

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Nomination papers of five candidates found valid and eligible to contest the upcoming Dampa Assembly bye-election in Mizoram.
- Nationalist Social Council of Nagalim-Isak-Muivah leader, Thuingaleng Muivah visits his hometown, Somdal in Ukhrul district after 50 years.
- Under Secretary of Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Mihir Kumar Jha visits various media units in Tripura to review progress of activities under “Special Campaign 5.0” focusing on cleanliness and transparency.
- Ningol Chakouba, the festival of bond between married women and brothers is being celebrated in Manipur today.
- Arunachal Pradesh Sports Minister, Kento Jini, meets Governor, K T Parnaik, at Raj Bhavan in Itanagar and discusses need to strengthen State Olympic Association, enhance talent scouting through sports medicine, and honour outstanding achievers who brought pride to the state.
- Senior Women's Zonal Selection Committee for North East Zone selects 15-member squad to represent at BCCI's Senior Women's Cricket Inter Zonal T20 Trophy 2025-26 to be held in Nagaland from 4 to 14 November.

CANDIDATES:

In Mizoram, all the five candidates who submitted their nominations were found eligible to contest for the upcoming Dampa Assembly by-election to be held on November 11. The scrutiny of nominations was held yesterday in Mamit. According to the Returning Officer, no discrepancies were found in any of the submissions during the scrutiny and all the five candidates have been officially accepted to contest the bye election. The five candidates are Lalhmingthang of the BJP, John Rotluangliana of the Indian National Congress. Dr. R. Lalthangliana of the MNF, Vanlalsailova of the ZPM, and K. Zahmingthanga of the People’s Conference. Dampa Constituency currently has a total of 20,790 registered voters, including 10,605 men and 10,185 women.

MUIVAH:

Nationalist Social Council of Nagalim-Isak-Muivah leader, Thuingaleng Muivah yesterday visited his hometown in Ukhrul district of Manipur after 50 years. The Naga rebel group has been in ceasefire agreement with the Government of India and peace talk is still continuing. He arrived at Bakshi Ground of Ukhrul and later travelled to his birth place Somdal where villagers and representatives of Naga civil society organisations warmly greeted him. He is expected to stay in his village for a week. As part of his home coming, a monolith was erected at Ukhrul and special prayer was held for his life longevity. Other leaders of the rebel group and his wife accompanied Muivah's visit to his hometown.

VISIT:

Under Secretary of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, Mihir Kumar Jha yesterday visited various media units in Tripura to review the progress of activities under the “Special Campaign 5.0” focused on cleanliness and transparency. During his visit, Jha inspected All India Radio Agartala, Doordarshan Kendra, State Office of the Press Information Bureau, and different sections of the Central Bureau of Communication and interacted with officials of the respective units. A special programme titled “Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam” was also organized at the Doordarshan Complex. As part of the event, Jha planted two agar trees, symbolizing environmental conservation. Jha will visit various media units in Shillong today and in Guwahati during his tour.

LEARNING CENTRE:

In Arunachal Pradesh, Minister for Education, PD Sona inaugurated the New Age Learning Centre at the State Central Library, Itanagar. In a social media post, the Minister informed that, the initiative by the Department of Public Libraries, marks a step forward in fostering innovation, digital literacy and lifelong learning for the youth. The centre aims to bridge traditional learning with modern technology; providing access to digital resources, e-learning tools, and collaborative spaces for students, researchers, and readers. The Minister reaffirmed the government’s commitment to nurturing an informed, educated, and digitally empowered Arunachal Pradesh.

SYMPOSIUM:

In Meghalaya, the Captain Williamson Sangma State University hosted a one-day symposium on "Indigenous Knowledge Systems: Sustainable Future" at Tura yesterday. The symposium was organized by the Department of Sociology. Vice-Chancellor of the university, Dr. Vasanthi Vijayakumar, highlighted in her speech the relevance of indigenous knowledge for a sustainable future. She also explained the significance of exploring and preserving indigenous knowledge systems. Dr. Bodhi Sainkupar Rani, Associate Professor and Chairperson of the Centre for Social Justice and Governance, School of Social Science, Tata Institute of Social Science, delivered the keynote address through his presentation on, "The Evolution of Knowledge and Education." The inaugural programme was followed by technical sessions.

