

## **NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN**

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### **HEADLINES:-**

- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla calls for setting up committees of state legislatures on the welfare of the scheduled castes and scheduled tribes in all the states and union territories.
- Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla reviews the stock position of petroleum fuels which include Petrol, Diesel, Automatic Transmission Fluid and LPG in the State.
- An eight-day residential induction training workshop for newly appointed ASHA workers from the resettlement areas of North Tripura and Dhalai districts gets underway at the Circuit House, Agartala.
- The INI Radiology Update 2025, organised by the Radiological Forum for Institutes of National Importance in collaboration with AIIMS Guwahati inaugurated by Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal.
- Manipur's security forces apprehend four active cadres of proscribed People's Liberation Army.
- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma presents scooters to 9,704 community cadres under the 'Sakhi Express' for women's empowerment at a function held in Guwahati.

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

#### **COMMITTEES:**

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has called for setting up committees of state legislatures on the welfare of the scheduled castes and scheduled tribes in all the states and union territories. Speaking at the valedictory session of the two-day National Conference of Chairpersons of the Committees of Parliament and State Legislatures on the Welfare of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes at Bhubaneswar yesterday, Mr Birla said the Parliament Committee must recommend for such committees in the states. More than 120 delegates from across the country, including Chairman and Members of such committees from different states attended the Conference.

#### **REVIEW:**

Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla reviewed the stock position of petroleum fuels which include- Petrol, Diesel, Automatic Transmission Fluid and LPG in the State which had been depleting due to transit bottlenecks arising from frequent landslides on both National Highway-2 and National Highways-37. The review meeting was held at Imphal in which all stakeholders were present. During the meeting, it was decided that the State Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution Department in close coordination with State Police and Indian Oil Corporation Limited will arrange a special convoy exclusively for bringing in petroleum fuel and LPG from Jiribam. Accordingly, 192 tanker trucks have left Jiribam for Imphal in the early morning yesterday and are expected to reach Imphal within the next two to three days.

#### **TRAINING:**

An eight-day residential induction training workshop for newly appointed ASHA workers from the resettlement areas of North Tripura and Dhalai

districts commenced yesterday at the Circuit House, Agartala. The programme was inaugurated by Dr. Nupur Debbarma, Member Secretary of the State Health and Family Welfare Society. In her address, she encouraged the new ASHA workers, describing them as the “frontline soldiers” of rural healthcare who will play a pivotal role in delivering health services to people’s doorsteps. Senior officials and staff from the Health Department were also present at the inaugural session. Officials noted that this initiative is not only a step toward improving healthcare but also an important measure for socio-economic empowerment in the resettlement regions.

### **RADIOLOGY:**

The INI Radiology Update 2025, organised by the Radiological Forum for Institutes of National Importance (INIs) in collaboration with AIIMS Guwahati, was inaugurated yesterday by Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal as Chief Guest. The conclave has brought together radiologists, clinicians, researchers and scientists from across India and abroad. This academic gathering, held under the theme “Advancing Imaging & Interventional Radiology,” seeks to promote collaboration and innovation in radiology and allied disciplines. Addressing the gathering, Shri Sonowal described the conclave as a landmark initiative that not only strengthens academic exchange but also reinforces India’s vision of accessible and innovative healthcare.

### **APPREHEND:**

Manipur’s security forces apprehend four active cadres of proscribed People’s Liberation Army In Manipur, Assam Rifles in collaboration with the Indian Army and Manipur Police successfully apprehended four active cadres of the proscribed People's Liberation Army on Friday near Border Pillar 86 along with Indo-Myanmar border in Tengenoupal district. A press release from PRO, IG Assam Rifles (South) said that acting on precise intelligence inputs regarding suspected militant movement, two operation columns were deployed to intercept infiltration along a known route. In the early hours of Friday, the security forces apprehended four cadres of PLA.

### **SCHEME:**

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma yesterday presented scooters to 9,704 community cadres under the ‘Sakhi Express’ in a move towards rural self-reliance and women’s empowerment at a function held in Guwahati. He also launched the ‘Livelihood Rural Express Scheme’ to provide 51 commercial vehicles to Cluster Level Federations. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Dr. Sarma said that women play an important role in the development and progress of a state. Therefore, the present State Government has adopted several important schemes with utmost emphasis on women empowerment. The Chief Minister also said that the efforts of the Jeevika Sakhis have brought about 40 lakh women to self-help groups and they are engaged in various productive activities.

### **HEALTH:**

Over 500 young people from across Meghalaya and the Northeast took centre stage at the State Central Library, Shillong, for a one-of-a-kind event that blended pop culture with public health, and youth expression with real-world impact. Titled “Youth Uncut: Real Talk on HIV” and “Multiverse Saga 2025 – Cosplay with a Cause,” the event created a powerful space for young people to speak freely, dress boldly, and stand up for issues that matter from HIV stigma and sexual health to mental health, drug recovery, and self-expression. Speaking on the occasion, Meghalaya Health Minister of Meghalaya, Dr. M. Ampareen Lyngdoh, led the session with candour, challenging youth to ask bold questions and embrace open dialogue.

**NEWS PAPER:**

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma underlined the importance of indigenous languages, stressing that Khasi and Garo must not only be taught in schools but also be recognised nationally through inclusion in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution. Speaking at the silver jubilee celebration of Salantini Janera, Meghalaya’s only Garo-language daily, at Hotel Polo Orchid, Tura, the Chief Minister said, “As citizens of state, everyone should have basic knowledge of Khasi, Garo, and Pnar. These languages are not just tools of communication—they are the essence of one’s identity. This is why the government is working to make Khasi and Garo mandatory subjects in schools. The state Government is also awaiting a positive response from the Centre on their inclusion in the Eighth Schedule”, the Chief Minister said. Conrad K. Sangma also lauded Salantini Janera for its 25-year journey, calling its survival in the face of global challenges “a testament to resilience and credibility.”

**FILM:**

Meghalaya Cabinet minister Paul Lyngdoh attended the screening of a movie, Apot, which is based on a Khasi folktale and he praised the medium’s use in keeping alive the power of storytelling and in protecting cultural identity. Speaking at the event, Lyngdoh said storytelling remains one of the strongest tools to safeguard traditions and roots. He thanked the creative team for bringing the Khasi folktale of Tiewlarun to life on screen.

**MANN KI BAAT:**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will share his thoughts with the people of the country and abroad in the Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani, today at 11 AM. It will be the 125th episode of the monthly radio programme. The programme will be broadcast across the entire Akashvani and Doordarshan network, the AIR News website, and the Newsonair mobile app. It will also be live-streamed on the YouTube channels of AIR News, DD News, the PMO, and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. Akashvani will broadcast the programme in regional languages immediately after the Hindi broadcast.

**VISIT:**

Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla accompanied by the First Lady-Jyoti Bhalla visited Andro Town in Imphal East district yesterday. The visit aimed to connect with the rich cultural heritage of the town and understand the concerns of the local community. Andro is an earmarked Scheduled Caste village of Manipur and received the Best Heritage Tourism Village Award last year at the Best Tourism Villages Competition organised by the Ministry of Tourism. The award was conferred in recognition of the rich cultural heritage including traditional fire worship and Panam Ningthou Temple which attracts tourists. During the visit to Andro, the Governor visited the Sanapokpa Andro Panam Ningthou Meihoubirol, where he offered prayers at the sacred fireplace.

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