

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

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2. Situation turns violent after death of a youth in mob lynching at Karigaon in Kokrajhar district of Assam.

3. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma inaugurates Counter-Insurgency–Anti-Terrorism School and the Integrated Police Welfare Complex at Bagmara in South Garo Hills.

4. All households, schools and Anganwadi centres in Mizoram's rural areas provided with potable drinking water through Functional Household Tap Connections under the Centre's Jal Jeevan Mission.

5. Pangsau Pass International Festival is underway in the frontier town of Nampong in Arunachal Pradesh alongside the India-Myanmar border.

6. District-level tribal folk-dance competition held in Tripura to promote overall development of culture and traditions of the tribal communities.

7. Three states from North Eastern Region Meghalaya, Tripura and Manipur are observing their statehood day today.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

YOUTH

Union Minister Jayant Chaudhary yesterday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi's sustained focus on the North-East has created opportunities for the region's youth and boosted their confidence. Asserting that the North-East has immense talent and aspiration, he said youths from this region are ready to lead India's skilled workforce and contribute meaningfully to the nation's growth. Chaudhary inaugurated the India Skills Regional Competition 2025–26 for the North-East at Gauhati University. The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, along with the National Skill Development Corporation as its implementation partner, is bringing India's premier skilling championship to the North-East region for the first time. "India Skills is not merely a competition, it is a celebration of excellence, discipline, and the dignity of work", Chaudhary said.

SITUATION

In Assam, situation turned violent yesterday after death of a youth in mob lynching at Karigaon in Kokrajhar district. Angry protester tried to attack the Karigaon Police Out Post later blocked National Highly, burnt two camps of Birs Commando Force, shops, vehicles and vandalised several buildings demanding immediate justice and strict punishment for those responsible in the killing. Police resorted to firing and tear gas in several areas to control the unrest and State Government later deployed Army and Para Military Forces to restore order. Around 30 people have been detained by police so far in connection to the killing of the youth and district administration has suspended mobile internet and data services across Kokrajhar and neighbouring Chirang districts with immediate effect.

SCHOOL

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma yesterday inaugurated the Counter-Insurgency–Anti-Terrorism (CIAT) School and the Integrated Police Welfare Complex at Baghmara in South Garo Hills. Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma congratulated the Home and Police Departments on the completion of the Integrated Police Welfare Complex and the CIAT School. Acknowledging the vision behind the project, he commended the then Superintendent of Police and now Inspector General of Police, Davis N. R. Marak. The Chief Minister noted that the strategic location of the complex provides an ideal environment for training not only Meghalaya Police personnel but also police personnel from across India and abroad. “The counter-insurgency and anti-terrorism school benefits from dense forest conditions, challenging tropical weather, and difficult terrain, making it an ideal location for advanced training programmes,” he said. He emphasised the importance of continuous innovation and development in training, particularly in the context of evolving law enforcement and counter-terrorism challenges.

MOU

In a significant step towards strengthening Early Childhood Care, Education and Development through inter-state collaboration, the government of Odisha and the government of Meghalaya yesterday signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at mutual learning, capacity building, and the exchange of best practices in Early Childhood Development (ECD). According to an official statement, the MoU envisages collaboration between the two states to strengthen holistic Early Childhood Care, Education & Development interventions, encompassing nutrition, health, early learning, responsive caregiving, community engagement, and institutional capacity building.

APPREHENSION

In Meghalaya, Office of the Superintendent of Police WJH informed that yesterday afternoon West Jaintia Hill PST accompanied by headman and VDP of Demthring Village apprehended Four Bangladeshi along with a vehicle. Upon enquiry, the driver of the vehicle revealed that three more vehicles were carrying Bangladeshi were enroute from Jowai towards Dawki. Upon receiving the information and swift action taken by the Police Department intercepted the vehicle and total 18 Bangladeshi National were apprehended. A case has been

registered and all the individuals involved in the incident have been taken into custody.

COMMISSION

The Government has released 213.9 crore rupees as Fifteenth Finance Commission United Grants for Rural Local Bodies in Assam for the financial year 2025-26. The Ministry of Panchayati Raj today informed us that this amount constitutes the first instalment for the current financial year. The Ministry said that the funds have been released for all 2,192 eligible Gram Panchayats, 182 eligible Block Panchayats and 27 eligible Zilla Parishads across the State.

