

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

1. Drug de-addiction centres to be set up in all districts of Meghalaya, announces Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma.
2. Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha says next-generation GST reforms mark major step towards making citizens' lives simpler.
3. Justice Soumen Sen takes charge as Chief Justice of High Court of Meghalaya.
4. Arunachal Pradesh Branch of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association participates in Opening Ceremony of 68th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference in Barbados.
5. Government of Nagaland signs Memorandum of Understanding with Capacity Building Commission, Karmayogi Bharat to implement Mission Karmayogi.
6. Mizoram Governor General Vijay Kumar Singh emphasizes the importance of public awareness in effectively utilizing Right to Information Act.

REVIEW

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma chaired a review meeting yesterday with the Health, Social Welfare, and Police Departments to assess the progress of the Government's Dream Mission, aimed at combating drug abuse in Meghalaya. The Government has decided to establish detoxification and de-addiction centres in every district within the next three to four months, either in government hospitals or through partnerships with private and faith-based organisations. Departments have been directed to identify suitable sites, install CCTVs in hotspot areas, and collaborate with stakeholders. The Chief Minister reaffirmed the Government's firm commitment to eliminate the drug menace statewide.

TRIPURA

Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha has said that the next-generation GST reforms mark a major step towards making citizens' lives simpler while reducing tax burden on the common people. After inaugurating a two-day workshop on GST reforms organized by the Finance Department at Muktaadhara Auditorium in Agartala, the Chief Minister said the new system also focuses on modernizing and simplifying the country's overall tax and revenue framework. He added that the restructured GST mechanism will particularly benefit the middle class, poor, business community, women, and youth. Tripura Finance Minister Pranajit Singha Roy, ICAI Vice-Chairman

Umesh Sharma, and senior officials of the State Finance Department were also present at the inaugural session.

OATH

Justice Soumen Sen took charge as Chief Justice of the Meghalaya High Court after being sworn-in at a ceremony held at Raj Bhavan's Durbar Hall in Shillong yesterday. Governor Chandrashekhar H. Vijayashankar administered the oath in the presence of Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma, Leader of Opposition Dr. Mukul Sangma, and other dignitaries. Justice Sen succeeds Justice Sanjib Banerjee, who retired on the 5th of September. His appointment was approved by President Droupadi Murmu on 26th September. Chief Minister Conrad Sangma, in a post on X, wished him a tenure marked by judicial excellence and commitment to constitutional values.

ARUNACHAL

The Arunachal Pradesh Branch of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association participated in the Opening Ceremony of the 68th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference held in Barbados. Speaker Tesam Pongte, Deputy Speaker Kardo Nyigyor, MLAs Mutchu Mithi, Chakat Aboh and others participated in the conference. The Indian delegation was led by Speaker of the Lok Sabha, Om Birla. Themed, 'The Commonwealth: A Global Partner', the conference featured a wide range of significant events, including the CPA General Assembly and General Debate, meetings of the CPA Executive Committee, CPC Workshops, and the 9th Commonwealth Women Parliamentarians Conference among others. (RNU ITANAGAR)

CAMPAIGN

A cleanliness awareness campaign was launched in Byrnihat, Ri Bhoi District in Meghalaya after it was labelled one of the dirtiest localities in the region. The Office of the Deputy Commissioner, in collaboration with Umling Community & Rural Development Block and the Green Tech Foundation, initiated the drive to restore sanitation standards. Inaugurated by Block Development Officer Eric Kelvin Dkhar, the event was marked by the participation of officials, traditional heads of 20 villages, students, and residents. The campaign focused on solid waste management and community hygiene.

FUNCTION

The Jaintia Hills Wildlife Division, under the Department of Forests, Environment and Climate Change, held the valedictory function of Wildlife Week 2025 at Khliehriat West Community Hall, East Jaintia Hills District, yesterday. The event, themed ‘Human–Animal Coexistence’, emphasised harmony between humans and wildlife. Principal of the Jaintia Eastern College, P. Nongtdu, addressed participants on community roles in biodiversity conservation. Students engaged in awareness activities, making the programme vibrant. Officials and forest staff were present as the event marked the conclusion of a nationwide week dedicated to promoting wildlife protection and ecological balance.

NAGALAND

The Government of Nagaland has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Capacity Building Commission, Karmayogi Bharat to implement Mission Karmayogi. Nagaland Chief Secretary Sentiyanger Imchen emphasized that Mission Karmayogi, launched in 2020 by the Central Government, aims to create a future-ready civil service, focused on effective governance and service delivery. Highlighting the importance of continuous training, he said officers can now access learning through the digital platform iGOT Karmayogi. The online mode will make training more inclusive and accessible, especially in remote areas. Director ATI, Akunu S. Meyase, underlined ongoing efforts to strengthen training infrastructure in Nagaland, including a new web portal to track training histories and needs of government employees.

MCS

The State BJP has urged the Meghalaya Government to revise the eligibility criteria for the Meghalaya Civil Service (MCS) and Meghalaya Police Service (MPS) examinations to allow final-year undergraduate students to sit for the preliminary stage, similar to the UPSC model. BJP chief spokesperson Mariahom Kharkrang said a representation dated 7th October, 2025, has been submitted to Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma seeking amendment to the existing rules. The party argued that aligning state criteria with the Union Public Service Commission standards would create equal opportunities for aspiring candidates and enhance the state’s recruitment system.

MEETING

A delegation from the Synjuk ki Nongsynshar Shnong Warsan Lyngdoh Area met South West Khasi Hills Deputy Commissioner B. Mawlong to highlight development issues in one of the district’s most backward regions.

Spokesperson Zandy Myrthong said the Synjuk expressed concern over poor road connectivity affecting villages like Nongtnger, Nongrynniang, Mawjai, Nongummer, Mawhiangruda, and Puinskei. They also urged the DC to set up a Community & Rural Development Block at Mawnore and establish a Meghalaya Rural Bank branch in the area. The DC assured to take up the matters with higher authorities.

MIZORAM

Mizoram Governor General Vijay Kumar Singh emphasized the importance of public awareness in effectively utilising the Right to Information Act, during an event held at the ATI Auditorium to mark RTI Week. The Governor highlighted that the core objectives of the RTI Act are transparency and accountability in governance. He noted that since the implementation of the Act in 2005-2006, citizens have increasingly used RTI as a tool to access information and raise pertinent questions. However, he stressed that wider awareness is still needed for the Act to reach its full potential. Governor Singh rewarded individuals who have made significant use of the RTI Act, recognizing their efforts in promoting transparency and citizen empowerment within Mizoram.
