

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Nagaland and Assam governments to jointly carry out activities, including plantation, in Disputed Area Belt.
- Meghalaya Social Welfare Minister Paul Lyngdoh felicitates eight officers and personnel of Anti-Narcotics Task Force.
- Assam Cabinet approves revised Standard Operating Procedure for Aadhaar Enrolment of citizens above 18 years of age.
- United People's Party Liberal releases first list of candidates for Bodoland Territorial Council General Election.
- Representatives of Civil Society Organisations of Internally Displaced Persons meet Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla to share challenges they are facing.
- International workshop on "*Intercultural Resources and Peace Building*" held at Government Hindi College in Imphal.
- Tripura Tribal Welfare Department undertakes several developmental projects in Kalyanpur Block.
- South West Garo Hills District Administration conducts second awareness programme on Meghalaya Right to Public Services Act.
- ICAR–Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Wokha receives Best KVK Award in North Eastern Region.
- National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme, Nagaland holds review meeting on Artificial Intelligence Solutions.
- Arunachal Pradesh Tourism Department receives International Tourism Conclave & Travel Awards 2025.
- Renowned Khasi filmmaker Wanphrang Diengdoh announces premiere of '*The Blood and the Border (2024)*'.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

CO-OPERATION:

The governments of Nagaland and Assam have agreed to jointly carry out all future activities, including plantation, in the Disputed Area Belt. An official communiqué from the Nagaland Chief Secretary's Office, issued yesterday said, the state governments had recently conducted a joint eviction drive to remove illegal immigrants from the disputed area. However, plantation activities by Assam in the area led to tensions. To address the issue, the Chief Ministers of Nagaland and Assam held discussions and decided that all activities in the Disputed Area Belt would be undertaken jointly by the two states. The move reflects the commitment of both governments to maintaining peace and cooperation in the inter-state boundary areas.

FELICITATION:

Meghalaya Social Welfare Minister Paul Lyngdoh felicitated eight officers and personnel of the Anti-Narcotics Task Force (ANTF) for their role in a drug seizure worth 4 crore rupees in East Jaintia Hills. The minister presented cash awards and mementos to the officers at a programme held in Shillong yesterday. He stressed that Meghalaya's location makes it a key transit point, requiring courage and commitment to tackle the menace of

drugs. DREAMS Director Francis Kharshiing, DIG Jubi G. Momin, and SP Giri Prasad were present at the felicitation event.

AADHAAR:

The Assam Cabinet, under the chairmanship of Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma yesterday approved the notification/implementation of revised Standard Operating Procedure "State Government Portal" for Aadhaar Enrolment of citizens above 18 years of age in the State to curb possible fraudulent Aadhaar enrolment of any infiltrators. The SOP is required to ensure that no infiltrators from across the border may get Aadhaar fraudulently. District Commissioners are authorized for allowing Aadhaar enrolment for citizens above 18 years of age in rarest of rare cases. This restriction shall not apply for one year to individuals from SC, ST, and tea garden communities and Aadhaar enrolment of left-out individuals from these groups will be completed within one year.

ASSAM:

In Assam, the United People's Party Liberal (UPPL) released its first list of 18 candidates for the upcoming Bodoland Territorial Council (BTC) General Election 2025. The announcement was made by UPPL working president and Rajya Sabha MP Rwngrwa Narzary at a press conference at the party's Central Office in Kokrajhar. The list features mostly experienced faces, including sitting MLAs, executive members, and senior party leaders. Mr Narzary informed that the UPPL will contest the BTC elections independently in all 40 constituencies and remaining names will be announced in the coming days.

MANIPUR:

Representatives of Civil Society Organisations of Internally Displaced Persons met Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla yesterday and shared the challenges they are facing. They raised concerns over road access, resettlement, education, healthcare, and housing. Governor Bhalla assured the delegation that these matters have already been taken up with the authorities and efforts are underway to address them.

WORKSHOP:

An international workshop on "*Intercultural Resources and Peace Building*" was held at the Government Hindi College in Imphal yesterday. Scholars, activists, and cultural practitioners discussed indigenous rights, cultural preservation, and conflict resolution, stressing the importance of shared traditions in fostering peace and harmony. Speakers highlighted the need to preserve local languages, symbols, and folk practices while encouraging intercultural exchanges to strengthen trust among communities. The workshop concluded with reflections on the causes of conflict and the role of culture in building lasting peace.

