improvement in the estimated fiscal deficit for 2024-25, by 62.57 crore rupees. The closing deficit, which was initially projected at 905.71 crore rupees, is now expected to close at 843.21 crore rupees, reflecting a reduction of 62.57 crore rupees. Meanwhile, general discussion on the state budget will be taken up today.

BILLS:

Two government bills, “The Nagaland Town and Country Planning (Fourth Amendment) Bill, 2025 and Investment and Development Authority of Nagaland (Validation) Bill, 2025 were passed yesterday during the ongoing budget session of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly. Three new bills-The Rules for Administration of Justice and Police in Nagaland (Fifth Amendment) Bill, 2025, The Nagaland Work-Charged and Casual Employees Regulation (Second Amendment) Bill, 2025 and “The Nagaland Goods and Services Tax (Tenth Amendment) Bill, 2024” were also introduced in the House. The Speaker Sharingain Longkumer announced that both bills would be taken up for passage today.

DATABASE:

The Arunachal Pradesh Arun Parivar Patra Authority Bill, 2025, aimed at creating this database, was introduced on the first day of the state budget session in the legislative assembly yesterday. Another bill, The Arunachal Pradesh Flood Plain Zoning Bill, 2025, which seeks to regulate flood zone demarcation along the state's river waterways to mitigate flood risks and ensure better land-use planning was also introduced in the house. Along with these, two more bills, The Arunachal Pradesh Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2025 and The Arunachal Pradesh Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants) (Amendment) Bill 2025 were tabled during the session. The 5-day budget session of the state assembly will conclude on March 12.

PONDS:

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma yesterday informed the state Assembly that the state government had spent a total of 97.68 crore rupees for the construction of 3,230 Fishery Ponds under various schemes from 2020 to 2024. Replying to the question posed by Opposition Member Heavingstone Kharpran from Mawryngkneng regarding the construction of Fishery Ponds, Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma said the Aqua Mission, launched in 2011, has successfully produced 4,000 metric tonnes of fish and, as of now, the state produces up to 20,000 metric tonnes. He also highlighted that the total fish production demand in the state is 32,000 metric tonnes, with 20,000 metric tons being produced locally and 12,000 metric tons being imported from other states.
