

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

1. Mizoram Social Welfare Minister Pi Lalrinpuii launches the observance of Down Syndrome Awareness Month during an event held in front of Millennium Centre, Aizawl.
2. Tripura witnesses a grand celebration as state government organizes the Vijaya Dashami immersion carnival marking the farewell of Goddess Durga.
3. Singapore Police Force extends the autopsy report of late Assamese singer Zubeen Garg to the High Commission of India in Singapore.
4. Indian Army Eastern Command and Spear Corps will organize numerous events starting from 07th October to 16th November 2025 to mark 63rd Walong Day in Arunachal Pradesh.
5. The swearing-in of Justice Soumen Sen as Chief Justice of the High Court of Meghalaya will be held at Raj Bhavan on the 8th of this month.
6. Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu chaired a meeting of Arunachal Pradesh Eco-Tourism Development Board to review ongoing initiatives for enhancing eco-tourism in the State.

LAUNCH:

Social Welfare Minister Pi Lalrinpuii officially launched the observance of Down Syndrome Awareness Month yesterday during an event held in front of Millennium Centre, Aizawl. In her address, the Minister called for compassion, understanding, and kindness towards individuals living with Down syndrome. The awareness campaign is set to continue throughout the month of October. Speaking at the event, Minister Pi Lalrinpuii clarified that Down syndrome is not a disease but a “genetic-linked disability.” While medical experts have not yet identified a definitive cause, research suggests that the likelihood of a child being born with Down syndrome increases with the mother's age. However, she also noted that it can occur in younger mothers as well, emphasizing the importance of understanding the condition beyond age-related factors. The inaugural programme was organized by the Mizoram Down Syndrome Association (MDSA). Following the official launch, a charity concert was held at the venue and continued. Leaders from MDSA stated that 80 individuals with Down syndrome have been officially registered with the association so far, though they believe the actual number across the state is likely higher.

IMMERSION:

Tripura, witnessed a grand celebration yesterday as the state government organized the Vijaya Dashami immersion carnival, marking the farewell of Goddess Durga. Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha inaugurated the carnival yesterday in front of Tulsibati Girls' School. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister said that the farewell of the Goddess symbolizes the strengthening of communal harmony in the state. He stated that the primary objective of such events is to preserve and enrich Tripura's rich cultural heritage and traditions while promoting harmony and brotherhood among all communities. Dr. Saha further mentioned that the Department of Information and Cultural Affairs has been working diligently to promote art, literature, and cultural activities in the state.

DAY:

On the occasion of 63rd Walong Day, commemorating the valour and supreme sacrifice of the soldiers in the Battle of Walong, Anjaw district Arunachal Pradesh, fought during the 1962 war, the Indian Army Eastern Command and Spear Corps is going to organize numerous events starting from 07th October to 16th November 2025. The events will commence with Lt. Bikram Singh Football Tournament flag off, followed by Battle Field Treks, Cycling Expedition, Medical and Veterinary Camps, Motor Cycle Expedition and Half Marathon.

SWEARING-IN:

The swearing-in of the Chief Justice of the High Court of Meghalaya, Justice Soumen Sen has been fixed on the 8th October 2025 at Raj Bhavan. On 26-09-2025, the President appointed Justice Soumen Sen, Judge, Calcutta High Court, as the Chief Justice of the Meghalaya High Court with effect from the date he assumes charge of his office. Justice Soumen Sen was born on 27th July, 1965 at Kolkata. He did his schooling from St. Lawrence High School at Kolkata. He passed the LL.B. Examination (5 years) from the University of Calcutta in the year 1990 securing the highest mark and stood First in the said Examination. Enrolled as an Advocate under Bar Council of West Bengal in January, 1991. Elevated as Judge of the Calcutta High Court on 13th April, 2011.

MEETING:

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu yesterday chaired a meeting of Arunachal Pradesh Eco-Tourism Development Board to review ongoing initiatives and chart out a roadmap for enhancing eco-tourism in the State. The discussion focused on creating sustainable tourism circuits, promoting eco-friendly infrastructure, and ensuring active participation of local communities in tourism-led growth.