WATER

All households, schools and Anganwadi centres in Mizoram's rural areas have been provided with potable drinking water through Functional Household Tap Connections under the Centre's Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), officials said. This was announced at the meeting of the State Water and Sanitation Mission Apex Committee, chaired by Chief Secretary Khilli Ram Meena, to review the completed and on going projects being implemented across the state under the JJM scheme. Officials said that about 852 projects are being implemented under the JJM, which have already covered all villages by providing tap connections to all households, school and rural Anganwadi centres.

COMPETITION

With the aim of promoting the overall development of the culture and traditions of the tribal communities, a district-level tribal folk-dance competition was held yesterday at the Rajarshi Hall in Udaipur, Gomati district, Tripura. The competition, organized by the Gomati District Tribal Welfare Office, was inaugurated by the Chairperson of the Gomati Zilla Parishad, Debal Debroy. Three teams from three subdivisions participated in yesterday's district-level competition. The winning team from Udaipur subdivision will participate in the State-level tribal folk dance competition on January 26th.

AI

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said yesterday that the state is proactively preparing its workforce for an increasingly automated and Artificial Intelligence (AI)-driven future, leveraging its young demographic advantage and

focusing on industry-aligned skill development. Speaking on the second day of the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting, Chief Minister Sarma shared how Assam is reshaping its skilling ecosystem to meet the demands of emerging technologies and future-ready industries. In a post on social media platform X, the Chief Minister said Assam is "rewriting the training playbook" to ensure that its workforce remains competitive in a rapidly evolving global economy.

FESTIVAL

The Pangsau Pass International Festival is underway in the frontier town of Nampong in Arunachal Pradesh alongside the India-Myanmar border. The event will go on till 22nd January 2026. It incorporated the 80th-anniversary commemoration of World War II, by featuring a special "Willy Jeep" ride tracing the historic wartime route from the Hump Museum in Pasighat to Pangsau Pass via Changlang District. The festival has become a major platform for cross-border cultural exchange between India and Myanmar and includes a wide spread of traditional sports, local cuisine, sightseeing and more.

SELF RELIANCE

Keeping in view the goal of a developed and self-reliant India and based on the theme "Science & Technology for a Sustainable Future", the 53rd Rajyastariya Bal Vaigyanik Pradarshani(State-Level Children's Science Exhibition) was held at Umakanta Academy (English Medium) H.S. School in Agartala yesterday. The exhibition was organised by the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT), Tripura, and was inaugurated by Science and Environment Minister of Tripura Animesh Debbarma. Addressing the gathering, Minister, highly appreciated the innovative ideas and scientific temperament of the students. He said that the dream of a sustainable, self-reliant and developed India can be realised through the proper application of science and technology. He added that such exhibitions inspire the younger generation towards research, innovation and creative thinking. Students from different districts of the State presented a total of forty scientific models and projects, with five models from each district.

MEETING

A consultative meeting was held at the Administrative Reforms Commission office in Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh. Chairman Pramod Jain, accompanied by Member Hento Karga was engaged in a high-level strategic dialogue with the leadership of the Arunachal Indigenous Tribes' Forum and various apex Community Based Organisations to fundamentally bridge the gap between state administration and the public. The session centred on the essential goal of building "social trust" and repositioning the Commission as an "important limb of governance" that acts with transparency and empathy towards the indigenous population.

CONFERMENT

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. General Retd. KT Parnaik, conferred the 23rd Bharat Scouts and Guides Rajya Puraskar in an Award Ceremony held at Lok Bhavan, Itanagar. 114 Scouts and Guides, including 61 Guides, qualified for the prestigious State-level award this year. Expressing his faith in that the youth of Arunachal Pradesh will impact fully contribute towards the collective vision of Viksit Bharat, the Governor said that the vision of Viksit Bharat can only be realized through Viksit Yuva. The Governor further advised the youth to uphold the core values of honesty, kindness, respect, and responsibility in all walks of life. On the occasion, Chanyan Lowang, SOC (Guides), informed that Three Thousand 474 scouts and Three Thousand 616 guides have received the Rajya Puraskar Award Certificate since 1992.

STATEHOOD

Three states from North Eastern Region Meghalaya, Tripura and Manipur are observing their statehood day today. Various government programmes will be held across these states.
