

## **NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN**

DATED:- 24.09.2025

### **HEADLINES:-**

- President, Droupadi Murmu presents 71st National Film Awards in various categories; “Mau: The Spirit Dreams of Cheraw (Mizo)” receives National Film Award in Best Non-Feature Film category.
- Assam bids heartfelt farewell to legendary music icon, Zubeen Garg as thousands gather for funeral held with full state honours.
- Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Bhagirath Chaudhary is on three-day visit to Sikkim as part of Poorvottar Sampark Setu programme to strengthen agricultural linkages and promote development initiatives in North-Eastern region.
- Tripura Legislative Assembly passes Tripura State Goods and Services Tax (Ninth Amendment) Bill.
- Nagaland Deputy Chief Minister, Y Patton visits markets in Kohima to raise awareness about benefits from GST reforms as part of ongoing GST Bachat Utsav campaign.
- Manipur government signs Memorandum of Understanding with Capacity Building Commission and Mission Karmayogi as step towards strengthening public administration and governance in State.
- Nagaland University earns international recognition as four of its faculty members named in prestigious ‘World’s Top 2 percent Scientists List’.
- Arunachal Pradesh Minister for Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Ojing Tasing inaugurates State Panchayati Raj Training Centre and District Panchayati Raj Training Centre at Yupia.
- Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla hands over Governor's Best Entrepreneur (Rolling Trophy) and AMEA's Outstanding Awards to seven distinguished entrepreneurs of Manipur.
- Mizoram Health & Family Welfare Minister, Lalrinpuii emphasises need to preserve and promote rich medicinal herb resources found in Mizoram.
- Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, K.T. Parnaik extends his greetings to people of the State in particular to Idu Mishmi community, on festive occasion of Ke-Meh-Ha.

### **NEWS IN ORDER:-**

#### **FILM AWARD:**

President, Droupadi Murmu yesterday presented the 71st National Film Awards in various categories in New Delhi. In the category of Best Feature Film in languages other than those specified in the Schedule VIII of the Constitution, the award for Best Garo Film has been conferred on *Rimdogittanga*. The film was directed by Dominic Megam Sangma from Meghalaya. The 71st National Film Awards celebrate excellence across Indian cinema, honouring films and filmmakers for their outstanding contribution to the art and craft of filmmaking. “Mau: The Spirit Dreams of Cheraw (Mizo)’ received the National Film Award in the Best Non-Feature Film category. Speaking on the occasion, the President while congratulating the award winners, emphasised that cinema is not just an industry but also a powerful medium for raising awareness in society and making citizens more sensitive. She urged all stakeholders of the film industry to make efforts to ensure Indian films get more recognition at the global level.

### **ZUBEEN-FUNERAL:**

Assam bid a heartfelt farewell to legendary music icon, Zubeen Garg yesterday as thousands gathered at Kamarkuchi village, Sonapur for the funeral which was held with full state honours. Fans of the music icon emotionally sang the song "Mayabini Ratir Bukut" during the cremation, including Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma and other dignitaries. Prior to the funeral, a second postmortem was conducted on Zubeen Garg's body at the Guwahati Medical College and Hospital. Assam has virtually come to a standstill following the singer's tragic death in Singapore on the 19th of this month. More than a million people had paid their last respect at Arjun Bhogeswar Baruh Sports Complex in Guwahati. Zubeen Garg came to the limelight in Bollywood with the song "Ya Ali" from the 2006 film Gangster. He was a versatile singer and recorded more than 38,000 songs in 40 languages. For the North Eastern states, Zubeen was not just as a singer, lyricist, musician, film maker and actor, but also a cultural force and philanthropist.

### **MoS-SIKKIM:**

Union Minister of State for Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Bhagirath Chaudhary is on a three-day visit to Sikkim as part of the Poorvottar Sampark Setu programme to strengthen agricultural linkages and promote development initiatives in the North-Eastern region. The minister arrived in Sikkim yesterday, and today is scheduled to visit Sorengto and participate in a review meeting. Tomorrow the Union MoS is scheduled to attend the inauguration of the newly constructed buildings of the Horticulture Department at Central Agricultural University, Bermoik, Namchi district, South Sikkim. The Minister will also inaugurate the Annual Zonal Workshop 2025 of the ICAR–ATARI, Zone VI.

### **GST BILL:**

The Tripura Legislative Assembly yesterday passed the Tripura State Goods and Services Tax (Ninth Amendment) Bill. During the discussion, Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha said that with the nationwide implementation of reduced GST rates, a large section of people including small traders will benefit from it. He added that this step would further strengthen the foundation of the country's economic policy. Finance Minister, Pranajit Singha Roy, also spoke on the bill and Opposition members also took part in the discussion. The Tripura Shop & Establishment (Seventh Amendment)

Bill and The Tripura Jan Vishwas (Amendment) Bill were also passed in the Assembly.

