

## NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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### HEADLINES:-

- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to inaugurate 22nd Conference of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association in Kohima today.
- Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha emphasizes need to engage younger generation in science and civic awareness.
- Cabinet approves Assam Prohibition of Polygamy Bill, 2025.
- Eastern Air Command of Indian Air Force organises first ever full-scale air show in Guwahati.
- Seng Khasi Kmie performs ‘Ka Nguh ka Dem Blei’ (worship and offering to God) atop Lum Sohpetbneng.
- National seminar on ‘Craft, Culture, and Commerce of Cinema in North East India’ to be in North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong today.
- Controller of Communication Accounts, North East India Telecom Circle, organises awareness programme under Nationwide Digital Life Certificate Campaign at BSNL Office, Tura.
- Catholic faithful in large numbers join annual Eucharistic Processions at Shillong and Tura in Meghalaya yesterday.
- Meghalaya’s Akash Choudhary hailed by Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma for his display of world class cricketing feat.

### NEWS IN ORDER:-

#### **NAGALAND:**

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla arrived in Nagaland yesterday to inaugurate the 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, India Region Zone-III, scheduled to begin in Kohima today. Highlighting the growing development in the North-Eastern states, Mr. Birla noted that new avenues of growth have opened in the region, particularly in transportation, infrastructure, and connectivity. He said that the culture and work ethic of the Naga people reflect the vision of a self-reliant India, emphasizing that the nation’s strength lies in its diversity and democratic values. Addressing media persons, the Lok Sabha Speaker said that the Commonwealth Conference will provide a platform for MLAs and presiding officers from the North-East to deliberate on challenges, development opportunities, policy-making, and governance. He expressed hope that collective discussions during the conference would lead to practical solutions for the region’s issues and aspirations. Mr. Birla also praised the natural beauty, courage, and industrious spirit of the Naga people. Nagaland’s vibrant culture, traditions, and craftsmanship hold great potential to attract both domestic and international tourists, contributing to the vision of a self-reliant and developed India, he said.

#### **TRIPURA:**

Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha emphasized the need to engage the younger generation more actively in discussions on general knowledge, current affairs, science, history, and civic awareness. Speaking at the ‘Tripura Info Mega Quiz 2025’ held at Rabindra Bhawan in Agartala yesterday, he said that no library collection can match the human brain’s ability to acquire and retain knowledge. Dr. Saha added that quiz can be a powerful medium not only for knowledge enhancement but also for promoting awareness about issues such as drug abuse prevention, road safety, social responsibility, and human values.

#### **BILL:**

In a major social initiative, the Assam Cabinet has approved the Assam Prohibition of Polygamy Bill, 2025, aimed at outlawing and eliminating the practice of polygamy across the state, except in Sixth Schedule areas. The Bill prohibits any individual from marrying if they already have a living spouse, are not legally separated, or if a decree of divorce has not dissolved their earlier marriage. It also provides for compensation to women affected by polygamous marriages, acknowledging the immense hardship such victims often endure.

#### **AIR:**

The Eastern Air Command of the Indian Air Force organised the first ever full-scale air show in Guwahati yesterday, marking the 93<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of the Air Force. Over 75 aircraft were displayed in more than 25 formations at Lahit Ghat above the Brahmaputra river in Guwahati. This year’s Air Force Day celebrations revolved around the theme ‘Infallible, Impervious and Precise’, symbolising focus on operational capability, resilience and precision. Assam Governor Laksman Prasad Acharya, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh were present on the occasion.

Our correspondent reports that the first-ever air show in the northeastern region thrilled spectators over the banks of the mighty Brahmaputra. The flying machines operated from seven air bases in the region: Guwahati, Tezpur, Jorhat, Chabua, Hasimara, Bagdogra, and Panagarh.

