

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

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2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi says over last 11 years, his government is working hard for betterment of each and every citizen.
3. Four-lane bridge connecting Garo Hills in Meghalaya with Assam, is 65 per cent complete.
4. Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, marked its 25th anniversary yesterday.
5. Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha congratulates state artists for winning third place at National Kala Utsav in Pune.
6. Sansad Khel Mahotsav 2025 comes to close.
7. Christmas celebrated amid religious solemnity and joy across Northeast.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

PRESIDENT

President Droupadi Murmu will confer the 'Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar' on the occasion of Veer Bal Diwas in New Delhi today. This year, 20 children from 18 States and Union Territories have been selected for the honour for demonstrating outstanding achievements in diverse fields, including bravery, sports and social service. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will also address the children and youth at a national-level programme of Veer Bal Diwas at Bharat Mandapam. Veer Baal Diwas is observed to honour the bravery and sacrifice of the Sahibzades – Baba Zorawar Singh Ji and Baba Fateh Singh Ji – the young sons of Sri Guru Gobind Singh Ji.

PM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday said, over last 11 years, his government is working hard for the betterment of each and every citizen. The government is giving providing all kinds of benefits of schemes without any discrimination which is true governance and true secularism. The Prime Minister was addressing a public rally in Lucknow on the occasion of the 101st birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee. The Prime Minister said that saturation of government schemes is the motto of his government and now crores of poor citizens are getting benefit of them.

CHURCH

Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday attended the Christmas morning service at the Cathedral Church of the Redemption in Delhi. In a social media post, Mr Modi said, the service reflected the timeless message of love, peace and compassion. He hoped that the spirit of Christmas would inspire harmony and goodwill in society.

CHRISTMAS

Christmas was celebrated amid religious solemnity and joy in a peaceful atmosphere across the Northeastern region along with the rest of the country and the world yesterday. Midnight services in churches and carol processions through illuminated streets were taken out. Church leaders called upon people to reflect on the message of hope, peace and love associated with the birth of

Jesus Christ. People gathered at churches for prayers and hymns to mark the festival. Governors and chief ministers greeted the people on Christmas.

SHILLONG

The dazzling Christmas illumination in Shillong has been drawing people from far and near. Large numbers of tourists descended on the hill city to revel in the festivities. The faithful attended early morning services in several churches and chapels and greeted each other across Meghalaya.

CAROL

The Jingiaseng Samla Balang Presbyterian Kynshi Them, as part of its annual tradition, organised a Christmas Carol procession as part of the Christmas celebrations. The carol procession commenced from the Presbyterian Church Kynshi Them, and proceeded along the NH-44E national highway passing through Kynshi Bangla Village before concluding at the church premises. The event witnessed the participation of thousands of people, including children, youth, elders and women, who took part wearing various colourful costumes, including traditional attires.

PMGSY

One of India's most impactful rural infrastructure initiatives, the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY), marked its 25th anniversary yesterday. The scheme was launched on 25th December, 2000 to ensure all-weather connectivity to previously unconnected rural habitations. The programme has emerged as a key enabler of agricultural growth, employment generation, improved access to education, health services, and poverty alleviation. Since its inception, over 8 lakh 25 thousand kilometres of rural roads have been sanctioned under PM Gram Sadak Yojana, with more than 7 lakh 87 thousand kilometres completed. Budgetary allocations to the Scheme in recent years reflect the government's sustained emphasis on strengthening rural road connectivity. Around 19 thousand crore rupees have been allocated for the financial year 2025-26.

BRIDGE

The much-awaited four-lane bridge connecting Garo Hills in Meghalaya with Assam, which is expected to be a game-changer for the region, is 65 per cent complete. The project is set to take another three years to be fully completed. In its project updates, the National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited stated that the 19.28-kilometer four-lane bridge includes approaches over the River Brahmaputra between Dhubri (on the North Bank, Assam) and Phulbari (on the South Bank, Meghalaya) on National Highway-127B.

CIVIC

Under its Civic Action Programme, the Khonsa Battalion of the Assam Rifles has arranged for a National Integration Tour for students from Wangcha Rajkumar Government College, Deomali, Tirap District, Arunachal Pradesh. The students will attend the 26th Rashtra Katha Shivir, organised by Shri Vedic Mission Trust at Village Pransla, District Rajkot, Gujarat. A total of 11 students is participating in the tour, scheduled from 27th December to 4th January. The tour was flagged off yesterday by Wangki Lowang, Minister of Geology, Mining and Minerals, Government of Arunachal Pradesh from Deomali. The initiative aims to inculcate a sense of nationalism, foster national integration and expose the North Eastern youth to India's rich cultural heritage and developmental progress.

TRIBUTE

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh, Leader of the House in Rajya Sabha, J P Nadda, Union Ministers Kiren Rijiju, Arjun Ram Meghwal and Dr Jitendra Singh, present and former MPs yesterday paid floral tributes to former Prime Minister Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee at the Parliament premises. The dignitaries paid tributes at the portrait of Atal Bihari Vajpayee at the Samvidhan Sadan on the former prime minister's birth anniversary.

TRIPURA

Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha has congratulated state artists for winning third place at the National Kala Utsav, held from 20th to 24th December at the Yashwantrao Chavan Academy of Development Administration in Pune. The Chief Minister praised their exceptional skill, balance, and grace, noting that this

achievement brings pride to Tripura and showcases its rich cultural heritage. The honor was earned by Shilpa Reang, Sanita Reang, Siluta Reang, and Parmaiti Reang from Chandrapur Higher Secondary School in Gomati District for their performance of the Hojagiri folk dance.

POETRY

The third State-level Atal Poetry and Literature Festival was inaugurated at Dharmanagar in North Tripura yesterday. The event was inaugurated by Santana Chakma, Minister for Industries and Commerce, who also opened an accompanying book fair as part of the celebrations. Approximately 250 poets and litterateurs from all eight districts of Tripura are participating in the festival, providing a vibrant platform for literary exchange. A major highlight of the event was the presentation of the prestigious Atal Bihari Vajpayee Lifetime Achievement Award to Atul Debbarma for his significant contributions to literature.

WEATHER

The India Meteorological Department has issued an orange colour warning for dense to very dense fog over Delhi, Assam, Meghalaya, Haryana, Uttarakhand, Chandigarh, Punjab, Bihar, Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal and Sikkim till Sunday. The IMD said that dense fog conditions will also prevail over parts of North East. The IMD, Imphal Center predicts moderate to heavy fog in isolated areas of various districts of Manipur. Senapati, Imphal-East, Imphal-West, Utkhrul, Bishenpur, Thoubal, Kakching, Churachandpur, and Pherjawl, will experience foggy conditions over the next few days. Yellow alert has been issued in this regard. The Senapati district recorded a minimum temperature of 6.65 degree celsius, and was the coldest among all the other districts.

MANIPUR

Sansad Khel Mahotsav 2025 which began on 29th August on the occasion of the birth anniversary of Late Major Dhyanchand came to a close yesterday. Rajya Sabha MP from Manipur, Leishemba Sanajaoba participated in the closing function of the Mahotsav held at Sudarshan Bal Vidya Mandir, Imphal East. Olympic Silver medallist Mirabai Chanu, boxing coach and Dronacharya awardee L. Ibomcha, Olympians - Thoiba, Kunjarani, Chinglensana and other eminent sports personalities attended the closing function. MP Leishemba Sanajaoba urged the youth to focus on health and well-being besides sports. He said only when the youth are dedicated to their own purpose in life and align with the goals of national values, the vision of Vikshit Bharat by 2047 will be accomplished.