### **GST CAMPAIGN:**

As part of the ongoing GST Bachat Utsav campaign, Nagaland's Deputy Chief Minister, Y Patton visited markets in Kohima yesterday to raise awareness about the benefits from the GST reforms. During the visit, Patton interacted with shopkeepers and traders, highlighting how GST reforms have simplified the tax system, reduced burdens on small businesses, and ensured fairer prices for consumers. Shopkeepers voiced their support echoing the message 'Garv Se Kaho, Yah Swadeshi Hai,' reflecting pride in local enterprise and commitment for a self-reliant India.

### **iGOT PLATFORM:**

The Manipur government yesterday signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Capacity Building Commission and Mission Karmayogi marking a significant step towards strengthening public administration and governance in the State. The MoU was signed at the Old Secretariat Conference Hall in Imphal. The partnership will provide Manipur's civil servants access to the Integrated Government Online Training or iGOT platform, enabling anytime and anywhere learning to bridge knowledge gaps and equip officials with the skills needed to navigate modern governance challenges. Manipur Chief Secretary, Dr. Pradeep Kumar Goel expressed gratitude to the visiting dignitaries of Capacity Building Commission and Mission Karmayogi for their support and urged the state government officials to embrace the initiative with commitment.

### **SCIENTISTS:**

Nagaland University has earned international recognition as four of its faculty members have been named in the prestigious 'World's Top 2 percent Scientists List'. Compiled by Stanford University and Elsevier, the list recognizes researchers with the highest global impact across 22 scientific fields and 174 sub-fields. The faculty include Prof. Ambrish Singh, Department of Chemistry, Prof. Joginder Singh from Botany, Prof. Prabhakar Sharma from Agricultural Engineering & Technology, and Prof. Pranav Kumar Prabhakar from Biotechnology. Further, Prof. Ambrish and Prof. Pranav Kumar have also been featured in the exclusive Career-Long Top 2 percent category, honouring their lifetime contributions to global scientific progress. Congratulating the faculty members, Nagaland University Vice Chancellor, Prof. Jagadish K Patnaik said, their outstanding contributions will inspire students and researchers to pursue research excellence.

### **INAUGURATION:**

In Arunachal Pradesh, Minister for Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Ojing Tasing yesterday inaugurated the State Panchayati Raj Training Centre and the District Panchayati Raj Training Centre at Yupia. Underscoring the importance of the centre, the Minister stated that the facility would act as a hub for brainstorming sessions for PRI functionaries. He urged the leaders to utilize and maintain the asset effectively, while calling upon PRI members to approach developmental works with a service-oriented rather than profit-oriented mindset. On the occasion computers were also distributed for

Panchayat bhavans. The inaugural event was attended by MLA Taniya Soki, Techhi Kaso, and other officials.

**BEST ENTREPRENEUR:**

In Manipur, Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla handed over the Governor's Best Entrepreneur (Rolling Trophy) and the AMEA's Outstanding Awards to seven distinguished entrepreneurs of Manipur. The award distribution ceremony was organised by the All Manipur Entrepreneurs' Association in association with the Directorate of Textiles, Commerce & Industries, Government of Manipur at Hotel Imphal yesterday. A total of seven distinguished entrepreneurs were conferred with awards in recognition of their exemplary contributions to the growth and development of Manipur's entrepreneurial ecosystem. The Governor congratulated the awardees and lauded their achievements, stating that their work reflects the innovation, resilience and enterprise that define the people of Manipur.

**AYURVEDA:**

Mizoram Health & Family Welfare Minister, Lalrinpuii yesterday emphasised the need to preserve and promote the rich medicinal herb resources found in Mizoram, suggesting that their cultivation and export could contribute significantly to the state's development. The Minister was speaking during the observance of National Ayurveda Day 2025, organised by the National AYUSH Mission, Mizoram. She noted that Ayurveda is more than just a treatment system but a way of life. With the rise of various health issues linked to unhealthy lifestyles, she said Ayurveda will continue to gain relevance.

**GREETINGS:**

Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, K.T. Parnaik has extended his greetings to the people of the State, in particular to the Idu Mishmi community, on the festive occasion of Ke-Meh-Ha. The Governor said that agriculture has always been at the heart of Arunachal Pradesh, guiding our way of life and weaving the fabric of our traditions. The Governor further said that while celebrating Ke Meh Ha, let us take pride in our customs, honour the wisdom of our forefathers, and pass on this legacy to the future generations.

\*\*\*\*\*