

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Representatives from BIMSTEC countries visit Agartala Integrated Check Post in Tripura bordering Bangladesh as part of second trade capacity building facilitation programme.
- Mizoram Youth Commission, Malsawmzuala Ralte, says social media is helpful tool but it's crucial to set boundaries and make good use of it while addressing Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament 2025 State round at Vaivakawn Auditorium-cum Cultural Hall in Aizawl city.
- Meghalaya Cabinet approves proposal to purchase building in Bangalore to provide accommodation for visitors, particularly students from Meghalaya.
- NITI Aayog organises regional workshop on Public Health and Water Sanitation and Hygiene for North Eastern states at Chumukedima in Nagaland.
- India Meteorological Department predicts heavy rainfall over Arunachal Pradesh on Friday and Saturday.
- NIFT Shillong's Craft Bazaar comes to a close; Meghalaya Commissioner & Secretary, Sanjay Goyal emphasizes importance of preserving traditional craftsmanship and promoting sustainable livelihoods.

DELEGATION:

A 17-member delegation and representatives of BIMSTEC countries yesterday visited the Agartala Integrated Check Post bordering Bangladesh as part of the second trade capacity building facilitation programme. The delegates were familiarised with the trade passenger movement, zero line, cargo facility area and passenger facility, among other things at the Integrated Check Post. Talking to reporters after the visit, Nirlipta Rath, Research Assistant, Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations, who was part of the delegation, said that the Agartala land port is a major connecting point. India can act as a major transit point where roads from Nepal and Bangladesh can be built upto India and spread across South East Asian countries. She said that India has been leading with respect to digitization, in addition to trade facilitation like single window system, electronic data interface, e-commerce and green trade facilitation.

YOUTH PARLIAMENT:

In Mizoram, Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament 2025 State round took place at the Vaivakawn Auditorium-cum Cultural Hall in Aizawl city. The event was hosted by the Sports & Youth Services, Govt of Mizoram, in collaboration with the Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangathan and National Service Scheme. At the inaugural session, chairman of the Mizoram Youth Commission, Malsawmzuala Ralte, urged the youth of Mizoram to contribute to the state's development. He said that social media is a helpful tool and everything is accessible, but it's crucial to set boundaries and make good use of it. According to Ralte, the purpose of the event was to inspire young

people to give India's development some serious thought. Twenty-eight students participated in two topics - “75 Years of the Indian Constitution: A Journey of Rights, Duties, and Progress” and “The 11 Sankalp of Samvidhan Divas: A Pledge to Strengthen India’s Constitutional Values.” Three students were chosen from among the participants to speak at the national level on the subject "One Nation, One Election: Simplifying Democracy, Amplifying Progress, Ensuring Stability."

HOUSE-BANGALORE:

The Meghalaya Cabinet yesterday approved a proposal to purchase a building in Bangalore, which will be converted into a guest house to provide accommodation for visitors, particularly students from the state. Cabinet Minister Paul Lyngdoh highlighted the need for this facility, noting that Bangalore is a popular destination for citizens of Meghalaya, with a significant number of students pursuing their studies there. He also revealed that plans to establish a Meghalaya House in Bangalore are underway. This guest house aims to address the immediate challenge faced by students in finding affordable accommodation.

WORKSHOP:

A regional workshop on Public Health and Water Sanitation and Hygiene for the North Eastern states was organized by NITI Aayog at Chumukedima in Nagaland yesterday. PHE Minister, Jacob Zhimomi, highlighted the success of the Jal Jeevan Mission in Nagaland, and shared that 3 lakh 37 thousand 498 rural households, or more than 90 percent of the total households, have received Functional Household Tap Connections so far. He also highlighted the growing concerns about depletion of water sources, exacerbated by both natural and human factors. Minister of Rural Development Metsubo Jamir, urged the Central Government and NITI Aayog to consider a tailored approach for the North Eastern Region, given the region's unique social structure and topography, in addition to region's infrastructural and technical challenges which were hampering the full intended implementation of various initiatives by the Centre. Jamir also proposed merging of tied and untied Finance Commission grants to provide more flexible financial support for grassroot-level projects in the region.

IMD:

The India Meteorological Department has forecasted isolated heavy rainfall and snowfall in Jammu and Kashmir till today and also predicted heavy rainfall over Arunachal Pradesh on Friday and Saturday. It said that hot and humid weather conditions would prevail in isolated areas of Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Coastal Andhra Pradesh, and Yanam over the next three days.

CRAFT:

Craft Bazaar, organized by NIFT Shillong, came to a close yesterday, leaving behind a trail of vibrant colours, rich textures, and unforgettable experiences. The valedictory was graced by Commissioner & Secretary to the Govt. of Meghalaya, Sanjay Goyal who emphasized the importance of preserving traditional craftsmanship and promoting sustainable livelihoods. Goyal applauded the showcase of creativity by using traditional art in fashion. Director of NIFT Shillong, Shankar Kumar Jha, expressed his gratitude to the artisans, faculty, staff, students and visitors who made the event a success.