TRIPURA:

In an effort to provide employment opportunities to unemployed youth in remote Autonomous District Council villages in Tripura, the Department of Tribal Welfare has undertaken several developmental projects in Kalyanpur Block. Construction of a two-storey market stall is currently underway at Iekrai Bazar in 'Nakshirrai Debbarma ADC Village'. According to Soumen Gope, chairman of Kalyanpur Panchayat Samiti, once the market stall is inaugurated, it will provide direct employment to 16 unemployed youths from the region.

SERVICE:

The South West Garo Hills District Administration conducted the second awareness programme on the Meghalaya Right to Public Services Act, 2020 at the Rerapara C&RD Block Office yesterday. The programme is part of ongoing efforts to empower citizens with knowledge of their rights and ensure timely delivery of various services covered under the Act. Assistant Commissioner and BDO of Rerapara, Armand Ch. Momin, introduced the Act and highlighted services provided through the Deputy Commissioner's Office, including issuance of certificates, licenses and registration of societies.

ICAR:

The ICAR-Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Wokha, has been awarded the Best KVK in the North Eastern Region. The recognition was conferred by ICAR-NRCB in acknowledgment of

the team’s exemplary work and impactful contributions, selected from over 200 nominations. The award was presented yesterday during the 32nd Foundation Day and Kisan Mela held in Tiruchirappalli, Tamil Nadu. Sharing her delight on the award, Thungjano S Ezung from ICAR–KVK Wokha, dedicated it to all the stakeholders in the Nagaland’s agriculture and allied sector.

TB:

The National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme, Nagaland held its bi-annual review meeting-cum-sensitisation on Artificial Intelligence Solutions yesterday in Kohima, with a renewed call to upscale services and strengthen elimination efforts. Director of the National Health Mission, Nagaland, Dr. Avile Zao expressed concern over low TB testing and preventive treatment in Nagaland and urged the districts to focus on better counselling during home visits. She also informed that 166 villages in Nagaland have been declared TB-free under the TB Mukht Panchayat initiative this year.

HEALTH:

As part of the ongoing TB-Free India Campaign under the National Health Mission, a special health camp was organized at the Sub-Health Centre of Purba Ganaki village in Tripura yesterday with the initiative of the District Health Department. Several hundred villagers underwent tests to detect the presence of tuberculosis infection. The camp provided multiple healthcare services, including digital X-ray and various blood tests. According to the attending doctors, those showing symptoms of TB through X-ray reports were subjected to further confirmatory tests. After diagnosis, the patients were provided with free medicines and necessary medical guidance.

CONCERNS:

BJP spokesperson and headman of Riatsamthiah in Shillong, M. Kharkrang has said, headmen from 10 to 12 localities in Jaiaw would soon prepare Standard Operating Procedures to combat the growing menace of drug trafficking. Expressing grave concern, he said the issue requires united efforts, pointing out that unemployment and the lure of easy money are driving many into the drug trade. His statement followed the recent assault of a 16-year-old schoolgirl in Jaiaw, who was injected with an unknown substance by two masked men.

ARUNACHAL:

The Arunachal Pradesh Tourism Department received the International Tourism Conclave & Travel Awards 2025 for promoting unexplored destinations during an award ceremony held in New Delhi recently. Chief Minister Pema Khandu said the recognition reflects the tireless efforts of the Arunachal Tourism Department in unveiling the state’s hidden treasures, showcasing unique experiences, and inviting the world to explore places less travelled. Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein said that the recognition reflects the department’s dedicated efforts to bring forth Arunachal’s hidden gems.

PREMIERE:

Renowned Khasi filmmaker Wanphrang Diengdoh announced the premiere of his latest film, ‘*The Blood and the Border (2024)*’, at a press conference in Shillong yesterday. The premiere is scheduled for 23rd August at 5 PM at Noel Conference Hall, St. Anthony’s College, Shillong. The film explores identity, memory, and the socio-political realities of borders in the region. Diengdoh, known for ‘*Lorni – The Flaneur*’ and ‘*Because We Did Not Choose*’, said, the film reflects lived histories and hopes to spark dialogue.
