

## NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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### HEADLINES:-

- Centre issues notification for conducting India's 16th census with caste enumeration in 2027.
- Union Minister of State for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, Dr. Jitendra Singh launches five-year Vision Document on banana cultivation in Nagaland.
- Meghalaya allocates eight percent of state budget to health—highest in country.
- Eight government health facilities in Mizoram ranked among best-performing public hospitals in country.
- Central Government to open two thousand driving training schools in various parts of country.
- 84th raising day of Assam Regiment commemorated at Aizawl yesterday.

### NEWS IN ORDER:-

#### CENSUS

The Central government yesterday issued a notification for conducting India's 16th census with caste enumeration in 2027, 16 years after the last such exercise in 2011. The census will be carried out with a reference date of 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2026 in snow-bound areas like Ladakh and 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2027 in the rest of the country.

#### NAGALAND

Union Minister of State for Science and Technology and Earth Sciences, Dr. Jitendra Singh, yesterday launched a five-year Vision Document titled 'Income Generation from Banana Cultivation in Wokha District' in Nagaland under the One District One Product initiative. The project aims to boost farmer incomes and promote banana farming as a sustainable livelihood. Mr Singh highlighted the transformative progress in Nagaland and the Northeast over the past decade, including increased industrial activity and job creation. Regarding the Nagaland-Assam boundary dispute, Dr. Singh informed that efforts are underway through space technology and satellite imaging for a peaceful and lasting solution.

#### MEGHALAYA

Meghalaya now allocates eight percent of its total state budget to health—the highest in the country, an official statement said yesterday. Since 2010, the state's health budget has grown nearly six-fold, from 300 crore to 1,700 crore rupees in 2023. Major investments have been made across Primary and Community Health Centres, sub-centres, and district hospitals. This was highlighted on occasion of the first Meghalaya Health Summit 2025 organized by the department of health & family welfare, in collaboration with the National Health Mission in Shillong. During the summit, Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma distributed appointment letters to over 200 newly recruited nurses under the Meghalaya Medical Services Recruitment Board and 115 staff under the National AYUSH Mission. The chief minister also launched the Meghalaya State Antibiotic Policy 2025-2026.

#### HEALTH

Eight government health facilities in Mizoram have been ranked among the best-performing public hospitals in the country under the National Quality Assurance Standards. Mizoram now has 19 Primary Health Centres and three Urban Primary Health Centres holding national certification. Twelve more government health facilities that have already earned state-level certification are currently undergoing the process for national-level assessment. Health Minister Lalrinpuii lauded the achievement as a significant milestone for Mizoram, reflecting the dedication and hard work of doctors and healthcare staff.

**DRIVING**

The Central Government has decided to open two thousand driving training schools in various parts of the country. Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari said that these training schools will be opened in backward and tribal areas to generate employment opportunities for the youth. There is a shortage of around 22 lakh drivers in the country and these training schools will help in fulfilling the shortage of skilled drivers.

**TRIBAL**

Chief Minister Lalduhoma yesterday inaugurated the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan Awareness and Benefit Saturation Camp at the Planning & Programme Implementation Conference Hall in Aizawl. This marked Mizoram’s official rollout of the Centre’s flagship tribal development initiative. The chief minister highlighted that over 94 percent of Mizoram's population comprises Scheduled Tribes, making it unique among Indian states. This demographic reality ensures that tribal-centric welfare and development schemes introduced by the central government have a far-reaching impact across the entire Mizoram, he said. He emphasised that even schemes initiated by the state government inherently contribute to tribal welfare.

**RIFLES**

The 84th raising day of the Assam Regiment was commemorated yesterday with profound reverence, reflecting the pride and valor of the regiment’s storied legacy. Mizoram Governor, General Vijay Kumar Singh laid a wreath at the War Memorial, in Aizawl. He offered heartfelt tribute to the courageous soldiers of the Assam Regiment who made the ultimate sacrifice for the nation. Representatives from the Mizoram Ex-Services League, Assam Regiment, and Assam Rifles also joined in this solemn gesture, laying wreaths to honor the fallen heroes whose bravery continues to inspire. Assam Rifles DIG Brigadier Pushpendar Sorayan, Padma Shri Awardee and president of World War-II Veterans Association, Havildar Lalbiakthanga were among the dignitaries present on the occasion.

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