

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

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- Manipur Government announces an award of Rs.10 lakhs to Squadron Leader, Rizwan Malik from Manipur who has been awarded Vir Chakra Awardee for his valorous service during Operation Sindoor.
- Gangtok ranks as the 5th safest city for women in India in the National Annual Report and Index on Women's Safety 2025.
- The Seventh Session of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly will commence today, and is scheduled to sit for two days.
- Mizoram Government will launch a four-month-long special campaign to curb the illegal drug trade.
- Manipur State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities directs all bus operators to strictly provide mandatory fare concessions for persons with disabilities.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

PANCHAYATI RAJ:

Tripura Chief Minister of Tripura Dr. Manik Saha yesterday described the three-tier Panchayati Raj system as the invaluable pillar of democracy, forming the foundation of both the state and the nation's governance. He stressed that if the rural system is strengthened, the state and the country will become stronger. The Chief Minister was inaugurating a two-day training programme on Panchayati Raj capacity building at the State Panchayat Resource Centre, Arundhatinagar, Agartala. He called upon elected representatives to take greater responsibility and ensure transparency, accountability, and wider participation in the Panchayati Raj system.

AWARD:

In Manipur, the State Government announced an award of Rs. 10 lakhs to Squadron Leader, Rizwan Malik from Manipur who has been awarded Vir Chakra Awardee recently for his valorous service during Operation Sindoor. The Indian Air Force officer was felicitated by Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla at Raj Bhavan Imphal yesterday. He was accompanied by his family members during the courtesy call. During the meeting, the Governor lauded his exemplary courage and dedication during Operation Sindoor. Bhalla said that the valorous service of Squadron Leader Rizwan Malik stands as an inspiration for the youth and a matter of pride for the entire nation.

SAFETY:

Gangtok has been ranked as the 5th safest city for women in India in the National Annual Report and Index on Women's Safety (NARI) 2025, released by the National Commission for Women (NCW). The city secured an overall safety score of around 70.4 per cent, placing it above the national

benchmark of 65 per cent. The NARI 2025 report is a nationwide safety index that surveyed 12,770 women across 31 cities, assessing safety based on infrastructure, harassment incidence and reporting, workplace security, trust in authorities, and day versus night safety perceptions. The Northeast performed strongly in this year's rankings, with Kohima, capital of Nagaland, clinching first place, whereas Aizawl, Capital of Mizoram secured the 4th place, and Gangtok, capital of Sikkim, ranked 5th.

SESSION:

The Seventh Session of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly will commence today, and is scheduled to sit for two days. According to the list of business, the session will begin with an obituary reference, followed by the Question Hour. The agenda for the day includes reporting on the assent of bills, discussions on matters of urgent public importance, and the introduction of government bills and resolutions. Annual Administrative Reports and Assembly Committee Reports will also be tabled. Meanwhile, the House is also scheduled to take a discussion on "Prohibition of Satanic Worship in Nagaland," on the first day of the session.

CAMPAIGN:

Mizoram Government will launch a four-month-long special campaign to curb the illegal trade of drugs from today. A senior police official said that the four-month-long campaign and operation would start today and would continue till December 31 this year. The police, various other law-enforcing agencies, in collaboration with the Young Mizo Association (YMA), will be undertaking the campaign in all drug-affected localities, villages and bordering areas of all 11 districts of Mizoram. Various drugs, are often illegally traded through six districts of Mizoram, which share unfenced borders of 510 km with Myanmar. From Mizoram, these drugs are ferried to other parts of the country and abroad, including Bangladesh, through Assam and Tripura.

DISABILITIES:

In Manipur, the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities directed all bus operators to strictly provide mandatory fare concessions for persons with disabilities. The Commission also warned that non-compliance will invite legal action. The Commissioner of the State Commission for Persons with Disabilities, W. Birhari said that the State Transport Department had issued an issue instructing all bus operators to provide mandatory fare concessions for persons with disabilities in June, 2000. However, the Commission has received a number of complaints about the non-implementation of the guidelines.

ENROLMENT:

Nagaland, for the first time in an academic year, has eliminated all zero-enrolment and single-teacher schools. According to the Union Ministry of Education's latest UDISE+ report (2024–25) released last month, the number of schools in the state rose marginally from 2,725 in 2023–24 to 2,750 in 2024–25. However, schools reporting zero enrolment dropped from 12 to none, and all 31 single-teacher institutions were phased out. As a result, no students are enrolled in such schools this year, compared to 368 in the previous year.

AADI:

In Nagaland, Advisor for Tribal Affairs, H. Tovihoto Ayemi, yesterday said the Aadi Karmayogi Abhiyan is a transformative mission aimed at empowering grassroots tribal leadership through selfless service and inclusive governance. Speaking at the launch of a four-day training programme at SCERT Kohima, Mr Ayemi said the mission envisions building a network of over 20 lakh tribal leaders across one lakh villages nationwide. He highlighted that the initiative is part of India's larger vision for Viksit Bharat 2047, where tribal communities actively shape the country's development journey. The training is being conducted by a team of national and state-level trainers, with a total of 79 officials from 12 districts participating in the programme.

RMSA:

The Nagaland RMSA-2016 Teachers Association began the second phase of its agitation today against the government's alleged failure to implement court orders on their demand for 'Equal Pay for Equal Work'. As part of the protest, all RMSA 2016 teachers boycotted classes across the state, disrupting teaching and academic activities in 133 schools. The association has warned that the agitation will intensify if the government does not address their concerns sincerely.

WORKSHOP:

National Council for Vocational Education and Training (NCVET), Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Government of India is organizing a one-day Zonal Capacity Building and Awareness Workshop for the North-East Zone comprising of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim, and Tripura is scheduled to be held in Guwahati today at Assam Administrative Staff College, Guwahati.

SARAS:

The 10th Regional Saras Fair was inaugurated at Supermarket in Dimapur yesterday. Organised by the Nagaland State Rural Livelihoods Mission (NSRLM), the Fair was opened by Director of Rural Development, M. Mongna Konyak. Speaking to the media, State Programme Manager of NSRLM A. Tiasenba Longchar, said the Saras Fair is aimed at enhancing the livelihoods of Self Help Groups and rural artisans by providing a marketing platform. He informed that the fair is organised twice a year. This edition features participants from Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, and Sikkim, alongside seven departments from Nagaland. A total of 43 stalls have been set up, showcasing local products and handicrafts. The fair will run for 10 days.

FESTIVAL:

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister, Pema Khandu has stressed that, "In the race to development, if we forget our roots, our culture and our language, we will never be truly developed." Khandu said this while attending the annual festival Solung of the Adis at Roing in Lower Dibang Valley yesterday. Lauding the Adis, one of the largest tribes of Arunachal Pradesh, for preserving their rich cultural heritage and celebrating their indigenous festival with traditional rituals in a grand manner every year, Khandu said that the distinct culture, cuisine and dialect are the identity of each tribe of the state that boasts of 26 major tribes and more than 100 sub-tribes.

BANANA:

A coordination meeting of the Agri and Allied Departments in Wokha district was held yesterday to review preparations for the upcoming Banana Festival. Chairing the meeting, Deputy Commissioner Vineet Kumar informed that the festival is tentatively scheduled for the 17th and 18th of October. During the meeting, departments were directed to work closely with farmers and participants, and work out innovative ideas for the event. Officials were also urged to prepare a list of banana by-products to be displayed during the festival. With about six weeks to go, the district administration will hold weekly review meetings to ensure all arrangements are in place.
