

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Union Minister for Coal and Mines, G. Kishan Reddy, along with Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu inaugurates Namchik Namphuk Coal Mine in Changlang District of Arunachal Pradesh.
- Election Commission announces by-election for Dampa Assembly Constituency in Mizoram to be held on 11th November.
- Assam government launches 'Shradhanjali' scheme for dignified transportation of Assamese youth who pass away while working or studying outside state.
- Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang meets Prime Minister Narendra Modi to discuss key developmental and infrastructure issues.
- Police operations against illegal firecrackers underway in Agartala.
- Mera Hou Chongba festival, symbolising Hill-valley unity, being celebrating in Manipur today.
- Nagaland's Directorate of Home Guards, Civil Defence, and State Disaster Response Force holds Coordination Meeting-cum-Workshop on Civil Defence in Kohima.
- Meghalaya Power Minister Metbah Lyngdoh inaugurates Indo-German Energy Programme Partnership Summit for State Designated Agencies in Shillong.
- Marmain Circle Freshwater Fisheries Multipurpose Co-operative Society Limited inaugurated for sustainable fishery development in Ri Bhoi district of Meghalaya.
- Pakyong District Administration, in collaboration with Nomad Sikkim, launches Cohort Programme to strengthen Sikkim's entrepreneurial ecosystem under 'One Family, One Entrepreneur' initiative.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

COAL:

Union Minister for Coal and Mines, G. Kishan Reddy, along with Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu yesterday, inaugurated the Namchik Namphuk Coal Mine in Changlang District of Arunachal Pradesh. The Union Minister described the project as a symbol of new hope, marking a significant step towards development and energy security in North East

India. The Namchik Namphuk Coal Mine has a coal reserve of 1.5 crore tonnes and has officially become operational with its formal inauguration. The minister expressed confidence that the new coal field would generate employment opportunities for the youth of Arunachal Pradesh. Chief Minister Pema Khandu said that the state is expected to earn an annual revenue of 100 crore rupees from the Namchik Namphuk Coal Field. Both the state and central governments are working together to make more coal fields functional in the near future, which will bring substantial benefits to the people of Arunachal Pradesh.

ELECTION:

The Election Commission of India has announced that the by-election for Dampa Assembly Constituency in Mizoram will be held on 11th November with counting of votes scheduled for 14th November, 2025. The official announcement was made yesterday along with the dates for Bihar Assembly election and by-elections in seven other states. The by-election was necessitated due to passing away of sitting MLA Pu Lalrintluanga Sailo. As per the latest electoral data, Dampa Constituency has 20,790 registered voters, comprising 10,605 males and 10,185 females. This marks an increase of 385 voters from the draft roll. The final electoral roll confirms that there will be 41 Polling Stations across the constituency, averaging 507 voters per station.

ASSAM:

The Assam government launched ‘Shradhanjali’ scheme for dignified transportation of Assamese youth who pass away while working or studying outside the state. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma formally launched the scheme in Guwahati yesterday. This scheme will primarily benefit youth working for low-income jobs outside Assam and those who die in unnatural circumstances such as accidents or murder. It will not cover deaths due to medical treatment. The Special Branch of Assam Police will serve as the nodal agency, headed by a DIG-level officer, and coordinate efforts through a dedicated helpline 112 and official social media channel.

SIKKIM:

Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang met Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi to discuss key developmental and infrastructure issues aimed at accelerating the state’s recovery and long-term growth. The discussions focused on strengthening vital road connectivity, particularly the vulnerable stretches of National Highways 10 and 310A, which are crucial lifelines for the hill state. The Chief Minister sought central assistance for restoration efforts following the recent devastating floods and landslides. Among the proposals presented was the construction of a new railway link from Bagrakote in West Bengal to Rorathang in Sikkim, aimed at improving regional connectivity. Talks also included boosting trade through the development of a multimodal corridor with Nepal. The Centre and State are working hand-in-hand to rebuild infrastructure, improve mobility, and uplift living standards across Sikkim—from the hills to the borders, Chief Minister Tamang said.

