

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma inaugurates Block Integrated Development Complex at Pynursla, East Khasi Hills District.
- Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha inaugurates Wi-Fi connectivity in 11 government colleges across state.
- Manipur Government prohibits manufacturing, storage, distribution and sale of all products containing tobacco.
- Tripura government to launch several new welfare schemes aimed at public welfare and empowering women.
- Positive cases of mosquito borne dengue on the rise in Manipur.
- Eri silk industry in Meghalaya continues to flourish, providing livelihood to over 50,000 families.
- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu inaugurates 69th National School Games.

INAUGURATION

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma, along with Deputy Chief Minister Prestone Tynsong, inaugurated the newly constructed Block Integrated Development Complex at Pynursla C&RD Block, East Khasi Hills District yesterday. He lauded the dedication of officers and staff and highlighted the government's focus on improving administrative infrastructure since 2018. Mr Sangma informed that all 56 blocks in Meghalaya now have sanctioned funds for new office complexes, with several already inaugurated or under construction. Over 150 crore rupees has been invested in administrative buildings, 500 crore in school infrastructure, and additional funds in health and police facilities.

JUBILEE

Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma attended the closing ceremony and silver jubilee celebrations of St. Anthony's Higher Secondary School, Pynursla yesterday. He announced a sanction of 35 lakh rupees from the Chief Minister's Special Development Fund for the development of school infrastructure. Mr Sangma also committed to include the school in an upcoming state initiative to support private and government-aided schools

with financial assistance ranging from 50 lakhs to one crore rupees for expansion to the higher secondary level.

TRIPURA

Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha yesterday inaugurated Wi-Fi connectivity in 11 government colleges across the state and launched the ‘Mukhyamantri Yuba Jogajog Yojana’ at a function held at the College of Fine Arts and Crafts in Agartala. Dr Saha emphasized that proper utilization of technology can help students achieve greater success in their academic and professional lives. Under the scheme, a total of 20,000 students will receive smartphones during the financial year 2025–26 at an estimated total cost of 10 crore rupees. The Tripura government has also extended the duration of the scheme until the 2026–27 financial year.

WELFARE

The Tripura government has decided to launch several new welfare schemes aimed at public welfare and empowering women economically. Tourism and Food Minister Sushanta Chowdhury announced that the state cabinet has approved the ‘Mukhyamantri Minority Development Scheme’ to make citizens belonging to religious minority communities financially self-reliant. A provision of 1.5 crore rupees has been made in the current year’s budget for minority welfare. Beneficiaries from minority communities will receive 10,000 rupees in two installments for dairy, poultry, or small business ventures. The Tripura government will also introduce a ‘Women Entrepreneurship Policy’ to promote women’s empowerment and self-reliance. Women entrepreneurs will be eligible to receive loans of up to one crore rupees to start their own ventures. The Social Welfare and Social Education Department will launch the ‘Mukhyamantri Balika Samriddhi Yojana’, under which, a fixed deposit of fifty thousand rupees will be made for up to two girl children from Antyodaya families. This amount can be used for their marriage or higher education once they turn 18. The Tripura government will also establish a women’s college at Nalchar in Sonamura, where classes are expected to begin from the next academic session.

MANIPUR

The Manipur Government has prohibited manufacturing, storage, distribution and sale of all products containing tobacco or nicotine for a period of one year with effect from 27th October, 2025. The prohibition has been made under Food Safety and Standards (Prohibition and Restriction on Sales) Act, 2011 in the interest of public health. The ban includes ‘gutka’ and ‘pan masala’ containing tobacco or nicotine and chewing tobacco under any name and package.

DENGUE

Positive cases of mosquito borne disease, dengue is on the rise in Manipur. The total positive cases of dengue since January this year stood at 3465. According to the Manipur State Health Department, the Imphal West district has been affected badly by the disease. The authorities have been taking up various measures to curb the rising cases of dengue and fogging in the affected areas has been intensified. Manipur State Malaria Officer informed

that surveillance is being carried out in various localities and houses which have been affected by dengue.

PROJECT

Meghalaya Food and Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister Methodious Dkhar attended the launch of the Aadhaar Mission Mode Project 2.0 and Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana 3.0 in Shillong yesterday. Mr Dkhar emphasized the importance of Aadhaar seeding and E-KYC linking, citing Supreme Court and Centre guidelines. The minister urged the completion of pending E-KYC through a mission mode, ensuring that ration distribution continues smoothly for every household. The E-KYC camps aim to prevent mothers from going home empty-handed, elderly persons from waiting in vain, and migrant workers from being turned away without benefits.

INDUSTRY

The Eri silk industry in Meghalaya continues to flourish, providing livelihood to over 50,000 families engaged in seri-culture and weaving. Principal Secretary of Textiles, Frederick R. Kharkongor, highlighted that the sector comprises around 47,000 sericulture farmers and 42,000 weavers who significantly contribute to the state's economy. Meghalaya produces about 14,000 metric tons of Eri cocoons annually. The officer also recalled Umden-Diwon's recognition as India's first Eri Silk Village in 2021, celebrating Meghalaya's heritage of handwoven, organic, and women-driven craftsmanship.

PMAY:

In Nagaland, the second PM Awas Mela–Shehri under the Angikaar 2025 campaign was held yesterday at Chümoukedima Town Council Hall. The event, organized by the Department of Municipal Affairs, aimed to showcase the achievements and implementation progress under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana–Urban (PMAY-U) and to promote the vision of 'Housing for All'. Advisor, Municipal Affairs & Urban Development, Zhaleo Rio encouraged all Urban Local Body councilors, authorities and department officials to work towards the uplift of weaker sections of society. Under the mission, around 30,000 dwelling units have been covered across Nagaland, with a completion rate of about 96 percent, one of the highest rates in the North East. Beneficiaries under the first phase of the scheme have been provided with a subsidy amount of one lakh 50 thousand rupees, released in three installments.

KOHIMA

In commemoration of 90 years of broadcasting, Akashvani Kohima conducted a Folk Song Competition - 'Voices of the Youth' last evening. The competition featured 15 youth groups, primarily college students representing the 15 Naga tribes. Head of Programme, Akashvani Kohima, Ella Kayina, said that Akashvani's yearlong celebration of 90 years of radio broadcasting in India reflects the rich cultural legacy that the organization

has preserved over the decades. She also paid tributes to the folk artists of Nagaland, noting that their contributions remain deeply cherished. Ms. Kayina highlighted the various programmes and activities undertaken by Akashvani Kohima and emphasized the station’s significant role at both the regional and national levels. The Khamniungan tribe emerged winners of the competition.

ARUNACHAL

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu inaugurated the 69th National School Games (Under-17 Boys & Girls - Boxing) at the Khelo India Indoor Stadium in Itanagar yesterday. Arunachal Pradesh is hosting the event for the first time in the 71-year history of the School Games Federation of India. The Chief Minister said that, in the last decade, Arunachalee athletes have excelled in several disciplines such as Taekwondo, Karate, Wushu, Boxing, and Weightlifting, proving that the state’s youth are among the best in the country. He highlighted that Arunachal Pradesh has made significant investments in sports infrastructure - including the establishment of Khelo India Centres, multipurpose indoor halls, national-level stadiums, and specialized academies for various sports. The government is also extending financial incentives, job reservations, and technical support to promising sports-persons to nurture their growth. The Chief Minister emphasized that hosting the 69th National School Games in Itanagar reinforces the State’s vision of transforming Arunachal Pradesh into a hub of sporting excellence in the Northeast, contributing to India’s larger sporting success story.
