

## **NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN**

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### **HEADLINES:-**

1. Meghalaya's voter base increases by over nine lakhs over past two decades, Chief Electoral Officer BDR Tiwari informs.
2. Two representatives from Tripura receive President's Award under 'Mera Bharat – National Service Scheme initiative.
3. Nagaland hosting 'Health Financing Forum for Cross-State Learning in Northeast Region' in collaboration with World Bank.
4. Mera Houchongba Festival celebrated in Manipur, symbolizing age-old unity and brotherhood between valley and hills.
5. Government announces expansion of Umroi Airport in Meghalaya by 5,500 square metres, taking total area to 10,500 square metres.
6. Arunachal Pradesh Governor Lieutenant General KT Parnaik inaugurates Ane's Home – A Centre for Child Safety & Healing, at Women Police Station in Pasighat.
7. Loktak Day celebrated in Manipur for conserving largest freshwater lake in Northeast India.

### **VOTER**

Meghalaya's voter base has increased by over nine lakhs in the past two decades, Chief Electoral Officer BDR Tiwari informed the media in Shillong yesterday. The total number of electors in September 2025 stands at 23,06,384 as compared to 13,35,816 in 2005. As in September 2025, there are 11,37,316 male and 11,69,062 female electors, besides six third-gender voters. Mr Tiwari was briefing on Meghalaya's preparations for the Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls under the Election Commission of India. He said the 2005 electoral roll is accessible online at present. The Election Commission has announced that Aadhaar card will be accepted as valid identity proof for voter registration, in addition to the existing 11 documents. There are 3,615 polling stations across Meghalaya, Mr Tiwari said.

### **CAMPAIGN**

Meghalaya's waste processing capacity now stands at 68 percent, compared to less than two percent in 2019. Processing plants have been set up in all towns with a total capacity of 215 tonnes per day. Waste collection

efficiency has increased from less than 50 percent in 2019 to about 83 percent in 2025. This was informed by State Health & Family Welfare minister Wailadmiki Shylla during the closing function of Swachhata Hi Seva campaign, organized by the Department of Urban Affairs in collaboration with the Shillong Municipal Board yesterday. The minister urged citizens to uphold cleanliness efforts and sustain community participation to create cleaner, more livable towns across Meghalaya. The minister presented awards to 10 sanitation workers for their dedication in the field of sanitation to keep Shillong clean. Awards were also presented to four unsung heroes who are silently working to keep the surroundings clean and green by taking significant steps on a daily basis.

## **TRIPURA**

Two representatives from Tripura have received the President's Award for the year 2022–23 under the 'Mera Bharat – National Service Scheme (NSS) initiative. The awardees are Shyamal Dey, teacher and NSS Programme Officer of Bani Vidyapith Higher Secondary Girls' School, and Anupam Das, NSS volunteer from Ramthakur College. The prestigious award was conferred on them by President Droupadi Murmu at a ceremony held on Lakshmi Puja day at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi. The award recognizes their outstanding contribution to social service, environmental conservation, education, and promotion of human values.

## **CRB**

The Central Recruitment Board (CRB) will release the results of the Meghalaya Police Recruitment 2025 written examination within this month, CRB Chairman Dalton Marak has said. The delay from the earlier September timeline was due to pending evaluation work by the assessment company. Addressing protests by job aspirants, Mr Marak said candidates were satisfied after learning the reasons for the delay. Around 54,000 candidates appeared for the test, making verification lengthy.

## **NAGALAND**

Nagaland is hosting the 'Health Financing Forum for Cross-State Learning in the Northeast Region' in collaboration with the World Bank. Addressing the inaugural event in Chumoukedima yesterday, Deputy Chief Minister T.R. Zeliang underscored the importance of financial reforms to ensure accessible and equitable healthcare access. Noting that effective health financing goes beyond mobilizing resources, he stressed upon efficiently using them to reach the last mile. Mr Zeliang highlighted the Northeast region's structural challenges such as rural livelihood, difficult terrain, and limited connectivity, compounded by climate change and rising non-communicable diseases. Mr Zeliang also outlined Nagaland's commitment to a resilient healthcare system, that can address challenges like demographic shifts, disease transitions, and climate change. The Deputy Chief Minister released the FinHealth Assessment Report, which outlines recommendations for reform in the region's health financing landscape.

