

## **NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN**

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### **HEADLINES:-**

- Assam is set to receive significant boost in terms of railway connectivity as state will get two new Amrit Bharat trains along with the country's first Vande Bharat sleeper coach trains.
- Tripura Health Department urges people not to panic unnecessarily over Nipah virus.
- Chairman of newly constituted Manipur Staff Selection Commission, T. Ranjit Singh assures no corruption in recruitment process in state, urges candidates and parents not to believe in rumours.
- Speaker of Meghalaya Legislative Assembly, Thomas A. Sangma, attends 28th Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth, 2026 in New Delhi.
- Mizoram Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Department organises training programme on Scientific Rubber Cultivation, Harvesting Techniques, Post-Harvest Handling and Pest Management for rubber growers.
- Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha attends traditional harvest festival Tharlak Kut–2026 of Darlong tribal community at Darchawi ADC Village in Kumarghat, Unakoti district.
- Team of four persons led by Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur will participate in upcoming India International Conference on Democracy and Election Management to be held in New Delhi.
- Office of Principal Accountant General (A&E), Shillong in Meghalaya launches Online Pension Application Module, a new digital facility integrated with existing e-Pension portal.
- Deputy Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Chowna Mein inaugurates newly constructed 60-bedded hostel building at Pali Vidyapeeth, Chongkham, in Namsai district.
- Agartala branch of India Meteorological Department has received award for best state in accurate and rapid dissemination of weather information.
- Indian Army organises weapons exhibition at Tripura Institute of Technology Ground in Narsingharh, Agartala.
- Assam Rifles celebrates Army Day 2026 with community outreach programmes Manipur.

### **BHARAT TRAINS:**

Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma yesterday said that Assam is set to receive a significant boost in terms of railway connectivity as the state will get two new Amrit Bharat trains along with the country's first Vande Bharat sleeper coach trains. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will flag off the first Vande Bharat Sleeper Express between Guwahati and Kolkata tomorrow, besides new trains connecting Dibrugarh to Lucknow and Guwahati to Rohtak via Delhi. Modi will also witness the traditional Bodo dance 'Bagurumba', showcasing Assam's rich cultural heritage on a national platform. On Sunday, Modi will travel to Kaziranga to lay the foundation stone of the elevated corridor project.

### **NIPAH:**

In Tripura, the Health Department has urged people not to panic unnecessarily over the Nipah virus. Addressing a press conference yesterday, Additional Secretary Health Department and State Mission Director National Health Mission, Saju Wahid A, said that no Nipah virus case has been detected in Tripura so far. However, in view of reports of infections in West Bengal and Bangladesh, the state government has put all precautionary measures in place. He informed that during a recent review meeting, Chief Medical Officers of all districts were instructed to remain fully prepared.

### **CONFERENCE:**

Speaker of the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly, Thomas A. Sangma, attended the 28<sup>th</sup> Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth, 2026, being held in New Delhi. The conference was inaugurated yesterday at the Central Hall of Samvidhan Sadan by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Chaired by Lok Sabha Speaker, Om Birla, the conference features 61 Speakers and Presiding Officers from 42 Commonwealth countries, along with representatives from four semi-autonomous parliaments. Speakers from other States of the North East also took part in the conference.

### **RIJIJU:**

Union Minister Kiren Rijiju yesterday the VB-G RAM G scheme aligns with the country's Viksit Bharat 2047 goals for a developed India. Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of the Sarok festival at Bana in Arunachal Pradesh's Bichom district, Rijiju said, over the past decade, India has significantly improved its infrastructure, including roads, electricity, water and mobile connectivity. Focusing on Viksit Gaon for Viksit Bharat, he said, the government came up with the VB-G RAM G bill by extending the job guarantee from 100 days under MGNREGA to 125 days.

### **RUBBER:**

The Mizoram Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Department yesterday organised a training programme on Scientific Rubber Cultivation, Harvesting Techniques, Post-Harvest Handling and Pest Management for rubber growers under the Mizoram Chief Minister's Rubber Mission in Aizawl. The inaugural session was attended by Chief Minister Lalduhoma, in the presence of Minister for Land Resources, Soil & Water Conservation Lalthansanga. The training programme was conducted with experts from the Rubber Board of India and Servo Lubricants, and aims to train around 550 rubber growers on scientific cultivation practices, tapping techniques, rubber sheet processing, post-harvest handling, and pest management. Mizoram has nearly 50,000 hectares of land suitable for rubber cultivation.