**CEREMONIES:**

The Seng Khasi Kmie, along with its affiliated Seng Khasi Seng Raid units from across the Khasi–Jaintia Hills, yesterday performed the annual ‘Ka Nguh ka Dem Blei’ (worship and offering to God) atop Lum Sohpetbneng, one of the most sacred and revered religious ceremonies of the Seng Khasi. The ritual is conducted every year as a mark of thanksgiving and prayer to U Blei Nongthaw (God the Creator), seeking blessings for peace, prosperity, and the well-being of humankind on earth. Assistant general secretary of Seng Khasi Kmie, Paia B. Synrem, informed that the erection of the monoliths as part of the religious observance stands as a powerful testament to the living traditions of the Khasi faith and way of life. The Seng Khasi Kmie successfully erected 40 commemorative monoliths, called ‘mawbyнна sahnām’, symbolizing the enduring traditions, customs, and spiritual identity of the Khasi people. The monoliths were consecrated and blessed during the ceremony, serving as eternal markers of Khasi culture and heritage.

**SEMINAR:**

A two-day national seminar on ‘Craft, Culture, and Commerce of Cinema in North East India’ is scheduled to begin at the Golden Jubilee Auditorium, North-Eastern Hill University, Shillong today. The seminar aims for a critical exploration of the multifaceted role of cinema as an artistic practice, a socio-cultural force, and an economic enterprise. The primary objective of the seminar is to foster dialogue among filmmakers, academicians, cultural practitioners, policymakers and students. The aim is to envision pathways for the growth and recognition of the cinema of North East India on both national and global platforms. The seminar, being organised by the Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, NEHU, in association with the North Eastern Council, will feature more than three dozen selected presentations.

**PENSION:**

The Controller of Communication Accounts, North East India Telecom Circle, organised an awareness programme under the Nationwide Digital Life Certificate Campaign at the BSNL Office, Tura, West Garo Hills, Meghalaya. The programme aimed to facilitate and promote the submission of Digital Life Certificates for BSNL and Department of Telecom pensioners through the Jeevan Pramaan application. Around 1000 pensioners whose Digital Life Certificates are due to expire in November 2025, were present at the event, organised by the Department of Pension and Pensioners’ Welfare. Shubhranil Das, Joint Controller of Communication Accounts, spoke about the importance of digital registration and demonstrated the use of the Jeevan Pramaan App, available on the Play Store for hassle-free submission of life certificates. He emphasised that pensioners who are unable to register digitally may also opt for offline submission.

**EUCCHARISTIC:**

Catholic faithful in large numbers joined the annual Eucharistic Processions at Shillong and Tura in Meghalaya yesterday. Morning prayers, followed by a Holy Mass marked the start of the solemn procession from the Cathedral of Mary Help of Christians at Laitumkhrāh within the Shillong Archdiocese. The procession commenced in the afternoon, moving from the Calvary area through Dhankheti, Shillong-Jowai Road, Laitumkhrāh Main Road, Don Bosco Square and back to the Calvary for the Holy Eucharistic Celebration. In Tura, headquarters of the West Garo Hills district, the Catholic faithful took part in the annual Eucharistic Procession, following a Holy Mass at the Sacred Heart Church in the Chandmāry locality. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma also joined in the procession, which went through the main thoroughfares of the town before re-converging at the church ground for the Eucharistic celebration.

**CRICKET:**

Meghalaya’s Akash Choudhary has been hailed by Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma for his display of world class cricketing feat. Akash wrote himself into the history books after becoming only the third batter to hit six sixes in an over in first-class cricket on the second day of the Ranji Trophy 2025-26 plate group match against Arunachal Pradesh in Surat yesterday. He equalled the world records of the legendary Gary Sobers and Ravi Shastri. Chief Minister Sangma took to the social media to laud Akash’s impeccable batting performance, which also included a fantastic 50 runs off just 14 balls. Terming the achievement as a proud moment for the state, he said that Choudhary’s remarkable feat reflects the growing strength of Meghalaya’s sporting talent and will serve as an inspiration for aspiring cricketers.

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