## **AIRPORT**

The Government has announced the expansion of Umroi Airport by 5,500 square metres, taking the total area to 10,500 square metres. The Airport Authority of India has sanctioned 500 crore rupees for the project, which aims to accommodate larger aircraft like the Airbus A320 and improve connectivity to major cities including Mumbai, Bengaluru, and Chennai. A public hearing was held by the Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board to address local concerns. Residents supported the plan while urging authorities to ensure job opportunities and full project completion.

## **ARUNCHAL**

Arunachal Pradesh Governor Lieutenant General KT Parnaik inaugurated Ane's Home – A Centre for Child Safety & Healing, at Women Police Station in Pasighat yesterday. The facility will provide Legal Aid Clinic, Psychological and Trauma Counselling, Child-Safe Room, Menstrual Hygiene Support, Community Engagement Programs, and Collaborations with Experts. The Governor commended the police officials for establishing a dedicated facility focused on child safety and healing, describing it as a compassionate initiative that reflects the district's commitment to protecting its youngest citizens. He emphasized the need to create a nurturing and secure environment where every child can grow free from fear and harm, and urged all stakeholders to work together toward making the district completely crime-free.

## **MANIPUR**

The State-level Mera Houchongba Festival 2025 was celebrated in Manipur yesterday with enthusiasm and traditional spirit at the historic Kangla in Imphal. The festival symbolises the age-old unity and brotherhood between the hills and the valley of Manipur. Titular King of Manipur and Rajya Sabha MP Leishemba Sanajaoba, took part in the celebrations. Village chiefs and representatives from various hill tribes also joined the event, reflecting Manipur's cultural harmony. The celebration began with a colourful cultural parade from Sana Konung to Kangla Uttra Sanglen, followed by traditional rituals. In his address, Meidingoo Leishemba Sanajaoba called on everyone to preserve the festival's values of unity and shared identity.

## **UTSAV**

The Central Puja Committee, Garo Hills, organized Vijaya Utsav 2025 yesterday at Tura Parade Ground, supported by the Chief Minister's Special Grant. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma, who attended the function, lauded the people and Puja Committees for maintaining peace, discipline, and eco-friendly celebrations. He announced the 16 crore rupees Tura beautification project to begin this month and plans for public toilets across localities. Deputy Commissioner Vibhor Aggarwal also praised the harmonious celebration of the just concluded Durga Puja festival. The

Rongram Durga Puja Committee won Best Puja (Category A), marking its 50th year, while Rishipara Durga Puja Committee topped Category B, alongside awards for cleanliness and cultural performances.

**FALCON**

In Manipur, the first flocks of migratory Amur falcons, locally known as Akhuaipuina or Tamuanpui, have arrived in Guangram village in Tamenglong district yesterday, marking the start of their annual migration from Siberia to Southern Africa. Since 2015, the Tamenglong Forest Division, along with NGOs and local communities, has been protecting these birds, earning global recognition for conservation efforts. This year, the Manipur Forest Department and the Wildlife Institute of India will tag three more falcons with satellite transmitters for research. Officials said the successful conservation shows harmony between humans and nature.

**LAKE**

Loktak Day was celebrated in Manipur yesterday with the aim of conserving the largest freshwater lake in Northeast India. The Loktak Lake plays a vital role in controlling climate change in the Manipur valley and supports the livelihood of people living around it. Observed every year on 'Mera Purnima', Loktak Day highlights the ecological and cultural importance of the lake, known for its floating biomass and rich wildlife. The celebration serves as a reminder of the need to protect this natural treasure for future generations.

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