

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- 1. Geological Survey of India identifies over 36,000 square kilometre area in Northeast as having mineral potential.**
- 2. Rain museum to be built at Mawsynram in Meghalaya.**
- 3. National People's Party strengthening presence in Nagaland, with several senior leaders joining it.**
- 4. Meghalaya's protected areas rated 'good' in Management Effectiveness Evaluation report.**
- 5. 26th Memorial Day of Kargil martyr Captain Neikezhakuo Kenguruse observed in Nagaland.**
- 6. Catholic faithful from across north east attending 5th Regional Youth Convention at Kohima.**

MINING

The Geological Survey of India has identified over 36,000 square kilometre area in the Northeast as having mineral potential, translating to nearly 3,000 prospective mines. This was stated by VL Kantha Rao, secretary in the Union Ministry of Mines at the second North East Geology and Mining Ministers' Conclave. Union Minister of Coal and Mines, G Kishan Reddy underscored the Northeast's critical role in India's mining and energy roadmap. He emphasised that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the mineral-rich States of the Northeast are now receiving focused attention to transform untapped resources into drivers of economic growth, employment, and local empowerment.

PROJECT

A rain museum will be built at Mawsynram with an estimated cost of 35 crore rupees, Meghalaya tourism minister Paul Lyngdoh has said. Work on the rain museum is expected to begin post-monsoon, with tenders already floated, he informed. An experiential resort will also be set up by the state government at Mawmluh, showcasing the Meghalayan Age, the geological age of the earth. The project has already received sanctions, and tenders have been awarded. These projects demonstrate the government's commitment to converting Meghalaya's natural beauty into tangible experiences, rather than just theorizing about it, the minister said.

NPP

The National People’s Party is strengthening its presence in Nagaland, with several senior political leaders from the state formally joining the party at a programme held in Kohima on Friday. The new members were welcomed by NPP national president and Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma. He described it as a proud moment reflecting the party’s growing influence in the Northeast. Mr Sangma recalled the party’s journey since its transformation in 2012, when his father and founder, the late P.A. Sangma, took over as national president. He acknowledged the many challenges of building a party from the grounds up in the Northeast, but credited the success to patience, commitment, and a focused approach to regional issues.

REPORT

Meghalaya’s protected areas have been rated ‘good’ in the Management Effectiveness Evaluation 2020-25 report brought out by the Wildlife Institute of India. This evaluation is an indispensable tool in improving the management of National Parks and Wildlife Sanctuaries, helping identify gaps and adopt effective conservation measures. The report was released recently. Six protected areas of Meghalaya were evaluated in the repeat cycle. Nongkhyllem wildlife sanctuary has been rated as ‘very good’ while Balpakram national park was rated as ‘good’. Narpuh wildlife sanctuary is ‘good’, Nokrek Ridge national park is ‘fair’. The Siju wildlife sanctuary is ‘good’, and Baghmara Pitcher Plant wildlife sanctuary is ‘good’, as per the report.

NAGALAND

The 26th Memorial Day of Mahavir Chakra awardee (posthumous) Captain Neikezhakuo Kenguruse was observed at Nerhema Phezha Village in Nagaland yesterday, commemorating his ultimate sacrifice during the 1999 Kargil War. Organized by the Indian Army and Assam Rifles, the ceremony began with wreath-laying and lighting of Amar Jawan Jyoti. It also featured screening of a short documentary on Captain Kenguruse’s gallant sacrifice. A ceremonial march past was presented by contingents from NCC, ex-servicemen, and pipe bands of Assam Rifles and Fernbrook School. Inspector General of Assam Rifles (North), Major General Manish Kumar, reflected on the martyr’s unmatched courage and leadership, and urged the youth to emulate the values embodied by the late officer. On the occasion, the Captain N Kenguruse Medical Camp, a civil outreach initiative by Assam Rifles was inaugurated.

CONVENTION

Catholic faithful from across the north east have descended on the Nagaland capital Kohima for the 5th Regional Youth Convention 2025, a four-day programme filled with faith, fellowship and cultural exchanges. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma, who was a special invitee to the event, inaugurated the convention that is being hosted at Kohima’s iconic Mary Help of Christians Cathedral in the presence of the Archbishops of Guwahati, Shillong and Imphal. The

convention, which begun on 27th June will conclude on the 30th. It is being organized by the Nagaland Catholic Youth Movement in collaboration with the North Eastern Regional Youth Commission – Indian Catholic Youth Movement.

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