

## **NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN**

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### **HEADLINES:-**

- Nagaland emerges as one of leading performers in category of small states, northeastern states, and union territories in Export Preparedness Index 2024, released by NITI Aayog.
- Mizoram government will begin to procure ginger and dry broomsticks from farmers under state flagship programme 'Bana Kaih' from February 2.
- Sikkim government in collaboration with NITI Aayog organizes workshop on "Frontier State Development, Focus on North East" at Gangtok.
- Tripura Chief Minister, Dr. Manik Saha visits residence of late Angel Chakma and assures bereaved family members to take up the issue with Uttarakhand Chief Minister.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Armed Forces Veterans' Day 2026 celebrated across Manipur.
- District Magistrate of Eastern West Khasi Hills District in Meghalaya issues Prohibitory Order under Section 163 BNSS, 2023 prohibiting transportation, storage, sale or distribution of fish illegally imported from Bangladesh.
- Two AI and machine learning courses - AI Explorer program, and AI Job Ready program for youth launched at Government Higher Secondary School, Kamba, in West Siang district, Arunachal Pradesh.
- Vibrant harvest festival, Magh Bihu, also known as Bhogali Bihu and Maghor Domahi celebrated across Assam.

### **NEWS IN ORDER:-**

#### **INDEX:**

Nagaland has emerged as one of the leading performers in the category of small states, northeastern states, and union territories in the Export Preparedness Index 2024, released by NITI Aayog yesterday. The state secured a category rank of third with a score of 46.42. The Export Preparedness Index 2024 offers a comprehensive assessment of export readiness across India's states and union territories. It is structured around four key pillars-policy, infrastructure, ecosystem, and export outcomes, further divided into 13 sub-pillars to evaluate overall export performance. Among the northeastern states, Tripura and Assam secured the sixth and seventh ranks respectively. Meghalaya and Sikkim were placed at the tenth and fourteenth ranks and classified as challengers. Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, and Manipur, ranked 15th, 17th, and 18th, have been categorized as aspirers in the EPI 2024.

#### **GINGER:**

Mizoram Chief Minister, Lalduhoma announced that his government would begin procuring ginger and dry broomsticks from farmers from February 2 under the state flagship programme 'Bana Kaih' or handholding scheme. He made the announcement while inaugurating a ginger processing unit at Sairang about 21 km from Aizawl. Lalduhoma said that Mizoram despite being predominantly an agrarian state, no particular crop of the state had earlier brought special recognition

to the state. However, today Mizoram has begun to be known as the Ginger Capital of India. He said that this growing recognition was the result of the hard work of farmers. The government had spent about 137.72 crore rupees as support price for the purchase of ginger last year, besides dried broomsticks worth nearly 2 crore rupees and paddy worth 44.18 lakh rupees.

### **SIKKIM:**

In Sikkim, the Sikkim government in collaboration with NITI Aayog organized a workshop on "Frontier State Development, Focus on North East" at Gangtok yesterday. NITI Aayog Vice Chairperson, Suman K Bery, outlined the objectives of NITI Aayog and reflected on challenges and opportunities of the North Eastern region in the context of Viksit Bharat. He appreciated the state's cleanliness and the prevailing sense of calm. The workshop sought to strengthen organic agriculture and green economy linkages among the North-Eastern states, build a regional innovation network under the Atal Innovation Mission to promote inclusive entrepreneurship, and create a platform for inter-state collaboration by showcasing successful models from Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Mizoram, Manipur, Meghalaya, Assam, and Tripura.

### **ORDER:**

In Meghalaya, the District Magistrate of Eastern West Khasi Hills District, Mairang has issued a Prohibitory Order under Section 163 BNSS, 2023 prohibiting the transportation, storage, sale or distribution of fish illegally imported from Bangladesh without valid legal documents, using of any vehicle, vessel, boat, or assisting, harbouring, or facilitating individuals or groups involved in such illegal activities. This order has been issued in view of reports received that illegal transportation of migrants and fish from Bangladesh is taking place through various border routes that may pose a threat to national security, public order, public health, and economic interests.

