

# NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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## HEADLINES:-

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi asserts India has moved beyond incremental change to witness impactful transformation.
2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi expresses grief over demise of Pope Francis.
3. Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein inaugurates International Conclave on 'Buddha Dhamma and the Culture of North-East India'.
4. India's infrastructure output increases by 3.8 percent.
5. Union Health Minister J P Nadda says providing affordable and quality healthcare to every poor person is Centre's priority.
6. India Meteorological Department forecasts heavy to very heavy rainfall over northeast during the next 3 to 4 days.

## MODI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday asserted that India has moved beyond incremental change to witness impactful transformation in the last ten years, as the government is ensuring holistic development. He said holistic development means clean water to every household, quality education to every child, financial access to every entrepreneur and benefits of the digital economy to every village. Mr Modi stated this while addressing Civil Servants on the occasion of the 17th Civil Services Day in New Delhi. The Prime Minister underlined the need for extraordinary speed to fulfil the aspirations of youth, farmers and women in the country.

## POPE

The Government of India has declared a three-day State Mourning as a mark of respect to the Supreme Pontiff of the Holy See, Pope Francis, who passed away yesterday. One day of State Mourning will be observed on the day of the funeral. During the period of the State Mourning, the National Flag will be flown at half-mast and there will be no official entertainment. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed grief over the demise of Pope Francis and conveyed condolences to the global catholic community. In a social media post, Mr Modi said, the Pope will always be remembered as a beacon of compassion, humility and spiritual courage by millions across the world. He added that Pope Francis diligently served the poor and downtrodden and ignited a spirit of hope for those who suffered.

## HOMAGE

Governors and chief ministers of various states have paid homage to Pope Francis, who passed away at the Vatican yesterday. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma, in a social media post recalled his meeting with the 'People's Pope'. The Archdiocese of Shillong has announced a solemn Requiem Mass to be held at 5:30 pm today at the Cathedral Church in Shillong.

## ARUNACHAL

Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein inaugurated the International Conclave on the theme 'Buddha Dhamma and the Culture of North-East India' in Namsai yesterday. The

two-day conference is being organized by the International Buddhist Confederation in collaboration with the Union Ministry of Culture. Buddhist monks and scholars from India and several other countries, including Cambodia, Myanmar, Thailand, and Bhutan, are participating in the two-day conference.

**INDUSTRY**

India’s infrastructure output, which constitutes about two-fifths of the country’s industrial production, increased by 3.8 percent in March this year on an annual basis. The production of cement, fertilizers, steel, electricity, coal and refinery products recorded positive growth during last month. Meanwhile, the cumulative growth rate of the combined Index of Eight Core Industries during the financial year 2025 stood at 4.4 per cent as compared to the corresponding period of last year.

**HEALTH**

Union Health Minister J P Nadda has said that providing affordable and quality healthcare to every poor person in the country is a priority of the central government. Mr Nadda said this while chairing a breakaway session during the Civil Services Day celebrations in New Delhi yesterday. He highlighted that the government’s expenditure on healthcare has increased from 29 percent in 2014 to 48 percent now, leading to a decline in out-of-pocket expenditure for people. Screening of communicable and non-communicable diseases in Ayushman Arogya Mandir and expanding the package of services has helped in providing preventive and promotive healthcare.

**AWARD**

The Padma Awards namely Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma shri will be announced on the occasion of Republic Day 2026. Intending individuals from East Khasi Hills district who desire their names to be recommended for the award have been requested to send their nominations to the Deputy Commissioner on or before 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2025.

**IAF**

The Indian Air Force has issued notification for pre-registered recruitment rally for the selection of Agniveervayu (musician) intake. Registration of the rally commenced yesterday and will continue till 11<sup>th</sup> May. Only registered candidates along with provisional admit card will be allowed to appear in the recruitment rally from 10<sup>th</sup> to 25th June, 2025.

**IMD**

The India Meteorological Department yesterday forecast heavy to very heavy rainfall over the northeast parts of the country during the next 3 to 4 days. Heavy rainfall is likely in Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura.

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