

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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1. Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein presents state's annual budget totalling 39,842 crore rupees.
2. Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma briefs state assembly on various investments contributing to Meghalaya's quantum of growth.
3. Education Minister Rakkam A. Sangma announces that Meghalaya government has sought exemptions from National Council for Teacher Education.
4. Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla inaugurates Mahseer Hatchery at Department of Zoology, Manipur University, Imphal.
5. Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang announces setting up of special funds to boost police force's operational efficiency.
6. Ri-Bhoi Poultry Farmers Association inaugurates office at Nongpoh to enhance support for local farmers.

ARUNACHAL:

Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Chowna Mein presented the state's annual budget for 2025-26, totalling 39,842 crore rupees, with a fiscal deficit of 966 crore in the state assembly yesterday. This marks an 11.16 percent increase over the previous year. Mr. Mein said that the budget is prepared with a vision of "Viksit Arunachal" with zero poverty, quality education, comprehensive healthcare, skilled employment, and strong economic participation of women and farmers. He said the budget is based on four pillars - Investing in People, Infrastructure, Economy, and Innovation.

BUDGET

Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma briefed the state assembly yesterday about the various investments contributing to Meghalaya's quantum of growth in the recent years. Investments from Externally Aided Projects have tripled from 2502 crore in 2017- 2018 to 7427 crore rupees currently. Capital expenditure has made 6.6 times jump from 1435 crore in 2017-18 to 9447 crore rupees at present. The growth in capital investment will leap to 10,000 crore rupees this financial year, Mr Sangma said. The size of the state budget has grown exponentially, showcasing the Meghalaya government's forward approach to development, the CM underscored.

EDUCATION:

Education Minister Rakkam A. Sangma announced in the assembly yesterday that the Meghalaya government has sought exemptions from the National Council for Teacher Education (NCTE) in order to increase the capacity for B.Ed. and D.El.Ed. courses. This initiative aims to certify more teachers and address the shortage of training schools in the state. Although many untrained teachers have practical experience, they lack formal certification due to NCTE regulations. Minister Sangma also emphasized the ongoing efforts to enhance teacher training, including specialized programs for science and mathematics at IIT Guwahati.

MANIPUR

Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla yesterday inaugurated a newly developed Mahseer Hatchery and Sustainable Aquaculture Laboratory at the Department of Zoology, Manipur University in Imphal. The governor said that fish has always been an integral part of the people's culture and strengthening the fisheries sector is crucial for Manipur's economic growth. Manipur has abundant water bodies such as ponds, rivers, lakes and reservoirs and hence has immense potential to develop a prosperous fisheries industry. The Government of India has introduced several schemes to support fisheries development. The Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana aims to foster growth in the fisheries sector aligning with the vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat, the governor said.

SIKKIM:

Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang yesterday announced the setting up of two new funding initiatives - the Special Investigation Fund and the Special Traffic Management Fund to boost the police force's operational efficiency. After flagging-off of 13 new fire tenders, the chief minister stressed the importance of a well-equipped and proactive police force. He urged senior officials to actively participate in field operations, stating that crime rates decline where law enforcement is efficient. The CM expressed confidence in the newly appointed Director General of Sikkim Police, Akshay Sachdeva's leadership, hoping for further achievements in policing excellence.

FARMER:

The Ri-Bhoi Poultry Farmers Association recently inaugurated its office at the Nongpoh Town Shopping Complex to enhance support for local farmers. District Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Officer, Esra Syiem, who presided over the ceremony, praised the association's commitment to aid farmers in the region. Adviser to the association, A. Lapang emphasized the Association's mission to uplift poultry farmers and also raised concerns about declining market prices that have led many to exit the industry.

ICC:

President Droupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Narendra Modi have congratulated the Indian cricket team on clinching the ICC Champions Trophy. In a social media post, President Murmu highlighted that India became the only team to win the Champions Trophy thrice. She said that the players, the management and the support staff deserve the highest accolades for creating cricketing history. Prime Minister Modi said that the Indian team played wonderfully throughout the tournament.
