

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Sikkim Lok Sabha MP Dr. Indra Hang Subba requests Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Prahlad Joshi for establishment of a regional office of the Food Corporation of India in Sikkim.
- Tripura's Youth Wing of Tipra Motha Youth Tipra Federation joins a protest against the recent demonstrations at the Indian Visa Office in Bangladesh and threats to occupy India's Seven Sister states.
- Government of India reaffirms its commitment to strengthening Community Radio Stations in Sikkim.
- Manipur University Women's Studies Centre organises a One Day National Seminar on "Women, Conflict and Society" at the university's Sociology Department.
- Nagaland's Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio convenes the third meeting of the High-Level Task Force on Handloom and Handicrafts of the North Eastern Region to review the final draft report on the sector.
- Tripura Governor Indrasena Reddy Nallu stresses the importance of ensuring that people living in the state's border villages receive all basic civic facilities.
- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu reviews the progress of 11.5 km road Itanagar–Banderdewa Package-B (NH-415) in a meeting at Itanagar.

MEETING:

Lok Sabha MP from Sikkim Dr. Indra Hang Subba who met Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Prahlad Joshi, requested for establishment of a regional office of the Food Corporation of India (FCI) in Sikkim. At present, Sikkim is looked after by the Kolkata regional office. Subba highlighted the unique geographical and logistical challenges faced by the Himalayan State of Sikkim, which make food procurement, storage, transportation, and distribution particularly demanding. Subba added absence of an FCI regional office in the State often leads to operational delays and coordination issues, affecting the efficient implementation of food security schemes and the Public Distribution System.

PROTEST:

In protest against the recent demonstrations at the Indian Visa Office in Bangladesh and the threats to occupy India's Seven Sister states, the Youth Wing of Tipra Motha Youth Tipra Federation joined a protest in Agartala yesterday. The organisation staged a road blockade and held a protest programme in the Agartala Circuit House area. YTF leaders stated that the recent threat issued by Bangladeshi leader Hasnat Abdullah to separate North-East India from the rest of the country is extremely unfortunate and provocative. They said such remarks are not only

harmful to bilateral relations between the two countries but also pose a serious threat to regional peace and stability.

RADIO:

Government of India reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening Community Radio Stations in Sikkim. Replying to a question by Rajya Sabha MP from Sikkim Dorjee Tshering Lepcha, Union Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting Dr. L. Murugan said that one application from Sikkim was received under the “Supporting Community Radio Movement in India” scheme in the last five years, and it has been sanctioned. The scheme provides financial support for establishing, repairing, and upgrading community radio stations, along with capacity-building measures such as workshops, webinars, and stakeholder sammelans. As part of these efforts, a workshop was conducted in Gangtok in November 2024, and a Regional sammelan for East Zone states was held in Guwahati in December 2025.

SEMINAR:

The Women's Studies Centre in Manipur University yesterday organised a One Day National Seminar (Hybrid Mode) on "Women, Conflict and Society" at the Department of Sociology Manipur University. The seminar aimed to generate critical academic dialogue on the multifaceted intersection between gender, conflict, violence, resilience and social transformation with particular emphasis on Northeast India and Manipur. The seminar focused on women's role in peacebuilding, displacement, poverty, labour participation, patriarchy and digital financial risks in Manipur. While the online mode session brought together scholars from different regions of India to deliberate on feminist theory, social media discourse, inheritance rights, livelihood disruptions and empowerment narratives.

HANDLOOM:

Nagaland's Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio yesterday convened the third meeting of the High-Level Task Force on Handloom and Handicrafts of the North Eastern Region to review the final draft report on the sector. In a social media post, Mr Rio noted steady progress since the first meeting in July and the second session held in September. Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, also participated virtually in the meeting. He said, discussions focused on skill upgradation, quality certification, sustainable fibres and dyes, e-commerce–driven market access, and cluster-based development to ensure holistic and sustainable growth of the sector. The meeting was also attended by Assam's Cabinet Minister for Sports, Nandita Garlosa, Mizoram's Minister of State for Commerce & Industry, F. Rodingliana, senior officials from the Manipur Government and the Ministry of Textiles.

