

# NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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## HEADLINES:-

1. Parliament gives its nod to Budget (Manipur) 2025-26, Manipur Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2025 and Manipur Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2025.
2. Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister, Pema Khandu lays foundation stone for construction of multi-storied flats to replace old government quarters in Itanagar Capital Region.
3. Assam government will inaugurate 10 more new Co-Districts in second phase today and tomorrow.
4. Nagaland witnesses steep decline in HIV prevalence among Injecting Drug Users from 50 percent in early 1990s to just 2.53 percent at present.
5. Celebration of 90 years of Akashvani organized with musical evening by Akashvani Agartala center at Sukanta Academy.
6. Nagaland is set to launch second edition of “Intensified IEC Campaign” from today coinciding with International Youth Day.
7. Arunachal Pradesh Governor, KT Parnaik presents ‘Governor’s Medallion for Excellence’ to Director of National Institute of Mountaineering & Adventure Sports, Dirang, Col. RS Jamwal for his outstanding contributions to adventure activities.
8. India Meteorological Department forecast heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Sub Himalayan West Bengal, Sikkim, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha and Uttarakhand today.
9. Har Ghar Tiranga campaign is going on in various states of North East ahead of Independence Day celebrations.
10. Northeast United FC end Durand Cup 2025 group stage campaign with 2-2 draw against Rangdajied United in Shillong.

## NEWS IN DETAIL:-

### **PARLIAMENT**

The Parliament has given its nod to the Budget (Manipur) 2025-26, the Manipur Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Bill, 2025 and the Manipur Appropriation (No. 2) Bill, 2025. The Lok Sabha has also passed the Taxation Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2025 and the Income-Tax (No.2) Bill, 2025 with a voice vote yesterday. Union Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman moved these legislations amidst protests by opposition members over the Special Intensive Revision exercise in Bihar and other issues.

### **FOUNDATION STONE**

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister, Pema Khandu, accompanied by Urban Development Minister Balo Raja and Advisor to the Minister Techhi Kaso yesterday laid the foundation stone for the construction of multi-storied flats to replace old government quarters in the Itanagar Capital Region. In a social media post, Khandu said that Itanagar capital city must grow in an organised, disciplined, and planned manner. The Chief Minister stressed that government land is a public property and not for individual possession. He also warned that encroachment would invite strict consequences.

## **CO-DISTRICTS**

In Assam, as a major governance reform, the State government will inaugurate 10 more new Co-Districts in the second phase today and tomorrow. These Co-Districts are seen as a crucial reform aimed at easing the administrative burden on larger parent districts and make government services more accessible to citizens, particularly in remote areas. According to Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma, this unique initiative is aimed at decentralizing the district administrations. The co-districts will ensure the implementation of government's vision of minimum government and maximum governance. The co-districts slated for operationalisation are Boko-Chaygaon, Palashbari, Borsola, Mariani, Makum, Teok, Dholai, and Dudhnoi, Rangapara and Digboi. At present, 39 co-districts have been operational in Assam and the government plans to establish a total of 78 co-districts across the state.

## **HIV-NAGALAND**

Nagaland has witnessed a steep decline in HIV prevalence among Injecting Drug Users from a staggering 50 percent in the early 1990s to just 2.53 percent at present. This was shared by Project Director of Nagaland State AIDS Control Society, Health and Family Welfare Department, Dr. Ahu Sekhose during a press briefing held in Kohima yesterday. Highlighting the evolving HIV scenario in the state, Dr. Sekhose said.....

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The Project Director added that despite positive indicators such as a nearly stable overall HIV prevalence rate, from 1.39 percent in 2020 to 1.37 percent today, Nagaland still ranks the second-highest in the country for HIV prevalence, behind Mizoram. Reaffirming the commitment, the Project Director urged for continued public cooperation to combat HIV in the state.

