

## **NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN**

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### **HEADLINES:-**

1. New ministers in Conrad Sangma-Cabinet in Meghalaya receive portfolios.
2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi scheduled to visit Arunachal Pradesh on Monday.
3. 'Swasth Nari, Sashakth Parivar Abhiyan' initiative launched in all north-eastern states.
4. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio launches Enhancing Landscape and Ecosystem Management Nagaland Project.
5. Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu rolls out Swachhata Hi Seva 2025 in Itanagar.
6. Shillong Airport observes Yatri Sewa Diwas with cultural welfare initiatives.

### **PORTFOLIOS**

Eight newly inducted ministers in the Conrad Sangma-led Cabinet in Meghalaya have received key portfolios. NPP legislator Timothy D. Shira will oversee Tourism, Agriculture and Fisheries, while Wailadmiki Shylla has been given Health and Family Welfare, Sports and Youth Affairs, and Home (Passport). Sosthenes Sohtun of NPP will handle Community and Rural Development, General Administration, and Secretariat Administration. Brening A. Sangma takes charge of Border Area Development, Excise, and Home (Civil Defence and Home Guards). From the UDP, Metbah Lyngdoh gets Power, Water Resources, Taxation, and Textiles, while Lakhmen Rymbui will manage Education, Revenue, IPR, and Law. BJP's Sanbor Shullai will oversee Animal Husbandry, Arts and Culture, and Legal Metrology. Methodius Dkhar of HSPDP is in charge of Food, Civil Supplies, Labour, Registration, and Cooperation.

### **PM**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to visit Arunachal Pradesh on Monday and lay the foundation for several key infrastructural projects. Mr Modi will virtually lay the foundation for the 2000 kilometers-long Frontier Highway project from IG Park, Itanagar. The highway is expected to improve border connectivity and support national security. Mr Modi will lay the foundation of the Tato hydroelectric project in Shi-Yomi district. He will also launch the second phase of the Vibrant Village Programme to provide road connectivity, telecom and television services, and electrification to 122 border villages. These villages include 67 along the India-Myanmar border and 55 along the India-Bhutan border.

## WOMEN

Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday launched the nationwide ‘Swasth Nari, Sashakth Parivar Abhiyan’ initiative. In line with this, Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha inaugurated the state-level program at the Government Medical College and GBP Hospital campus in Agartala. Dr. Saha appealed the citizens, particularly mothers, to remain mindful of their health and utilize the free screening and medical services provided through this campaign. He noted that mothers are central to family well-being, and a healthy mother ensures a healthy family, village, and state. The Chief Minister said the objective is to raise awareness among women about conditions such as anaemia, breast, cervical and oral cancer, and sickle cell anaemia, while also ensuring access to timely treatment. Between 17<sup>th</sup> September and 2<sup>nd</sup> October, the Tripura government will organize 158 health camps, 7,231 awareness programs, and 40 blood donation camps.

## GOVERNOR

Meghalaya Governor C.H. Vijayashankar yesterday launched the *Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar Abhiyaan* at Raj Bhavan in Shillong. The Governor highlighted Meghalaya’s commitment to women’s health and maternal empowerment, aligning with the Centre’s goal of ensuring healthier families and stronger communities across the nation. The programme was rolled out simultaneously across Meghalaya, with events held in Khasi Hills, Garo Hills, and Jaiñtia Hills. In Eastern West Khasi Hills, the launch took place at U Tirot Sing Memorial Civil Hospital, Mairang. Local member of district council, Equator Nongrang urged women to prioritise their health for nation-building. The event also witnessed the inauguration of a new ambulance to enhance patient transport in remote areas. In West Garo Hills, the campaign was launched at the District Maternity & Child Hospital, Tura. The programme included cancer screening, checking for TB and mental health, nutrition counselling, and blood donation. In Jowai, State Health Minister Wailadmiki Shylla inaugurated the initiative at the 100-bed MCH Hospital Panalair. He stressed the urgent need to address maternal health complications in Meghalaya, which remain higher than the national average.

