

## NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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### HEADLINES:-

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will virtually address a day-long post-budget webinar on agriculture and rural prosperity in New Delhi today.
2. Meghalaya Governor says the state Government is committed to transform Meghalaya into a 10 billion dollar economy by 2028.
3. Manipur Governor Ajay Bhalla extends the deadline for surrender of illegal arms and ammunition to security establishments.
4. Director General of Akashvani, Dr. Pragya Paliwal Gaur stresses the importance of officials taking ownership of their respective programs and Kendras.
5. The 12th Battalion of National Disaster Response Force completes its Familiarisation Exercise for Nagaland.
6. In Meghalaya, Thombor Shiwat of National People Party elected Chief Executive Member of Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council.
7. IIM Shillong takes part in Advantage Assam 2.0. driving conversations on start-ups to Unlock Opportunities for the Private Sector.

### NEWS IN ORDER:-

#### PM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will virtually address a daylong post-budget webinar on agriculture and rural prosperity in the afternoon in New Delhi today. The event would be joined by all the Union Ministers. The webinar aims to engage stakeholders in a focused discussion and strategising the effective implementation of the 2025 budget announcements. It will focus on agricultural growth and rural prosperity, ensuring a collaborative approach to realise the vision outlined in the budget.

#### BUDGET

Meghalaya Governor CH Vijayashankar in his address during the first day of the Assembly's budget session yesterday said the state Government is committed to transform the state into a 10 billion dollar economy by 2028. He said the government envisions a Meghalaya which caters to the distinct needs and ambitions of the local communities by building a development model that

embodies the Meghalayan spirit. The Governor also said that the government is dedicated to driving holistic growth in Meghalaya, showcasing its rich culture, and enhancing services for citizens. Highlighting the policies and programmes of the MDA government, the Governor said the state is currently implementing multiple externally aided projects, in the sectors of roads, power, agriculture, water conservation and tourism. Further, he said that the state government's first objective is to promote peace, security and well being of its citizens.

## **SURRENDER**

Manipur Governor Ajay Bhalla yesterday extended the deadline for surrender of arms & ammunition to security establishments till the 6<sup>th</sup> of March, 2025. He had earlier announced a window period of seven days for youths of the State to hand over illegally held arms to the nearest police station with assurance of amnesty for compliance. 307 arms and ammunition including war-like gears were surrendered in both hills and districts on Thursday. The Governor has appealed to the people to use this period to surrender the arms and help in restoration of peace, communal harmony, and also secure the future of the youths. This will be the last such extension, the Governor highlighted.

## **EXERCISE**

The 12<sup>th</sup> Battalion of the National Disaster Response Force successfully completed its Familiarisation Exercise for Nagaland yesterday. The demonstration, held at Government College, Zunheboto, featured a comprehensive earthquake rescue awareness programme to enhance disaster preparedness and response capabilities among key stakeholders and the public. These exercises were designed to provide the hand holding training and equip participants with essential life-saving skills for effective emergency response during seismic events. The touring officials also highlighted the significance of community preparedness and coordinated response to minimize casualties and damage in earthquake-prone regions. Following the live demonstration, an interactive session allowed participants to engage with NDRF experts on disaster mitigation strategies, use of emergency equipment, and best practices in crisis management.

## **PROGRAMME**

Director General of Akashvani, Dr. Pragya Paliwal Gaur, yesterday stressed the importance of officials taking ownership of their respective programs and kendras. Dr. Gaur was speaking on the final day of the two-day Programme and Commercial Meeting of Akashvani Stations in the Northeast Zone in Nagaland's capital Kohima. Dr. Gaur also highlighted the uniqueness of the public broadcaster, given that it operates in the creative field, and emphasised the vast potential for Akashvani's coverage.

## **CEM**

In Meghalaya, Thombor Shiwat of National People Party was elected Chief Executive Member of Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council for the

yesterday. Election for the post of CEM was at Council Hall, where Thombor Shiwat got sixteen votes, while his opponent Madonbai Rymbai of Amwi Khliehtyrchi who got three votes.

**IIM**

IIM Shillong takes part in Advantage Assam 2.0 driving conversations on start-ups and leveraging MDB Resources to Unlock Opportunities for the Private Sector. Faculty of Finance of IIM Shillong, Neelam Rani, engaged in a discussion with the Country Director of the World bank, and talked about the human capital, digitization, and policy support which are essential for attracting private sector investments to the state. Twenty three students from IIM Shillong attended the plenary sessions, gaining first-hand exposure to discussions on investment strategies, economic policies, and the evolving business landscape in Assam.

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