NCC :

In a move to harness creative potential of the NCC cadets 1 Arunachal Pradesh Battalion NCC, Ex GP HQ Tezpur under the aegis of NCC Directorate NER is organizing an Inter Group Idea & Innovation competition at NIT Jote from 3rd Oct to 6th Oct 2025. This event is in accordance with the Government of India Policy of "Atmanirbhar Bharat". The aim of the competition is to encourage innovative thinking, problem-

solving skills and inculcate the spirit of entrepreneurship towards making “Viksit Bharat” by 2047. The competition has three categories- Labs to Market, Ideas for Social Uplift and Innovation for Sustainability. A total of 84 participants from 9 different Group Headquarters of north east region under the NCC Directorate NER are participating. The winning idea if selected, will get the opportunity to take part at the National Level in January next year.

REPORT :

The Singapore Police Force has extended the autopsy report of late Assamese singer Zubeen Garg to the High Commission of India in Singapore. According to a statement issued by the police, a copy of the autopsy report, along with their preliminary findings on his passing, has been handed over to the Indian authorities. Police investigations are currently underway in the matter, while the public has been advised to refrain from sharing any videos or images related to the matter. The Crime Investigation Department (CID) of Assam police arrested Zubeen Garg’s co-musician Shekhar Jyoti Goswami and co-singer Amritprava Mahanta, taking the total arrests in the case to four. Recently Assam police arrested Shyamkanu Mahanta the main organiser of North East India Festival in Singapore and Zubeen Garg’s Manager, Siddharth Sharma.

ANTF

In Meghalaya the Anti-Narcotics Task Force apprehended three suspects and recovered 10.5 grams of suspected heroin from their possession in Shillong. The drug peddlers have been identified as resident of state capital .All three accused persons have been arrested and handed over to Lumdiengri Police station for registering a case under NDPS

ACCIDENT:

In Meghalaya in a tragic accident that occurred yesterday, four lives were lost after a speeding dumper truck (registration number ML05AC8447) rammed into pedestrians due to the driver’s reckless and negligent driving. According to reports, the incident took place around 6:45 PM at Thadrang in Ri Bhoi District, when the truck, which was transporting limestone, hit five female pedestrians who were walking along the roadside. It was reported that three victims died on the spot, while one more succumbed to her injuries at Nazareth Hospital. Another victim, Iupharisa Nongrum sustained serious injuries.All the victims were the residents of Thadrang Madan village. under the jurisdiction of Mawlasnai Police Outpost.The truck driverand his companion also sustained injuries in the crash. Police have registered the case, seized the vehicle, and initiated a detailed investigation into the incident.

UDPA:

The Urban Development & Poverty Alleviation (UDPA) Department recently conducted a Lok Kalyan Mela at Dawrpui Multipurpose Committee Hall, where 159 street vendors in Aizawl were registered for the PM Street Vendor’s AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) loan scheme. According to Akashvani Aizawl sources, socio-economic profiling was carried out during the mela for both new applicants and existing vendors seeking to reapply for loans under the scheme. The event also provided assistance to vendors

unfamiliar with digital payments, guiding them on how to carry out transactions digitally. During the mela, socio-economic profiling was completed for 51 vendors, and 10 vendors were digitally onboarded for the first time. Officials noted that the PM SVANidhi scheme is implemented across all districts, and interested applicants may visit the UDPA Directorate or their respective District UDPA offices to apply.

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CENSUS:

The Government has decided to conduct the Population Census – 2027 in two phases, along with the enumeration of castes. The first phase will be conducted in hilly and snow-hit areas of Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Ladakh beginning 1st of October, 2026. The second phase covering other parts of the country will be held from 1st of March 2027. The last census was conducted in 2011 in two phases. These were Phase I for House Listing and Phase II for Population Enumeration.

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EARTHQUAKE :

A mild earthquake measuring 3.2 on the Richter scale struck parts of Meghalaya yesterday morning. The Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC), Guwahati, reported that the tremor occurred at 11:29 AM .The epicentre was traced to Ri Bhoi district at latitude 25.93°N and longitude 91.57°E, with a shallow depth of 5 kilometres. Minor tremors were also felt in adjoining areas, but officials confirmed that no damage to property or casualties have been reported.Authorities noted that low-intensity quakes are frequent in the Northeast, a seismically active zone, and urged residents not to panic while following standard safety measures in case of aftershocks.

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