

## **NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN**

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### **HEADLINES:-**

- ❖ Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma addresses 7th ACT EAST BUSINESS SHOW in Shillong, says proximity to Dubai, BBIN and ASEAN nations can make Meghalaya natural hub for trade, commerce and connectivity.
- ❖ Meghalaya Legislative Assembly in collaboration with Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan and National Service Scheme will host State Round of Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament 2025 at Lariti International Centre for Performing Arts and Culture in Shillong.
- ❖ Zunheboto District Hospital in Nagaland receives Kayakalp Award for 2024-2025 as best government district hospital.
- ❖ Mizoram Governor, Vijay Kumar Singh graces 19th convocation of Mizoram University at Tanhril in western outskirts of Aizawl.
- ❖ German Ambassador to India, Philipp Ackermann inaugurates Aqua Park-cum-Visitor Information Centre” at Khliehshnong, Sohra which will preserve snakeheads which is unique indigenous species of Meghalaya
- ❖ India and Bangladesh play goalless draw in opening game of third and final round of AFC Asian Cup 2027 qualifiers at JN Stadium, Shillong in Meghalaya.

### **NEWS IN ORDER:-**

#### **ACT:**

Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma yesterday said that the proximity to Dubai, BBIN and ASEAN nations can make Meghalaya a natural hub for trade, commerce and connectivity. Addressing the inaugural session of the 7th ACT EAST BUSINESS SHOW in Shillong in the presence of officials and high-ranking diplomats, the Chief Minister also said that there is a strong political will that is pushing the agenda of taking the North Eastern Region forward. The three-day ACT EAST BUSINESS SHOW is being organised by the Meghalaya government in collaboration with the Indian Chamber of Commerce. This flagship event aims to foster stronger economic and trade relations between BBIN & ASEAN nations, focusing on key sectors such as technology, agriculture, manufacturing, and tourism. It will feature Meghalaya as an ideal investment destination. Around 12 countries including the Philippines, Germany, Indonesia, Cambodia, UAE, Japan, Bangladesh, Bhutan and Nepal are participating in the economic event.

#### **VIKSIT:**

The Meghalaya Legislative Assembly in collaboration with Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan and the National Service Scheme will host the State Round of Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament 2025 at the Lariti International Centre for Performing Arts and Culture in Shillong tomorrow. The Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament is a visionary initiative by the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, aligning with the Viksit Bharat@2047 framework. This initiative is aimed at encouraging youth participation in policymaking, governance, and national discourse, building upon the Prime Minister’s call of engaging one lakh youth in politics. The event will provide a structured platform for youth aged 18-25 years to engage in discussions across

different levels, including District Node, State, and National Rounds. Participants will deliberate on societal issues, fostering informed public discourse and enhancing their decision-making abilities.

**AWARD:**

Zunheboto District Hospital in Nagaland has received the Kayakalp Award for 2024-2025 as the best government district hospital, while Dr. Imkongliba Memorial District Hospital received the Kayakalp Award for 2023-2024. District Hospital Mon and CHC Changtongnya were awarded the Eco-Friendly Award for the year 2024-2025, while Kiphire District Hospital received the Eco-Friendly Award for 2023-2024. Under the Kayakalp Award 2024-2025, Bhandari in Wokha was awarded the best CHC, Kuhuboto PHC in Dimapur won the best PHC category, and Longmisa in Mokokchung received the award for the best Health & Wellness Centre.

**CONVOCATION:**

Mizoram Governor, Vijay Kumar Singh yesterday graced the 19th convocation of Mizoram University at Tanhril in the western outskirts of Aizawl. Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma also attended the event. In his address, the Governor congratulated the hardworking students who are picking the fruits of their hard work. He pointed out that the university has secured the 77th position among Indian universities in the National Institutional Ranking Framework and has emerged as the top-ranked university among universities in the North East in the prestigious Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2024. A total of 7,724 students were awarded degrees during the convocation and only a handful of selected candidates received their degrees, prizes, and medals from the Governor and the Chief Minister.

**AQUA:**

German Ambassador to India, Philipp Ackermann inaugurated the Aqua Park-cum-Visitor Information Centre” at Khliehshnong, Sohra. This centre for aquatic bio-diversity will preserve snakeheads which is a unique indigenous species of Meghalaya. The Centre is established as a convergence project among Meghalaya’s Department of Fisheries, the German Corporation for International Cooperation and Khliehshnong Village Dorbar.

**AFC:**

In football, the opening game of the third and final round of the AFC Asian Cup 2027 qualifiers between India and Bangladesh ended in a goalless draw at the JN Stadium, Shillong in Meghalaya yesterday. The crucial Group C encounter was the first of six games that India is playing in their final quest for a berth in the continental showpiece. India are in Group C alongside Hong Kong, Singapore, and Bangladesh.

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