TRIPURA:

Police operations against illegal firecrackers are underway in Agartala, the capital of Tripura. Officer-in-Charge of East Agartala Police Station, Subrata

Debnath, said that raids were conducted at Maharajganj Market and other marketplaces in the city as part of the drive against sound-producing firecrackers. Firecrackers worth around one lakh rupees were seized during the operation. NCC Police Station OC, Prajit Malakar, informed that raids have been carried out in areas such as Goalabasti and GB Market targeting both firecrackers and illegal substances. A total of eleven people have been detained, and firecrackers worth approximately one lakh rupees were recovered. In Sepahijala district, police conducted similar raids at Madhupur Market, Debipur Market, and Anand Chowmuhani, seizing a large quantity of sound-producing firecrackers.

MANIPUR:

In Manipur, Mera Hou Chongba festival, which symbolises Hill-valley unity, is being celebrating today. Chiefs of different indigenous tribal villages of hills districts arrived in Manipur Royal Palace in Imphal yesterday to participate in the festival. Mera Hou Chongba festival is celebrated in Manipur on the 15th lunar day of Mera month of the Meetei calendar every year. Manipur's titular king and Rajya Sabha member Maharaja Sanajaoba Leishemba will lead a ceremonial march involving tribal village chiefs from Manipur Royal Palace to the historic Kangla where traditional rituals including Mera Men Tongba, Yenkhong Tamba, exchange of gifts among the tribal village chiefs and valley people would be held. Mera Hou Chongba is the only festival in Manipur in which all indigenous communities participate and it has a significant importance in unity and communal harmony. The festival will culminate with showcasing of traditional dances and a grand feast marking the brotherhood among different tribes in Manipur.

DEFENCE:

Nagaland's Directorate of Home Guards, Civil Defence, and State Disaster Response Force held a Coordination Meeting-cum-Workshop on Civil Defence in Kohima on Saturday. The programme was held following the Union Home Affairs' Ministry's directive to strengthen district-level coordination in response to the April Pahalgam terror attack and Operation Sindoor. Delivering the keynote, Director General Renchamo P. Kikon, emphasized the need to mobilize and build capacity of Civil Defence volunteers. He shared details of the 'Scheme for Training and Capacity Building of Civil Defence' to be implemented by March 2026. As part of this, Nagaland will train 20 Master Trainers and 3,600 Civil Defence Wardens and Volunteers across ten districts.

SUMMIT:

Meghalaya Power Minister Metbah Lyngdoh inaugurated the BEE-Indo German Energy Programme Partnership Summit for State Designated Agencies in Shillong yesterday. The summit, jointly organised by the Ministry of Power and GIZ, reviewed progress on energy conservation in eastern and northeastern states. Power Minister Metbah Lyngdoh stressed that energy efficiency is vital for sustainable growth and urged citizens to save power through responsible use. Highlighting Meghalaya's initiatives—promotion of LED lighting, star-rated appliances, and awareness in schools—he reaffirmed the state's commitment to working with the Centre and other states to strengthen India's green and energy-efficient future.

FISH:

The Marmain Circle Freshwater Fisheries Multipurpose Co-operative Society Limited was inaugurated yesterday at Marmaiñ community hall, marking a milestone for sustainable fishery development in Ri Bhoi district of Meghalaya. Nongpoh MLA Mayralborn Syiem lauded the initiative, urging members to embrace innovation and teamwork to achieve self-reliance in the fisheries sector. Comprising 16 villages and over 400 ponds, the society aims to combine traditional fish farming with modern aquaculture techniques. Fingerlings were distributed to local farmers as part of the programme.

ECO:
District Administration, Pakyong, in collaboration with Nomad Sikkim, launched a first-of-its-kind Cohort Programme at Yakten, aimed at strengthening Sikkim’s entrepreneurial ecosystem and advancing the Chief Minister’s visionary initiative of ‘One Family, One Entrepreneur’. The programme brings together two distinct groups: local entrepreneurs from Sikkim and cohort members from across India, representing diverse fields such as technology, design, marketing, and finance. Commenced on 5th October to continue till 12th October, the programme will engage participants in collaborative problem-solving sessions to design practical solutions that address real challenges faced by budding entrepreneurs in Sikkim. The Cohort Programme signifies a step toward building a self-reliant and innovation-driven Sikkim and is expected to serve as a model for other districts across the country.