RIJIJU:

Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and Minority Affairs, Kiren Rijiju assured that the Dampa constituency will see major development projects from the Central government if the BJP secures victory in the upcoming Dampa bye election. Campaigning for BJP candidate, Lalhmingthanga at a public rally in West Phaileng, the Union Minister highlighted the Central government’s commitment to the North East, citing various development initiatives already undertaken in the region under the BJP-led administration.

NINGOL:

In Manipur, the festival of strengthening the bond of love between married ladies and their brothers along with paternal families- Ningol Chakouba is being celebrated today. The festival is celebrated every year on the second day of Hiyangei month of the Meitei calendar. Ningol means married ladies and Chakouba means having grand feast together. In this festival, married ladies visit their paternal home in traditional dress with their kids and bring along fruits, vegetables and other edible items. They will also have feast together with their brothers and other family members. After the feast, they

are given gifts by their brothers. The Department of Fisheries in Manipur organized a Fish Fair cum Fish Crop competition one day ahead of the festival to provide fish to the public at a minimum price. Fish curry is compulsory in this festival.

BANANA:

In Nagaland, the much-anticipated first edition of the Banana Festival 2025 commenced at the Public Ground in Wokha district yesterday under the theme “Banana for Food, Fibre and Future.” The three-day event aims to empower over 6,000 farmers across Nagaland by promoting agricultural innovation, value addition, and stronger market linkages. Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Planning & Transformation and National Highway, T. R. Zeliang inaugurated the festival in the presence of Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Home & Border Affairs, Y Patton. During the event, the Wokha district administration signed a Memorandum of Understanding with three national research institutions, ICAR–National Research Centre for Banana in Tamil Nadu, IBSD in Imphal, and CSIR–NEIST in Jorhat, to promote scientific farming, technological integration, and sustainable agricultural practices. The festival showcased over 100 stalls featuring banana species, by-products, and local innovations.

CM-FOOTBALL:

Nagaland Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio yesterday highlighted the government’s efforts to promote football in the state, citing the success of the Nagaland Super League, 2024. Addressing the inaugural program of the 9th Edition of Captain N. Kenguruse Memorial Football Tournament at the Indira Gandhi Stadium in Kohima, Rio said, the state government is planning to develop astro-turf grounds in all districts to strengthen sports infrastructure. Paying tribute to Captain Kenguruse, he described him as one of Nagaland’s most illustrious heroes whose courage during the Kargil conflict continues to inspire generations. GOC Spear Corps, Lieutenant General Abhijit S Pendharkar recalled Captain Kenguruse’s extraordinary bravery during the Kargil War, where he climbed an icy cliff barefoot to lead his platoon to victory. The highlights of the event include unveiling of trophies, release of a special comic book on Captain Kenguruse’s life, and the tournament’s theme song.

GOVERNOR:

In Arunachal Pradesh, Sports Minister, Kento Jini, called on the Governor, K T Parnaik, at the Raj Bhavan in Itanagar yesterday and discussed the need to strengthen the State Olympic Association, enhance talent scouting through sports medicine, and honour outstanding achievers who brought pride to the state. The Governor highlighted the urgent need to strengthen the Olympic movement in the State by systematically identifying, nurturing, and promoting young talents with the potential to shine at national and international platforms, including the Commonwealth and Olympic Games. He also underscored the importance of integrating sports medicine and scientific training to help athletes perform at their highest potential while ensuring their long-term health and well-being. The Governor also shared a vision for transforming Arunachal Pradesh into a hub of sporting excellence.

CRICKET:

The Senior Women's Zonal Selection Committee for the North East Zone has selected a 15-member squad to represent the region at the BCCI's Senior Women's Cricket Inter Zonal T20 Trophy 2025-26 to be held in Nagaland from 4 to 14 November. Three players from Meghalaya have been also included in the squad, with Debasmita the team captain. Meghalaya Cricket

Association president, Nababrata Bhattacharjee was the convener of the selection committee meeting which was held in Guwahati.
