

## **NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN**

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2. Manipur Governor Ajay kumar Bhalla holds meeting on key issues with civil society organisations, CSOs, Kuki Zo Council and Student Union leaders in Churachandpur.
3. In major boost to cancer care, Assam Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya inaugurates innovative facilities at Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Institute in Guwahati.
4. Nagaland's Lok Sabha member S. Supongmeren Jamir raises in parliament issues for expanded coverage of NABARD and extension of railway services into state.
5. Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha stresses on need to raise awareness on organ donation.
6. Deputy Commissioner of Wokha district in Nagaland, Vineet Kumar, flags off exposure-cum-training programme for 19 farmers, including 13 women, to leading national research institutes in Tamil Nadu and Kerala.
7. Lok Sabha passes Indian Institutes of Management (Amendment) Bill, 2025 to establish Indian Institute of Management at Guwahati.

### **NEWS IN ORDER:-**

#### **RURAL**

Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma yesterday inaugurated the first-ever RuralPreneur 2025 at the State Central Library premises, Shillong. Over 250 participants from across the state are showcasing indigenous crafts, agri-products, food innovations, and eco-solutions. The CM announced the expansion of PRIME Rural incubation support to all 52 blocks, pledging 18 crore rupees for solar-powered facilities and machinery, benefitting 172 entrepreneurs. He urged the youth to embrace innovation and teamwork, stressing that entrepreneurship thrives with support systems.

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#### **MANIPUR**

Manipur Governor Ajay kumar Bhalla held a meeting on several key issues with representatives of civil society organisations, CSOs, Kuki Zo Council and Student Union leaders in Churachandpur district yesterday. The Kuki Zo Council submitted a memorandum, which included 16 points of demands for the welfare of the people. Meanwhile, a remote monitoring unit, RMU was established at Senapati district to strengthen Law and Order and ensure Highway Safety. The RMU is linked to 12 CCTV Cameras covering critical stretches of the Highways. Police Officers can track real time movements, monitor suspicious activities and ensure safety of general public travelling.

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## **CARE**

In a major boost to cancer care and digital solutions to office management, Assam Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya inaugurated True Beam Linear Accelerator Radiotherapy Machine and E-Office Facility at Dr. B. Borooah Cancer Institute in Guwahati yesterday. The newly commissioned machine represents a major advancement in cancer care for the North Eastern Region. It enables highly precise and targeted radiation therapy, thereby improving treatment outcomes while minimizing treatment related side effects. The E-Office Facility will streamline workflow, enhance administrative efficiency, and ensure transparency in service delivery, benefitting patients and stakeholders alike.

## **TRIPURA**

The Tripura minister for social welfare, Tinku Roy, distributed sewing machines during a programme organized by the Tripura Women's Commission with the support of Tripura Natural Gas Company Limited at Muktheadhara Auditorium in Agartala recently. The minister highlighted that making women self-reliant is the primary goal of both the Central and State Governments. As part of the programme, 30 trained women of a total 120, received sewing machines in the first phase. Tripura Women's Commission Chairperson Jharna Debbarma informed that another 90 beneficiaries would be provided machines in the next phase.

## **SESSION**

The Monsoon Session of the Mizoram legislative assembly, scheduled to commence from 27<sup>th</sup> of this month, will be held for two days only. This is according to the calendar chalked out by the business advisory committee, officials of the assembly secretariat said. It will be the fifth session of the present 9th Mizoram legislative assembly after the Zoram People's Movement came to power in December, 2023.

## **NAGALAND**

In a significant push for development and connectivity in Nagaland, the state's lone Lok Sabha MP, S. Supongmeren Jamir, raised two pressing issues in Parliament, calling for expanded coverage of NABARD and the extension of railway services into the state. Mr. Jamir urged the Union Finance Minister to deploy necessary staff and ensure full coverage of all districts in Nagaland under the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development to promote inclusive rural development. The MP also reiterated the long-standing demand to extend the Broad-Gauge Express Train from Mariani Railway Station in Assam to Tuli Railway Station in Nagaland. Calling the extension crucial for regional connectivity, Mr. Jamir appealed to the Union Minister of Railways to prioritize the proposal, emphasizing its potential to greatly benefit the people of Nagaland.