### **REHABILITATION:**

The Manipur government yesterday said that rehabilitation and resettlement of internally displaced persons remains its highest humanitarian priority, with comprehensive security assessments being carried out at all proposed resettlement sites. In a letter to representatives of IDPs and the Coordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity, Special Secretary (Home), A Subash Singh said, the resettlement process is contingent on multiple factors, including the security situation, site readiness, land availability, fund flow, climatic conditions and livelihood feasibility. A comprehensive resettlement plan covering around 60,000 IDPs has been prepared under various schemes. Meanwhile, tribals belonging to the Kuki-Zo community yesterday organised a rally in Manipur's Churachandpur district, demanding an early political solution to the long-standing issues faced by the community.

### **AGRI START-UP:**

Arunachal Pradesh Minister for Agriculture, Gabriel D Wangsu led the Agri-startup Meet cum Startup Fund Disbursement Ceremony at CHF R-ABI, College of Horticulture and Forestry, Pasighat. Under RKVY incubation system, grant-in-aid was disbursed to 24 selected startups to bolster their entrepreneurial journey in agriculture and allied sectors. The Minister said it is heartening to see the youth driving innovation to strengthen the rural economy and the startup ecosystem of the North East.

### **ANGEL CHAKMA:**

Tripura Chief Minister, Dr. Manik Saha yesterday visited the residence of late Angel Chakma at Debram Para in Nandannagar, Agartala and met the bereaved family members. Angel Chakma was killed in Dehradun, Uttarakhand in December last year. During the visit, the Chief Minister assured he would raise the issue and

discuss it with the Chief Minister of Uttarakhand during the meeting of Chief Ministers in New Delhi on Sunday.

### **VETERANS' DAY:**

In Manipur, the 10th Armed Forces Veterans' Day 2026 was celebrated across the State yesterday. The State level celebration at the Palace Auditorium, MSFDS in Imphal was attended by Manipur Governor, Ajay Kumar Bhalla who felicitated 53 distinguished and gallantry award winning veterans as well as Veer Naris acknowledging their exemplary service, courage and lifelong contribution to the nation. In his address, the Governor highlighted the unwavering dedication of the Armed Forces and emphasised the nation's enduring gratitude to its veterans, ex-servicemen and their families. The Governor also acknowledged the role of Manipuris in India's military history, praising their exceptional service in safeguarding borders and contributing to national security.

### **AI MACHINE LEARNING:**

Two AI and machine learning courses, the AI Explorer program, and AI Job Ready program for the youth was launched by the Chairman of Arunachal Pradesh IT & E-Governance Council, Nyamar Karbak at Government Higher Secondary School, Kamba, in West Siang district. The AI Explorer program is a five-day boot camp for Grades 6–12, while the AI Job Ready program is a 60-hour advanced course for college students and graduates, offering skills, technologies exposure, and career preparation.

### **R-DAY PARADE:**

Two students from GHSS Chongkham, Namsai district, Nang Sujata Jenow and Kusum Kumari Mishra, will represent Arunachal Pradesh as special guests at the 77th Republic Day Parade in New Delhi. Mentored by Moirangtham Surchand Singh, they earned this honor through their project on plastic waste management during the national School Innovation Marathon under Atal Innovation Mission, showcasing practical solutions for a sustainable future. Meanwhile Dadup Lepcha, a progressive farmer from Ringhim in North Sikkim has been invited as Eminent Agriculturist at the Home Reception at Rastrapati Bhawan, New Delhi on Republic Day by the President, Droupadi Murmu. Dadup has been chosen for his exceptional dedication towards practicing organic farming by adopting various improved technologies and his innovation for production of large cardamom seedlings through seeds.

### **BOOK FAIR:**

The 44th Agartala Book Fair, organised by the Department of Information and Cultural Affairs, concluded yesterday at the International Fair Ground in Hapania, Agartala. The fair was inaugurated by Tripura Chief Minister Prof. Dr. Manik Saha on the 2nd of this month. Held over 13 days, this year's book fair themed "Vande Mataram", marking the 150th anniversary of composition of the iconic song.

### **BIHU:**

Magh Bihu, the vibrant harvest festival, also known as Bhogali Bihu and Maghor Domahi is being celebrated across Assam. It is the first festival of the year that brought people of various communities together to enjoy the winter crops and pray for prosperity for the rest of the year. People have feasts and light bonfires, starting a day before the main celebration. Early morning yesterday, people burnt the Meiji and the ashes were spread on the farmland to make the soil more fertile. People also took bath early in the morning and play traditional Assamese games like Tekeli Bonga and buffalo fighting.

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