

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- President Droupadi Murmu emphasizes on dispute resolution mechanism under Mediation Act to be effectively extended to rural areas.
- National Testing Agency conducting National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test, 2025 today across over five thousand centres in the country and 13 cities abroad.
- Valedictory programme of Synergy 2025, a Tura Inter-College Students' Exchange Programme, concludes.
- New office of Women's Group of Umlyngkdait village in Ri Bhoi district of Meghalaya inaugurated.
- Dorbar Raid Nongpoh issues public directive to ban all farming and land-use activities within its forested areas.
- Two cadres of banned Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council arrested by Ri-Bhoi Police in connection with extortion.
- Permanent pictorial cancellation featuring Kiang Nangbah Monument and special cover dedicated to freedom fighter U Kiang Nangbah officially unveiled.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

PRESIDENT:

President Droupadi Murmu has emphasised that the dispute resolution mechanism under the Mediation Act should be effectively extended to rural areas so that the Panchayats are legally empowered to mediate and resolve the conflicts in villages. The president said that social harmony in villages is an essential prerequisite for making the nation strong. The President made these remarks at the launch of the Mediation Association of India and the inauguration of the 1st National Mediation Conference 2025 at Bharat Mandapam yesterday. The president said that mediation is an essential part of the delivery of justice, which is at the heart of the Constitution of India.

EXAM:

The National Testing Agency, NTA, is conducting the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test – NEET (UG) 2025 today across over five thousand centres in the country and 13 cities abroad. Over 22.7 lakh candidates have registered for the examination, which will take place from 2 PM to 5 PM. The mock drills at all centres were successfully conducted yesterday. The NTA has urged all candidates and their guardians to remain vigilant and not fall prey to individuals or groups who seek to manipulate or mislead them. Students are advised to rely only on official communications from the NTA website and avoid engaging with unverified sources or middlemen claiming to influence the examination or admission process.

SYNERGY:

The valedictory programme of the Synergy 2025, a Tura Inter-College Students' Exchange Programme, concluded yesterday. Meghalaya Education Minister Rakkam A. Sangma, in his speech stressed the need for a strong foundation in

education and encouraged young people to excel in various areas, including sports and academics. He also highlighted the role of parliamentarians in improving the education system. Advisor to the Ministry of Education, Himalaya Shangpliang advised students to change their attitudes and ambitions, highlighting opportunities in the IT and corporate sectors.

BUILDING:

The new office of the Women’s Group of Umlyngkdait village, under the Nongpoh Constituency in Ri Bhoi was formally inaugurated yesterday by local MLA Mayral Born Syiem. The office building was funded under the Special Rural Works Programme. In his address, the MLA acknowledged the need for such a facility in the village, as it would support the women in continuing their various community development initiatives. He also emphasized that women hold a vital role in protecting and nurturing society, as they are the primary caretakers of the home and children.

DIRECTIVE:

In a move aimed at tackling the growing environmental crisis, the Dorbar Raid Nongpoh has issued a public directive to ban all farming and land-use activities within its forested areas. This action follows numerous complaints from residents concerning the destruction of the Raid’s forests, which have suffered significant damage from deforestation and unregulated farming practices. This new directive reflects the Dorbar Raid Nongpoh’s commitment to sustainable land management and environmental preservation, ensuring that the community’s needs are balanced with the long-term health of the ecosystem.

ARREST:

A Counter Insurgency Operation was conducted in Ri-Bhoi district in Meghalaya after information that the banned Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council (HNLC) is attempting to extort huge amounts from local businessmen and government officials by threatening them. During the operation on Friday, one suspected HNLC cadre named Pyndapbok Makri was arrested at Lad Quinine while receiving extortion money. Based on his interrogation and investigation, another suspected HNLC cadre namely Lary Pynkmen Nongshli was arrested from Umtyra by a team from East Jaintia Hills Police. A case has been registered in this regard and investigation is on.

KIANG:

A significant philatelic event took place yesterday in Jowai to honor the legacy of U Kiang Nangbah, a prominent freedom fighter from Meghalaya. During the event, a permanent pictorial cancellation featuring the Kiang Nangbah Monument and a special cover dedicated to U Kiang Nangbah were officially unveiled by Wailadmiki Shylla, MLA of Jowai Constituency. Director of Postal Services, North East Circle, Shillong, KVLN Murty, highlighted that this is the first Permanent Pictorial Cancellation to be issued in the state of Meghalaya.
