

## **NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN**

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### **HEADLINES:-**

- 1. Voting underway in five districts of Kokrajhar, Baksa, Chirang, Udalguri and Tamulpur in Assam to elect 40-member Bodoland Territorial Council.**
- 2. Next-gen GST reforms to be implemented from first day of Navratri, today.**
- 3. Prime Minister Narendra Modi to visit Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura today.**
- 4. Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, welcomes rollout of Next Gen GST Reform, announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.**
- 5. Department of Education, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, conducts high-level meeting to review appeals received against recently issued Teachers' Transfer and Posting.**
- 6. Assam government announces extension of official mourning till Tuesday, when Zubeen Garg's mortal remains would be cremated with full state honours.**
- 7. Preparations in final stage across north-east for Durga Puja festivities.**

### **POLL**

**In Assam, voting began at 7.30 this morning in five districts of Kokrajhar, Baksa, Chirang, Udalguri and Tamulpur to elect the 40-member Bodoland Territorial Council. The voting exercise, taking place in 3,359 polling stations, is scheduled to end at 4 pm. There are 316 candidates in fray and total number of voters stands at 26.69 lakh. The counting of votes will be taken up on 26th September.**

### **GST**

**Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday said next-gen GST reforms will be implemented from 22<sup>nd</sup> September, the first day of Navratri. Addressing the nation last evening, Mr Modi said the GST Bachat Utsav will begin and people can buy their choice of goods at a lesser price. He added that the nation's growth story will be changed with these reforms and youth, neo middle class, farmers, women, shopkeepers, traders, and entrepreneurs will greatly benefit. The PM highlighted that every state will be an equal partner in the journey of the nation's development.**

## **VISIT:**

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi will visit Arunachal Pradesh today. He will lay the foundation stone of multiple development projects worth over 5,000 crore rupees at Itanagar. He will also address a public function. He is also scheduled to lay the foundation stones for two hydroelectric power projects, and 10 infrastructure projects worth 1,291 crore rupees. The two power projects include the 186 Mega Watt Tato Hydroelectric Project and the 240 Mega Watt Heo Hydroelectric Project; both located in Shi Yomi District. These projects are expected to boost the state's power generation capacity and support local development. Mr. Modi will also interact with local taxpayers, traders, and industry representatives to discuss the impact of the recent GST rate rationalisation. Security in the capital city of Itanagar has been heightened for the PM's visit.

## **PM:**

In Tripura, all preparations are complete for the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is scheduled to inaugurate the newly developed infrastructure and beautification works at the Mata Tripura Sundari Temple complex under the PRASHAD scheme today. Elaborate security arrangements have been put in place in and around the temple premises as well as in Udaipur town, where the shrine is located in Gomati district. After inaugurating the redeveloped temple, Prime Minister Modi will offer prayers at Mata Tripura Sundari, one of the 51 Shaktipeeths. Coinciding with the onset of Navratri, the inauguration of the redeveloped temple will mark a significant milestone for religious tourism in Tripura.

## **GST:**

Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, has welcomed the rollout of the Next Gen GST Reform, announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. In a social media post, the Chief Minister expressed gratitude to the PM for introducing simplified tax slabs of 5 percent and 18 percent. Mr Rio emphasised that this reform will bring relief to families, boost growth, and strengthen self-reliance through Made in India initiatives.

## **NAGALAND:**

On International Day of Peace yesterday, Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio reaffirmed the state's shared responsibility to create a more peaceful world. Nagaland Deputy Chief Minister Y. Patton also urged the citizens to renew their shared commitment to dialogue, compassion, and cooperation. He emphasized that each individual has a role to play whether through small acts of kindness in or through collective efforts that unite nations. Mr. Patton noted that children deserve a future shaped by understanding rather than conflict, and by hope rather than fear.

## **QUAKE:**

Tremors were felt in Meghalaya after a 4.0 magnitude earthquake hit Bangladesh yesterday, officials said. The earthquake happened near Meghalaya's border with Bangladesh at 11.49 am Indian time. There were no immediate reports of any damage or casualties in Meghalaya, the officials said.

## **ARREST:**

Three militants belonging to different proscribed outfits, and an arms dealer, have been arrested in Manipur, police said yesterday. Two insurgents belonging to the banned PREPAK outfit were nabbed from Tronglaobi in Bishnupur district. The militants were involved in extorting the public, local businesses and schools, a police statement said.

## **SKILL:**

The Department of Horticulture, North Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Tura Campus, in collaboration with Deen Dayal Upadhyay Community College and Skill Development Center organized a Capacity Building Program on technologies for production of rich vegetable crops at Wahiajer in the West Jaintia Hills district of Meghalaya. It was aimed to ensure healthy livelihood amongst the community in accordance to the celebration of National Nutritional Week in India with a slogan 'Eat right for a better Life'. Meghalaya deputy chief minister Sniawbhalang Dhar appreciated the Department of Horticulture, NEHU, Tura for this initiative. He urged the farmers to face the challenge and become entrepreneurs for sustainable livelihood.

## **SITE:**

The Government of Meghalaya has proposed to declare the David Scott Trail in Sohbar Sirdarship, East Khasi Hills as 'Protected Site'. This initiative aims to preserve the historic trail under the Arts and Culture Department. The notification was issued on 17<sup>th</sup> September by the Principal Secretary, Arts and Culture Department. Public objections, if any, must be submitted within 30 days from the date of issue of the notification. All submissions will be duly considered by the Government, an official statement said.

## **ZUBEEN**

A sea of humanity has been paying homage to late musical icon of Assam, Zubeen Garg, whose body is lying in state at the Sarusajai

**Stadium in Guwahati. The Assam government has announced extension of official mourning till Tuesday, when Garg’s mortal remains will be cremated with full state honours.**

**TEACHERS**

**The Department of Education, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, conducted a high-level meeting on Saturday to review appeals received against the recently issued Teachers' Transfer and Posting. The meeting was chaired by Commissioner (Education), Amjad Tak. The order had impacted a total of 203 teachers. The review was held under the framework of the Teachers' Transfer and Posting Policy, 2025, which aims to ensure equitable and need-based deployment of teachers, safeguard students' academic interests, and maintain fairness, transparency, and job satisfaction within the teaching community.**

**PUJA**

**With the advent of the ‘Devi Paksha’ on occasion of ‘Mahalaya’ yesterday, it’s just around a week left for the Durga Puja. Preparations are in the final stages, even as various puja committees in the north-eastern states are organizing cultural competitions in the run-up to the festivities. The Meghalaya Central Puja Committee held its 32<sup>nd</sup> annual Pre-Puja Get-together of Harmony, highlighted by an all-faith prayer meeting, led by Governor CH Vijayashankar at the heritage Ramakrishna Mission in Shillong on Saturday.**

**ORDER**

**In view of the reported announcement of night road blockade by conglomerates of NGOs through various social media platforms, the District Magistrate of West Garo Hills, Meghalaya, has promulgated an order to prevent any breach of peace and to ensure public safety. The order restricts unlawful assembly of five or more persons, carrying of weapons, and any activity that may disturb public tranquillity.**

**RUN**

**Deputy Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Chowna Mein flagged off the Namo Yuva Run – for a Nasha Mukta Bharat at Itanagar yesterday. The marathon witnessed enthusiastic participation of more than 7,000 youths from across Arunachal Pradesh. The run was part of a nationwide campaign launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, being held simultaneously across 100 cities with the participation of over 10 lakh youth. The marathon focused on spreading awareness on the dangers of substance abuse, inspiring the youth to adopt healthy lifestyles, and strengthening the call for a drug-free nation.**

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