

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

1. Union Home Ministry asks several states to conduct mock drills on Wednesday to evaluate civil defence preparedness.
2. Union Minister of State Pabitra Margherita says in Aizawl, Waqf Amendment Act aimed at ensuring transparency, good governance, public benefit.
3. As monsoon approaches, East Khasi Hills Deputy Commissioner instructs Divisional Forest Officer (Territorial) to identify and address structurally weak and potentially hazardous trees.
4. Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla chairs reviews progress of ongoing national highway projects in Manipur.
5. BJP Northeast in-charge Sambit Patra visits Churachandpur in Manipur.
6. Meghalaya Board of School Education announces results of Higher Secondary School Leaving Certificate examinations for Science, Commerce, and Arts streams.

DRILL

The Union Home Ministry has asked several states to conduct mock drills on Wednesday to evaluate civil defence preparedness. The measures to be undertaken include operationalization of Air Raid Warning Sirens and training of civilians and students on the civil defence aspects to protect themselves in the event of a hostile attack. The measures also include provision of crash blackout, early camouflaging of vital installations and update of evacuation plan and its rehearsal. A mock drill is a practice operation designed to prepare individuals for potential emergencies or critical situations.

WAQF

Union Minister of State for Textiles and External Affairs, Pabitra Margherita, has said that the Waqf Amendment Act 2025 has been widely misunderstood and clarified that it is a reform-driven initiative aimed at ensuring transparency, good governance, and public benefit. Addressing media persons in Aizawl during the Waqf Sudhar Jan Jagran Abhiyan Workshop yesterday, the Minister stated that the Waqf Amendment Act was passed to strengthen the management of Waqf properties and uplift communities across the country. Speaking at the interaction, Lalrinliana Sailo, Convener of the Mizoram Waqf Sudhar Jan Jagran Abhiyan highlighted the need to raise awareness in all regions and emphasized that the concept of Waqf promotes social harmony and equality across all religions.

MONSOON

As the monsoon approaches, East Khasi Hills Deputy Commissioner R.M. Kurbah has instructed the Divisional Forest Officer (Territorial) to conduct a comprehensive rekie across Shillong city to identify and address structurally weak and potentially hazardous trees. The directive seeks to mitigate risks associated with tree falls, which have become a recurring threat during heavy rainfall. The forest department has been asked to expedite inspection and submit an action-taken report at the earliest. Simultaneously, locality heads have been directed to assess drainage systems within their areas and ensure thorough pre-monsoon cleaning to prevent water-logging and flooding.

MANIPUR

Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla chaired a meeting at the Raj Bhavan in Imphal yesterday and comprehensively reviewed the progress of ongoing national highway projects in the State. The Executive Director of National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited, M.S. Deval briefed on the current status of various national highways projects and also highlighted key challenges affecting project execution. The Governor directed the officials to implement necessary measures to address these challenges and ensure timely completion of the projects.

BJP

The BJP Northeast in-charge Sambit Patra visited Churachandpur yesterday and met key leaders, including Thanlon MLA Vungzagin Valte, who survived a mob attack in Imphal on the 4th of this month. Mr Patra also held meetings with Churachandpur legislator L M Khaute and leaders of the Zomi Students' Federation, who submitted a memorandum outlining their concerns. Additionally, he held closed-door discussions with leaders of the Kuki Zo Council and Zomi Council, highlighting the BJP’s ongoing engagement with community representatives amid the prolonged ethnic unrest in Manipur.

RESULTS

The Meghalaya Board of School Education yesterday announced the results for the Higher Secondary School Leaving Certificate examinations for the Science, Commerce, and Arts streams. Saptarshi Bhattacharjee from Laban Bengalee Boys’ Higher Secondary School secured the top position in the Science stream with a total of 483 marks. In the Commerce stream, Disha Chokhani of St. Anthony’s Higher Secondary School topped the list with 481 marks. The Arts stream saw a tie for the first place, with Albert Mate and Idawanplishisha Swer, both from St. Edmund’s Higher Secondary School, scoring 455 marks each.
