

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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NEWS IN ORDER:-

SPEAKER

The Speaker of the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly, Thomas A. Sangma, is attending the 68th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) Conference, which commenced on October 5, in Bridgetown, the capital city of Barbados. The week-long Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference (CPC), which will conclude on October 12, brings together more than 600 delegates from over 180 national, state, and provincial legislatures across the Commonwealth. The event, hosted by the Parliament of Barbados and the CPA Barbados Branch, is being held under the overarching theme, “The Commonwealth – A Global Partner”. The Indian delegation to the 68th CPC is led by Lok Sabha Speaker, Om Birla and the conference serves as a premier platform for parliamentary dialogue, fostering cooperation and the exchange of ideas among Commonwealth nations.

AIRPORT

The Airports Authority of India have floated a fresh tender for expansion of the Shillong Airport. Informing this here, Deputy Chief Minister in charge of Transport, Sniawbhalang Dhar said that the state government is closely coordinating with the Airports Authority of India to ensure that the long-pending project sees timely execution. The expansion of the Umroi Airport has been a key demand for improving air connectivity in Meghalaya, which currently has limited direct flight options. The runway length has long been a bottleneck, restricting the operation of larger aircraft and limiting routes primarily to Kolkata and a few neighbouring cities. Once completed, the expansion will enable the airport to handle bigger aircraft such as Airbus A320s and Boeing 737s, thereby boosting direct connectivity to metro cities like Delhi, Mumbai, and Bangalore.

HIKE

Arunachal Pradesh Government has announced a 3% hike in Dearness Allowance (DA) and Dearness Relief (DR) for State Government employees. Making the announcement, Chief Minister Pema Khandu said that the hike will benefit thousands of State Government employees, pensioners, and AIS officers serving in the State. He further informed that arrears for July to September 2025 will be paid in cash. In the meantime, Khandu said that the decision reflects the State Government's strong commitment to ensure that every member of the workforce and retired community feels valued.

MUKUL

Opposition Leader in Meghalaya, Dr. Mukul Sangma has cautioned the State Government of Assam and Meghalaya that the delay in holding Border talks will only worsen the situation along the inter-state border between the two states. The statement came from Mukul Sangma a day after one person from Karbi Anlong lost his life in a confrontation between the farmers of Assam and Meghalaya in Lapangap, a disputed area between the two states. Praying for peace along the inter-state border, the Opposition Leader stressed on the need for transparency in the Border talks, saying the lack of clarity about its outcome has created insecurity among border residents. He has also asked both Assam and Meghalaya Government to improve their intelligence collection to prevent similar incidents in future.

AWARDS

Manipur Governor, Ajay Kumar Bhalla on Friday felicitated gallantry award winners and presented cash awards to them and to the next of kin of battle casualties from the state at an event at Raj Bhavan Imphal. The event marked a historic occasion, the first of its kind in the State, held under the guidance of the Governor to honour and felicitate the gallantry awardees for their exemplary service to the nation. The awardees were honoured for their distinguished acts of courage, reflecting their unwavering commitment to the nation's safety and security. A total of 18 awardees were honoured for their exceptional bravery and their selfless service to the nation. These gallantry awardees included Shaurya Chakra, Vir Chakra, Seva Medal, Vishisht Seva Medal and Mention in Despatches. Speaking at the event, Manipur Governor

paid tributes to the indomitable spirit of the soldiers from Manipur who have served the nation with honour and courage.

CONCLAVE

The Chief Secretary of Arunachal Pradesh, Manish Kumar Gupta chaired a preliminary meeting on Friday to discuss the upcoming Civil Military Fusion Conclave with General Officer Commanding, 56 Infantry Division, Major General Vivek Bakshi and senior officers at Sigar Military Station. The Chief Secretary said that the conclave will provide a platform to strengthen civil military coordination, enhance security, operational preparedness, and holistic development across Arunachal Pradesh's strategic areas. On the sidelines of the preliminary meeting, the Chief Secretary also inspected the arms and equipment of the force showcasing the operational capabilities of the Infantry Division .

SUMMIT

The Manipur Global Buyers and Sellers Summit 2025 kicked off at the City Convention Centre in Imphal on Friday. The two days summit organised under the theme "Bridging Business Sans Borders" was inaugurated by Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla. The event is witnessing participation from neighbouring countries such as Myanmar, Bangladesh and Thailand as well as representatives from Japan and several North Eastern States along with local entrepreneurs from Manipur. As part of the summit, various stalls have been set up by local entrepreneurs and industries showcasing Manipur's diverse range of indigenous products and innovations. Addressing the gathering, Manipur Governor highlighted Manipur's unique blend of natural abundance, creativity and resilience even as he added that the State offers distinctive products such as black rice, organic produce, handloom and handicrafts to the world each enriched by the ingenuity of its people.

EXPEDITION

Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. General KT Parnaik (Retd.) flagged off the Itanagar leg of the motorcycle expedition commemorating the 63rd Walong Day from Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on Friday. Conceptualized by Headquarters 3 Corps and conducted by 10 MAHAR, a total of 21 riders, from the Indian Army, and civilian riders from Arunachal Pradesh and Assam are participating in the nine-day expedition, from Tawang to Walong to honour the heroes of 1962 Sino-Indian War. While interacting with the participants, the Governor lauded 3 Corps, the organizing team, and all riders for their dedication in preserving the legacy of the Battle of Walong. He reminded them that the journey is a befitting tribute to the extraordinary courage and resilience displayed by the Indian Army during the war.

CITIZENS

The Minister of Social Welfare and Social Education in Tripura, Tinku Roy has asserted that the state government is sincerely working for the honour and welfare of senior citizens. He was speaking after inaugurating a programme organised by the Department of Social Welfare and Social Education at Unakoti Kalakshetra in Kailashahar, on the occasion of International Day of Older Persons. He informed that the monthly social

pension has been increased from 700 to 2000 rupees, benefiting around One lakh Sixty-six thousand five hundred and sixty-four elderly men and women across the state. Mr. Roy also emphasized that senior citizens should always hold a place of respect and dignity in society and stressed on the need to build public awareness to achieve this goal. During the event, four senior citizens were also felicitated with a certificate of honour and a cash award of 5,000 rupees each. A health camp was also organized for elderly participants at the venue.

MENTAL

Along with the rest of the country, Nagaland joined the celebration of World Mental Health Day. A programme was organised in Kohima where Secretary of Health & Family, S. Tainiu emphasized the urgent need for accessible mental health support during crises such as natural disasters, conflicts, and emergencies. Reflecting on Nagaland's vulnerability to landslides, floods, and social tensions, she urged the need for greater awareness, early intervention, and stigma reduction to build a supportive society. On the occasion, Ms Tainiu also launched the 'Video Consultation of Tele MANAS', which provides free, 24/7 mental health services.