## ARUNACHAL

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu rolled out the Swachhata Hi Seva 2025 at IG Park, Itanagar yesterday with a Swachhata Pledge, dedicated to the vision of a cleaner environment. Mr Khandu emphasised that ‘Swachhata Hi Seva’ is not just about clean streets, it’s also about healthier families and a greener environment. Every effort counts and every hand joined makes Arunachal stronger, cleaner, and brighter, the chief minister underscored.

## NAGALAND:

Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio yesterday launched the Enhancing Landscape and Ecosystem Management (ELEMENT) Nagaland Project. The initiative seeks to restore and strengthen Nagaland's landscapes, enhance climate resilience, support livelihoods, and foster community-led development. Mr Rio highlighted the project as a significant milestone in restoring, conserving, and sustainably managing Nagaland's resources. Funded by the World Bank, ELEMENT Nagaland Project will be implemented over five years in 225 villages across 16 districts.

#### **FRUIT:**

Horticulture Minister Salhoutuonuo Kruse showcased Nagaland's vast horticulture potential at the National Conference on Agriculture Rabi Campaign 2025 in New Delhi yesterday. Highlighting various horticultural crops grown organically, she emphasized Nagaland's efforts to become 'the Kiwi State of India'. Ms Kruse urged the Central Government to establish Centres of Excellence to enhance the Kiwi initiative as well as for floriculture in Nagaland. She also shared proposals for a Nagaland State Horticulture Park, Horticulture College and promoting Horti-Tourism. The Minister further emphasized upon the need for more link roads to improve supply chains and reduce the burden on farmers.

#### **MANIPUR:**

Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla launched the National First @ 75 Campaign at Raj Bhavan in Imphal yesterday. He also launched different initiatives taken up by the State Government including GovConnect Manipur, an online platform where citizens can lodge grievances, thus fostering transparency and responsive governance. The other initiatives launched by the Governor were projects related to strengthening Manipur Milk Union, supported by National Dairy Development Board, Residential Skill Development Program and services and portals of Manipur Transport Department. He said that the campaign builds on existing government schemes in a more cohesive and campaign-driven format to maximize public participation. Mr Bhalla said that this campaign brings focus and energy and encourages citizens to actively contribute to the development of Manipur.

#### **AIRPORT:**

The Shillong Airport yesterday observed *Yatri Sewa Diwas* with cultural programmes, welfare initiatives, and the inauguration of new passenger-friendly facilities. Arriving passengers were greeted with flowers and traditional hospitality, followed by Ka Shad Synrai folk dance performance. New amenities launched included a Kids' Zone, library, workstation area, and AVSAR, an outlet for local artisans. The airport also organised quiz and painting competitions, free health check-ups for travellers and taxi drivers, and a blood donation camp. Airport Director Rajeev Ranjan said the celebration highlighted the airport's commitment to passenger comfort, cultural promotion, and community welfare.

**CRCSRE**

The Composite Regional Centre for Skill Development, Rehabilitation, and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Shillong, in collaboration with the West Jaintia Hills District Administration and District Social Welfare Office, organised the 3rd Purple Fair at Jowai yesterday. The fair, inaugurated by Meghalaya health minister Wailadmiki Shylla, was attended by over 764 participants, including 389 Persons with Disabilities. It featured 33 stalls showcasing handmade products, crafts, and services by differently-abled persons.

**TRAINING**

The Office of the Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills, in coordination with the Office of the Zila Sainik Welfare Officer, will conduct daily physical endurance training for all candidates from the district who have successfully cleared the Common Entrance Exam for Agniveer, Indian Army, held in July this year. The training will commence from the 22nd of this month at the Malki Presbyterian Secondary School Playground, Shillong. Interested candidates can report to the ground at 6 AM on 22nd September.

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