

## **NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN**

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### **HEADLINES:-**

- Sikkim Governor, Om Prakash Mathur expresses happiness on inclusion of Dokala, Nathu La and Cho La for battlefield tourism to boost Sikkim's tourism potential and instil sense of nationalism and pride.
- Assam Chief Minister, Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma says foundation stone of national highway and elevated corridor in Kaziranga will be laid soon.
- Today is the last date for filing nominations for the bye elections in Mizoram, Jharkhand, Punjab, Telangana and Rajasthan.
- North East joins rest of country in celebrating Diwali even as celebrations in Assam felt subdued this year as it marks one month since passing away of singer, Zubeen Garg.
- Journalists from Meghalaya and Tripura visit world-famous Mysuru Palace and gain insight into Karnataka's royal heritage and architectural brilliance during Press Information Bureau's press tour to Southern state.
- Indian senior women's football team will kick off their Tri-Nation International Friendly campaign against Iran at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Shillong today.

### **DOKALA:**

Sikkim Governor, Om Prakash Mathur expressed his happiness on the inclusion of Dokala, Nathu La and Cho La for battlefield tourism under the Ranbhoomi Darshan programme as this will not only boost Sikkim's tourism potential but serve as a platform to instil a sense of nationalism and pride. The Governor reached Dokala Pass yesterday and celebrated Diwali with brave soldiers stationed at Dokala Pass, located at an altitude of 13,400 feet on the India-China border. Dokala Pass came into headlines as a part of battlefield tourism. The Governor mentioned that he desired celebrate Deepawali with soldiers in border areas to boost the morale and encourage their "Josh". He urged the people especially the youth to visit Dokala Pass to witness the historical significance of these areas and gain a deeper appreciation for the sacrifices made by the armed forces.

### **PROJECT:**

In Assam, Chief Minister, Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma informed that the foundation stone of the national highway and elevated corridor in Kaziranga will soon be laid as the Union Cabinet has recently given its green signal for the project. The Union Cabinet has approved the construction of the 86-km four-lane highway from Kaliabor to Numaligarh on NH-715 at 6,957 crore rupees. A total of 34-km structure will be elevated in Kaziranga National

Park to allow passage of animals. The stretch of the highway lies on the Guwahati-Dibrugarh Corridor, which runs along the Brahmaputra River and passes through Kaziranga National Park.

#### **NOMINATIONS:**

Today is the last date for filing nominations for the bye elections in Mizoram, Jharkhand, Punjab, Telangana and Rajasthan. Four candidates have already filed their nominations for the bypoll to Dampa Assembly seat in Mizoram. The By-election for assembly seats in these states will be held on 11th November and counting of votes will take place on 14th November.

#### **SUMMIT:**

In Nagaland, the Influencers Summit Nagaland, 2025 featured a panel discussion on podcasting as a platform for expression and impact. The session was moderated by Director of YouthNet, MS Nuneseno Chase, who guided engaging conversations on authenticity, content responsibility, and the growing creator ecosystem in Nagaland. Organised by Bostiman Entertainment in collaboration with Skills & Co and Synergy Group, the three-day summit, themed “where influence meets reality, culture and progress,” brought together digital creators, podcasters, and youth leaders to discuss the growing impact of online influence on culture and society.

#### **INAUGURATION:**

In Arunachal Pradesh, Rural Development and Panchayati Raj Minister, Ojing Tasing inaugurated the Kebang Sole Dere at Kebang Sole. He said the newly inaugurated ‘Dere’ stands as a symbol of unity, identity, and the living tradition of the Adi community. the minister also inaugurated the “clean model village Kebang Solé” under the Swachhta Hi Seva campaign. He commended the villagers and circle officer Niyang Pertin for their efforts in making the village a model of cleanliness and community spirit.

#### **TOUR:**

As part of the Press Information Bureau Shillong’s press tour, journalists from Meghalaya and Tripura visited the world-famous Mysuru Palace in Karnataka, gaining insight into Karnataka’s royal heritage and architectural brilliance. Welcomed by curator Shri Nayak, the delegation was guided through the palace’s ornate halls, including the Durbar Hall, Kalyana Mantap, and Ambavilasa. Nayak highlighted the Wadiyar dynasty’s vision, their patronage of arts, and the presence of Raja Ravi Varma’s masterpieces. The group also viewed the legendary Golden Throne, symbolizing royal authority. The visit offered journalists a profound appreciation of Mysuru’s cultural richness and India’s enduring historical grandeur.

#### **ANNIVERSARY:**

The Alumni Association of the School of Agricultural Sciences, Nagaland University, Medziphema campus, celebrated its 25th anniversary at the multi-purpose hall of the school of agricultural sciences. The event commenced with the unveiling of the silver jubilee monolith by MLA and advisor for Agriculture, Mhathung Yanthan. In his address, Yanthan, while reflecting on the institution’s impact, emphasized that the School of Agricultural Sciences has served as a cradle of knowledge, innovation, and leadership.

**NE-DIWALI:**

North East joined the rest of the country in celebrating Diwali and Kali Puja. The Kali Puja is being celebrated in a grand manner at the historic shrine of Mata Tripura Sundari at Udaipur. In addition to this, BSF jawans exchanged sweets with the Border Guard of Bangladesh at the Indo-Bangla border in Agartala-Akhaura Integrated Check post. In Assam, Diwali celebrations felt subdued this year, marking a month since the passing away of singer Zubeen Garg. In Dibrugarh, residents observed the festival quietly, lighting a few diyas and lamps while performing customary rituals and prayers. Local traders’ association also pledged to keep the celebrations simple in memory of the late singer.

**DIWALI-MANIPUR:**

In Manipur, the festival of light, Diwali is being celebrated today. The State is witnessing festive mood from today with Diwali followed by Goverdhan Puja and Ningol Chakouba on consecutive days. People residing in valley districts of Manipur have already decorated their houses, shops, offices with flowers and strings of marigold flowers hung on every door and window. From the today’s afternoon, people will start decorating candles and lamps in and around the houses and the lights from these make a spectacular scenery in the night. Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla, MLAs and other leaders have conveyed their wishes to the people of Manipur on the occasion of Diwali festival. However, Diwali festival was also celebrated yesterday especially in Imphal City which is a capital and commercial hub of the State, where a large number of communities from outside the State settled for business activities.

**TRIPURA:**

Tripura Chief Minister, Dr. Manik Saha yesterday inaugurated a three-day Diwali festival and mela at the 524-year-old Mata Tripura Sundari temple in Udaipur, Gomati district, one of the 51 revered Shakti Peethas. Once drawing devotees from across India and Bangladesh, the festival has seen reduced participation from the neighbouring country due to the recent political unrest. Under the Centre’s PRASHAD scheme, the 524-year-old temple was recently redeveloped at a cost of over 54 crore rupees, with Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurating the revamped complex on September 22. Built in 1501 by Maharaja Dhanya Manikya, the shrine is among eastern India’s most sacred temples alongside Kalighat and Kamakhya.

**FOOTBALL:**

The Indian senior women’s football team will kick off their Tri-Nation International Friendly campaign against Iran at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Shillong today. The match, scheduled for 6 PM, will be streamed live on plus.fifa.com. For head coach, Crispin Chettri, the fixture marks the start of India’s key preparation phase ahead of the AFC Women’s Asian Cup, Australia 2026, and serves as a platform to test new combinations and assess emerging talent. The Blue Tigresses returned to Shillong for the first time in nine years as they last played in Shillong during the South Asian Games in 2016. The Tri-Nation series will see Iran and Nepal face off on Friday while India will conclude the FIFA window against Nepal on the 27th of this month.

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