

**NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN**  
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**HEADLINES:-**

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- Meghalaya is set to benefit from Vibrant Villages Programme-II sanctioned as a Central Sector Scheme with 100% funding from the Centre.
- IIM Shillong celebrates its 16th Annual Convocation marking a momentous occasion in the Institute's academic calendar.
- Meghalaya Government constitutes a 28-member committee to look into aspects for preservation of Garo culture and heritage.
- Meghalaya's West Jaintia Hills District Magistrate issues an Order under Section 163 BNSS prohibiting sand mining and stone quarries all along the river Myntdu.
- In Meghalaya, Bright Heritage Academy in South Salmara district, Mankachar hosts a live seminar featuring Dr. Kumud Ch. Bhattacharya, a renowned ISRO scientist.
- Meghalaya Board of School Education will announce the SSLC (Class 10) exam results at 11.00 a.m. today.

**PARLIAMENT:**

Both Houses of Parliament were adjourned sine die yesterday. With this, the Budget Session of Parliament come to an end which commenced on 31st January of this year. In his valedictory address in Lok Sabha, Speaker Om Birla highlighted that the House registered 118 percent productivity during the Budget Session. He said the Lower House passed 16 bills during the session. Earlier, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said the Rajya Sabha held over 17 hours of discussion on the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025, which is the longest in the history. He said the Lok Sabha also held around 14 hours of discussion on the Bill.

**INITIATIVE:**

Meghalaya is set to benefit from Vibrant Villages Programme-II (VVP-II). The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has sanctioned this ambitious initiative as a Central Sector Scheme with 100% funding from the Centre. The program aligns with the broader vision of Viksit Bharat@2047, aiming for 'Safe, Secured & Vibrant land borders' by fostering comprehensive development in border villages. With a total outlay of Rs.6,839 crore, VVP-II will be implemented until the financial year 2028-29 across strategic villages in multiple states and union territories, including Meghalaya.

**IIM:**

IIM Shillong yesterday celebrated its 16th Annual Convocation marking a momentous occasion in the Institute's academic calendar. The ceremony witnessed the conferment of degrees upon 475 graduating students, including 381 from the Post Graduate Programme -2023-25. In addition, five scholars were awarded the Doctor of Philosophy degree. The convocation was graced by the presence of Mr.

Conrad K. Sangma, Chief Minister of Meghalaya, as the Chief Guest, and Shri Ashish Modi, President, Honeywell India, as the Guest of Honour. Delivering the Convocation Address, Conrad K. Sangma commended India's resilient and rapidly advancing economy.

#### **COMMITTEE:**

Meghalaya government has constituted a 28-member committee to look into aspects for preservation of Garo culture and heritage. The committee will be headed by cabinet minister in-charge housing department Marcuise N Marak, with members including Deputy Speaker Timothy D Shira, secretary in-charge arts and culture RP Marak, Garo Hills Autonomous District Council Chief Albinus R Marak. The committee has been tasked to identify and evaluate and preservation and protection sites of historical importance in respect of Garo culture.

#### **PROHIBITION:**

In Meghalaya, the District Magistrate of West Jaintia Hills has issued an Order under Section 163 BNSS prohibiting sand mining and stone quarries all along the river Myntdu and on the river bed. The order states that 'it has been widely observed that the quality of water in the Myntdu River and its tributaries have been severely affected in the past year due to erosion and depositing of debris in the catchment areas of Myntdu River. Reports of illegal mining activities along the river bed of the Myntdu river have contributed to the significant pollution of the river, which has resulted in the contamination of the water supply of the entire town of Jowai, endangering public health, aquatic life, and the environment.

#### **SEMINAR:**

In Meghalaya, Bright Heritage Academy in South Salmara district, Mankachar, hosted a live seminar featuring Dr. Kumud Ch. Bhattacharya, a renowned ISRO scientist and the Founder Director of NESAC, ISRO. The event provided students and faculty with a rare opportunity to interact with an esteemed space scientist and gain insights into India's advancements in space exploration. Dr. Bhattacharya, highlighted India's achievements in space technology and encouraged students to pursue scientific research. His address aimed to ignite scientific curiosity among young minds, particularly benefiting students from South Salmara Mankachar district and the plain belt of Meghalaya. The seminar witnessed active participation from students and faculty members, who engaged in an interactive session with Dr. Bhattacharya.

#### **RESULTS:**

Meghalaya Board of School Education (MBoSE) will announce the SSLC (Class 10) exam results in April instead of June. The results for 2025 will be declared today at 11am. This early result is due to a new rule brought in by the state government. From this year, MBoSE will hold the Class 10 exam twice a year. The first exam will take place in February-March, and students who fail will get another chance to appear for the exam in May.

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