## **TRAINING:**

Deputy Commissioner of Wokha district in Nagaland, Vineet Kumar, yesterday flagged off a 10-day exposure-cum-training programme for 19 farmers, including 13 women, to leading national research institutes in Tamil Nadu and Kerala. The farmers' team will undergo specialized training at the ICAR-National Research Centre for Banana at Tiruchirapalli in Tamil Nadu and the ICAR-Central Tuber Crops Research Institute at Thiruvananthapuram in Kerala. Deputy Commissioner Vineet Kumar highlighted that the programme is designed not only to enhance productivity but also to empower women farmers and promote livelihood diversification.

## **ARUNACHAL**

The Government of Arunachal Pradesh and the residents of Beging Village in Siang District yesterday signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the conduct of Pre-Feasibility Report of the Siang Upper Multipurpose Project. Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein highlighted the potential adverse consequences of construction of dams upstream on the Yarlung Tsangpo (Siang) by the upper riparian country. He also highlighted the significant potential of hydroelectricity as a means of economic and social growth in Arunachal Pradesh, as well as a means for generating innumerable employment and self-employment opportunities for the youth of the North-East.

## **ENERGY**

In a major step towards sustainable waste management and renewable energy in Arunachal Pradesh, Minister for Urban Development, Balo Raja along with Itanagar Municipal Corporation, Mayor Tamme Phassang yesterday inspected the upcoming Waste-to-Charcoal Plant at the city dumping ground. Mayor Phassang informed that Itanagar Municipal Corporation collects nearly 80–90 metric tonnes of garbage every day. In order to manage this huge volume and provide a long-term solution, the municipal has partnered with a private company that will process the

garbage and convert it into charcoal. The entire funding for the project will be undertaken by the company, while the IMC's responsibility will be to provide basic infrastructure such as electricity, approach roads, and security walls.

## **ORGAN**

Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha has stressed on the need to raise awareness on organ donation and said more messages should be conveyed to society in this regard. Dr. Saha said that kidney transplantations are now being successfully done in the state. After inaugurating a voluntary blood donation camp, organised by the State BJP Legal Cell in Agartala, the Chief Minister, who also holds the Health and Family Welfare portfolio, said that there is a need for awareness about kidney and liver donation, as well as the donation of other organs of the body.

## **MEDICAL**

Meghalaya Governor CH Vijayasankar inaugurated a Mobile Medical Unit sponsored by the Bharat Sevashram Sangha at Raj Bhavan in Shillong yesterday. The unit is designed to function as a moving clinic, offering primary care, treatment, and outreach programmes to strengthen healthcare in remote areas. Aimed at bridging gaps in rural health services, it will bring doctors, medicines, and essential facilities directly to underserved communities. The initiative by the Bharat Sevashram Sangha marks a significant step towards improving access to healthcare in Meghalaya, ensuring that even the most isolated villages can benefit from timely medical attention and support.

## **IIM**

The Lok Sabha has passed the Indian Institutes of Management (Amendment) Bill, 2025. The bill seeks to establish the Indian Institute of Management at Guwahati in Assam, which is an important centre in the North-Eastern region of the country. Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan informed that a financial grant of 550 crore rupees has been allocated for the IIM Guwahati.

## **PHOTO**

To celebrate the World Photography Day, the Tripura Photo Journalists Association launched a three-day Annual Photography Exhibition at Rabindra Bhavan in Agartala yesterday. Tripura Tourism and Transport Minister Sushanta Chowdhury noted that photographs not only preserve history but also revive personal memories. This year's exhibition showcased 75 photographs by 38 photojournalists, along with works contributed by Agartala Doordarshan and Akashvani RNU Head, Kunal Shinde. Agartala Mayor Dipak Majumder, ICA Director Bimbisara Bhattacharjee also attended the event.

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