REDDY:

Tripura Governor Indrasena Reddy Nallu has stressed the importance of ensuring that people living in the state's border villages receive all basic civic facilities on par with other areas. As part of this initiative, the Governor on Thursday visited several border villages and border areas under the Boxanagar block of Sepahijala district. During the visit, the Governor reviewed whether essential services such as Aadhaar cards for children, government housing, electricity, drinking water, health insurance, ABHA cards, education, and services provided by Anganwadi centres were reaching residents of the border villages effectively.

INITIATIVE:

As part of the "Prashasan Gaon Ke Aur" initiative, the first-ever District Magistrate Janata Darbar was held yesterday at the Khowai Zilla Parishad ground in Tripura. The programme provided a platform for people from across the district to directly interact with the District Magistrate regarding their grievances, problems, employment-related issues, and other concerns. DM of Khowai District Rajat Panth, Additional District Magistrate Abhedananda Baidya, along with senior officials from all departments of the Khowai and Teliamura sub-divisions, were present at the Janata Darbar. Members of the public submitted their complaints and demands through a registration process and presented their issues directly before the District Magistrate.

ROAD:

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu reviewed the progress of 11.5 km road Itanagar–Banderdewa Package-B (NH-415) in a meeting at Itanagar yesterday. Delays and poor execution of the road have caused avoidable public hardship, especially during the monsoon. In a social media post, Khandu informed instructions have been issued to make the road safe, fully trafficable, and fit for uninterrupted vehicular movement within this winter, to avoid any inconvenience to the public. He further said, this critical road will now move forward with urgency, accountability, and a people-first approach.

PRE CHRISTMAS:

The Meghalaya Legislative Assembly yesterday organised a Pre-Christmas Prayer Service and Celebration at the New Meghalaya Legislative Assembly Premises, Mawdiangdiang, New Shillong. The programme was attended by Chief Minister, Shri Conrad K. Sangma; Speaker of Meghalaya Legislative Assembly, Thomas A. Sangma; Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Shri Limison D. Sangma; Deputy Chief Minister Shri Sniawbhalang Dhar Shri Andrew Simons, Commissioner and Secretary, Meghalaya Legislative Assembly; Shri Malthus S. Sangma, Secretary, Meghalaya Legislative Assembly; along with officers and staff of the Assembly Secretariat. Neil Vimal Kumar, Speaker and Ministry Director, Life Focus Society, Chennai, shared the Christmas message and offered prayers on the occasion.

FILM:

Chief Minister of Tripura Dr. Manik Saha yesterday said that the Tripura Film and Television Institute will not only open new avenues for the state's talented youth but will also create fresh employment opportunities for the younger generation. He added that the institute will play a significant role in showcasing Tripura's rich cultural heritage to a global audience through the silver screen. The Chief Minister was speaking after inaugurating the certificate distribution ceremony for pass-out students of the Tripura Film and Television Institute and graded artists at Rabindra Satabarshiki Bhavan in Agartala. Dr. Saha said that with the establishment of the Tripura Film and Television Institute, the cultural and artistic landscape of the state has become more vibrant.

FESTIVAL:

The three-day long 18th State Level Orange Festival concluded yesterday in Tamenglong district of Manipur. The closing ceremony of the festival was held at Mini Stadium of Tamenglong in which Manipur Chief Secretary Dr. Puneet Kumar Goel graced as chief guest. The State Level Orange Festival is held annually in an aim to promote the GI tagged Tamenglong orange and encourage the orange growers of the district. Various events including competition among orange growers, traditional dance and music, water and indigenous games, cave expeditions, seminars and others were held during the three day festival. Addressing the gathering in the closing ceremony, Manipur Chief Secretary said that orange growers of Tamenglong district need to use technology to enhance production capacity of the Tamenglong orange. He said that 350 orange growers of the district have been identified for adopting organic farming in orange production.
