

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

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- Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein attends inaugural session of general council meeting of North East Students' Organisation at Namsai.
- Meghalaya government commences observance of Vigilance Awareness Week 2025 to promote active participation from all sections of society in combating corruption.
- Mizoram Chief Minister, Lalduhoma claims that Mizoram ranks as second least corrupt state in India, next to Lakshadweep.
- Women's Tri-Nation Football Tournament concludes with Nepal defeating hosts India 2-1 at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Shillong.
- 8th edition of MTB Tawang Challenge begins with Men's Elite Cross Country Time Trial and Junior category races; over 35 riders from across India participate in this year's challenge in Arunachal Pradesh.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

CPA

Nagaland will host the 22nd Annual Commonwealth Parliamentary Association India Region Zone-III Conference from 9th to 13th November under the theme "Policy, Progress & People: Legislatures as Catalysts of Change". The Conference serves as a vital platform for the eight North Eastern states to discuss and find common solutions to regional challenges, covering topics from economic development to policy issues and developing a stronger, unified voice for the region. Lok Sabha Speaker, Om Birla will be the Chief Patron and Nagaland Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, as the Vice Patron of the Conference. Meanwhile, Speaker of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Sharingain Longkumer, who also serves as Chairman of the CPA India Region Zone-III, has extended invitation to all Presiding Officers of the North East Legislatures to attend the Conference.

TOURISM

The Ministry of DoNER has made four North Eastern States - Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura and Meghalaya - as members of the committee who are working collaboratively to identify opportunities and address challenges in the region's tourism sector. Sikkim Chief Minister, Prem Singh Tamang who virtually attended the third meeting of the high-level task force on tourism in North-Eastern Region yesterday informed that committee is to strengthen regional collaboration.

NCERT

The National Council for Educational Research and Training yesterday signed a Memorandum of Understanding with IIT-Madras in New Delhi to strengthen educational research, development, training and technology integration. In a statement, the Ministry of Education said that the agreement is a step towards innovation in education. The collaboration aligns with the vision of National Education Policy 2020 and aims to promote Information Technology, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning-enabled

learning solutions. The agreement will also foster research, data analytics and multilingual platforms and resources to further learning and training of students and teachers, and development of digital content and platforms.

NESO

Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein yesterday attended the inaugural session of the general council meeting of the North East Students' Organisation at Namsai. Terming the youth as true strength of the Nation, vibrant, capable, and full of promise, Mein said, he was delighted to witness student leaders and youth representatives from across the North East coming together to deliberate on vital issues from education and employment to cultural preservation and regional unity. He reaffirmed the Government's continued support for youth-led initiatives and expressed confidence that forums like NESO will further strengthen inter-state cooperation and nurture leadership across the region. Hosted by the All Arunachal Pradesh Students' Union, the gathering brought together leaders including NESO Chief Advisor, Dr. Samujjal Bhattacharya, NESO Chairman, Samuel Jyrwa, and representatives from the North Eastern states.

VIGILANCE WEEK

The Meghalaya government has commenced the observance of Vigilance Awareness Week 2025 yesterday. The week-long observance commenced with the Integrity Pledge, administered by Chief Secretary Dr. Shakil P. Ahammed at the Main Secretariat in Shillong in the presence of senior government officials. Observed annually during the last week of October, Vigilance Awareness Week seeks to promote active participation from all sections of society in combating corruption. The initiative aims to enhance public understanding of the causes and consequences of corruption while fostering a culture of integrity, transparency, and accountability in governance. PR = 11

LALDUHOMA

Mizoram Chief Minister, Lalduhoma claimed that Mizoram has been ranked the second least corrupt state in India, next only to Lakshadweep — a milestone he described as a “remarkable achievement” and a “moment of pride” for the state. In his message marking Vigilance Week 2025, Lalduhoma emphasized the importance of integrity and collective responsibility in fighting corruption. He said the Vigilance Week is observed annually to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The campaign aims to raise public awareness about the evils of corruption and encourage citizens to take a firm stand against greed and unethical practices. The Chief Minister described corruption as “a barrier to development and a cause of people being deprived of what is rightfully theirs,” and urged citizens to start combating corruption within their own families and communities.

MEDICINES

The recent revision in the GST rates has resulted in a significant decrease in the prices of medicines and medical equipment. According to Genesis Enterprise, a well-known medical store in Mizoram, the reduction in GST has brought substantial relief to both retailers and consumers. Medicines that were previously taxed at 12% and medical equipment at 18% are now subject to a uniform 5% GST rate. The owner said that this is a major reduction, and it has already made a noticeable difference. While a few items have retained their previous rates, majority of medicines and equipment are now much more affordable.

WORLD SIGHT DAY

The 26th World Sight Day was widely observed across Manipur yesterday under the global theme "Love Your Eyes", focusing on the promotion of eye health and prevention of visual impairment. The state level observance was held at District Hospital Chandel. As part of the observance, a mega free eye and cataract screening camp was held, where free spectacles were distributed to senior citizens diagnosed with short-sightedness. A total of 36 cataract cases and 18 pterygium cases were detected during the camp for further treatment and follow-up care. The programme effectively raised public awareness on the importance of regular eye check-up, the need for early detection and prevention of visual impairment.

TRI-NATION

The Women's Tri-Nation Football Tournament featuring India, Iran and Nepal came to a close at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Shillong yesterday. The concluding match was played between India and Nepal with the visitors defeating the Blue Tigresses 2-1. Iran

had defeated India 2-0 in the opening match of the tournament on the 21 of this month. The Iranians were crowned champions after they trounced Nepal 3-0 in the second and final match of the tri-nation tournament last week in the same venue in Shillong. The friendly matches against Iran and Nepal were a key part of the Indian women’s football team’s build-up to the AFC Asian Cup 2026 in Australia.

MTB

In Arunachal Pradesh, the 8th edition of the MTB Tawang Challenge began yesterday with the Men Elite Cross Country Time Trial and Junior category races marking an energetic start to the event. Briefing media persons, Convenor of the Arunachal Cycling Association, Pura Khongkhung informed that over 35 riders from across India are participating in this year’s challenge. He highlighted that the event aims to promote adventure sports and cycling culture in Arunachal Pradesh’s picturesque and challenging terrain. The MTB Tawang Challenge has grown into one of the premier mountain biking events in Northeast India, drawing cycling enthusiasts and professionals from various parts of the country to test their endurance and skill in Tawang’s high-altitude trails. The event is being organised by the Arunachal Cycling Association under the aegis of the Cycling Federation of India with support from the Department of Youth Affairs. AIR