### **TRIPURA CM:**

Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha yesterday attended the traditional harvest festival Tharlak Kut-2026 of the Darlong tribal community at Darchawi ADC

Village in Kumarghat, Unakoti district. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister said, Tharlak Kut symbolises unity, harmony and respect for ancestral traditions, and plays a vital role in preserving the culture, heritage and identity of tribal communities. Stating that the Tripura government is continuously working for the socio-economic development of tribal people, Saha informed that 39.06 per cent of the State Budget for the 2024-25 financial year has been allocated for tribal welfare.

#### **TEAM:**

A team of four persons led by the Chief Electoral Officer, Manipur will participate in the upcoming India International Conference on Democracy and Election Management to be held in New Delhi from 21st to 23rd this month. The conference will bring together representatives from all 36 State and Union Territories. The CEO Manipur has constituted a dedicated thematic group to carry out research and preparatory work on the theme 'Ease of Political Participation in Voter Registration' allotted to the State by India International Institute of Democracy and Election Management, New Delhi.

#### **ONLINE PENSION:**

In Meghalaya, the office of the Principal Accountant General (A&E), Shillong yesterday launched the Online Pension Application Module, a new digital facility integrated with the existing e-Pension portal. The module was inaugurated by Principal Accountant General (A&E), Meghalaya, L. Hangsing, and other dignitaries. Speaking on the occasion, Hangsing highlighted that the launch of the Online Pension Application Module marks a significant milestone in the Office's digital transformation journey towards end-to-end digitisation of the pension process. He stated that the initiative would enhance transparency in service delivery, reduce paperwork, minimize processing delays, and provide a seamless experience for pension applicants.

#### **HOSTEL:**

Deputy Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Chowna Mein inaugurated the newly constructed 60-bedded hostel building at Pali Vidyapeeth, Chongkham, in Namsai district. Congratulating the Pali Vidyapeeth Society and the construction agency for timely completion of the hostel, Mein acknowledged the growing demand for boarding facilities in the region and assured that the government would explore further expansion of hostel infrastructure. He reaffirmed the government's continued support through annual grants-in-aid and infrastructure funding.

#### **AWARD:**

The Agartala branch of the India Meteorological Department has received the award for the best state in accurate and rapid dissemination of weather information. The award was presented by Union Minister for Earth Sciences, Dr. Jitendra Singh in New Delhi on the occasion of the 151st Foundation Day of the India Meteorological Department. Director of the Agartala Meteorological Centre, Dr. Partha Roy, informed that the IMD's 151st Foundation Day was also observed by the Agartala branch. A Weather Doppler Radar is already operational in Agartala and there are plans to set up another Doppler Weather Radar Station at Belonia.

#### **FOUNDATION DAY:**

The Meteorological Centre, Aizawl celebrated the 151st Foundation Day of the India Meteorological Department yesterday at its office premises in Berawtlang, Aizawl. In his address, Director, Meteorological Centre Aizawl, Sudheer Kumar Dwivedi, highlighted the rich legacy of IMD, and its continuous contributions to the nation in the fields of weather forecasting, climate services, disaster risk reduction, and scientific research. He also acknowledged the support of the Mizoram Government.

**CHAIRMAN:**

The first Chairman of the newly constituted Manipur Staff Selection Commission, T. Ranjit Singh, IAS (retired) appealed to candidates and parents not to believe rumours and assured that there would be no corruption in the recruitment process conducted by the Commission. Addressing the media in Imphal yesterday, the Chairman said, the selection would be made strictly on merit and that candidates who prepare sincerely and follow instruction would have a fair opportunity.

**ARMY:**

The Indian Army yesterday organised a weapons exhibition at the Tripura Institute of Technology Ground in Narsingharh, Agartala. During the exhibition, various types of firearms and advanced defence equipment used by the Army were displayed. NCC cadets and students visited the exhibition, observed the weapons, and handled them under supervision.

**ARMY DAY:**

In Manipur, Assam Rifles celebrated the Army Day 2026 with community outreach programmes across the State which included sports, motivational lecture, first aid training and career guidance. As part of the celebration, Assam Rifles organised a friendly volleyball match at Bongjang Village in Tengnoupal district yesterday. A motivational lecture under 'Day with Commander' was also held at Sajal Kuki Village in Kangpokpi.

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