## **90 YEARS-AKASHWANI**

In Tripura, celebration of 90 years of Akashvani was organized with a musical evening by the Akashvani Agartala center at Sukanta Academy. During the inaugural ceremony, retired Chief Justice of Odisha High Court, Subhasis Talapatra, Akashvani Guwahati's (NEZ) Additional Director General, Ashis Bhatnagar and other officials were present. The biggest attraction of the event was the launch of an app "raise" created by the Akashvani Agartala's engineering section. Through this app, listeners can directly listen to Akashvani's live programs and they can provide their own feedback. Justice Talapatra recalled the past, when almost all people used to listen to Akashvani news on radio and suggested that Akashvani should adopt new technology to keep pace with the present era. Additional Director General of North East Zone, Ashish Bhatnagar said that All India Radio's 90 years journey has been enriched by listeners' love, artists' dedication, and workers' hard work. He also called for making each of All India Radio's programs more popular among the listeners by highlighting its tradition.

## **IEC-NAGALAND**

Nagaland is set to launch the second edition of the “Intensified IEC Campaign” from today. The launch coincides with International Youth Day, highlighting the focus on youth engagement and awareness. The campaign aims to reach a wide audience across villages and communities with crucial information related to the prevention and control of HIV, and address stigma and discrimination associated with HIV and other Sexually Transmitted Infections. Addressing media persons in Kohima yesterday, Project Director of Nagaland State AIDS Control Society, Dr. Ahu Sekhose, shared a series of activities that have been planned in collaboration with various departments and organisations. The day will also feature the release of the campaign theme song “HIV Li” by the Tetseo Sisters besides other activities. Dr. Sekhose appealed to all stakeholders to extend their active support and cooperation in ensuring the success of the campaign.

## **MEDAL**

Arunachal Pradesh Governor, KT Parnaik yesterday presented the ‘Governor’s Medallion for Excellence’ to the Director of National Institute of Mountaineering & Adventure Sports, Dirang, Col. RS Jamwal for his outstanding contributions to adventure activities. In an interaction at Raj Bhawan, Itanagar, the Director briefed the Governor about the activities of the institute, including the Brahmaputra River Rafting Expedition and Mount Kanchenjunga Expedition. He also informed that the team had successfully summited Mount Kanchenjunga, India’s highest and the world’s third-highest peak. The Governor congratulated Jamwal on the remarkable success of two extraordinary expeditions. He expressed confidence that such achievements will inspire a new generation of young Arunachalis to dream bigger, push their limits, and carve their names in the annals of adventure history.

**IMD**

The India Meteorological Department has forecast heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Sub Himalayan West Bengal, Sikkim, Bihar, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha and Uttarakhand today. Meanwhile the Meteorological Centre Itanagar has issued an orange alert for Kurung Kumey, Pakke Kessang, Papumpare, Anjaw, Lohit, Tirap and Longding districts in Arunachal Pradesh. It has predicted thunderstorm with lightning and very heavy rainfall very likely at isolated places. Additionally, a yellow alert has also been issued for eleven districts.

**TIRANGA**

Har Ghar Tiranga campaign is going on in various states of the North East ahead of the Independence Day celebrations. In Assam, as part of 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, citizens and government institutions organized rallies and other programmes regularly all over the State, bringing together people from all walks of life. The BJP Nagaland unit also launched Har Ghar Tiranga campaign with several activities across the state. In Dimapur, the party held a special fellowship programme with differently-abled students at the Deaf Biblical Ministry. The National Institute of Technology Sikkim also organized a Tiranga Rally yesterday. The rally commenced from the institute’s campus and proceeded to the NH-510 bypass near SDM office in Ravangla, celebrating the spirit of patriotism ahead of India’s 79th Independence Day.

**DURAND**

Northeast United FC ended their Durand Cup 2025 group stage with a 2-2 draw against Rangdajied United in Shillong yesterday. NorthEast United FC are the Group-E toppers, while Rangdajied finished at the bottom with just one point in their kitty. The draw for the quarterfinals will be held after the group stage finishes today and quarterfinals will start from the 16<sup>th</sup> of this month.

**TIRANGA APPEAL**

As the nation prepares to celebrate Independence Day, let us come together — not just as individuals, but as one people, one heartbeat, one India. Under the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign, let’s proudly hoist the Tiranga from today to the 15th August — at every home, in every heart. This is more than a flag... it’s a feeling, a legacy, a symbol of our freedom. This Independence Day, let the Tricolour wave from every rooftop... and rise in every soul. Dont forget to click a selfie with Tiranga and share it on social media. Join the movement. Celebrate unity. Celebrate India. Visit [harghartiranga.com](http://harghartiranga.com) for details.

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