

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Tripura Tribal Welfare Minister, Bikash Debbarma, distributes digital ration cards to make ration distribution system more transparent and efficient.
- Earthquake measuring 5.1 on Richter scale shakes several districts in Assam and Meghalaya.
- Rajasthan will host Regional AI Impact Conference 2026 in Jaipur and Guwahati will host Human Capital Working Group Meeting in next two days.
- Akashvani Gangtok celebrates World Braille Day with Nepali Braille news broadcast
- Students of College of Horticulture and Forestry, Pasighat, East Siang district in Arunachal Pradesh showcase innovative agriculture & allied products under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana - Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied Sectors Rejuvenation.
- North East Integration Rally begins its journey from Kolkata as month-long initiative aims at strengthening regional integration and people-to-people ties across North Eastern states.
- Arunachal Pradesh's Taekwondo athlete, Rupa Bayor achieves historic feat by becoming first Indian Taekwondo to hold World Rank 6 and Asia Rank 1.
- Meghalaya will face several former champions in final round of 79th Senior Men's National Football Championship for Santosh Trophy 2025–26.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

DIGITAL RATION CARDS:

Tripura Tribal Welfare Minister, Bikash Debbarma, distributed digital ration cards yesterday at the Baishgharia Fair Price Shop under the Teliamura Sub-Divisional Food Office. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister said, the initiative has been undertaken by the State Food Department with an objective of making the ration distribution system more transparent, efficient, and hassle-free through the use of modern, technology-driven mechanisms. Local residents welcomed the introduction of the digital ration card system, stating that it would not only save time but also significantly reduce corruption. Officials from the administration informed that the digital ration card system will be implemented in phases across other areas of the subdivision in the coming days.

EARTHQUAKE:

An earthquake measuring 5.1 on the Richter scale hit Assam and parts of North East India today. The tremor was felt across several districts in Assam and Meghalaya. According to the National Centre for Seismology, the tremor was recorded at 4:17 am with its epicenter in Morigaon district at a shallow depth of 50

km. In Guwahati, many residents rushed out of their homes in panic. No immediate loss of lives or damage to property has been reported till the time of filing this report. The tremors were also felt in neighbouring countries of Bhutan, Nepal and Bangladesh.

IMD:

The India Meteorological Department has issued an orange warning for dense to very dense fog over Delhi, Chandigarh, East Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha and Punjab till tomorrow. The Met department has forecast dense fog over parts of Gangetic West Bengal, North-East India, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Jharkhand during the next two days. Similar conditions are likely to prevail over Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand till the 9th of this month. Meanwhile, the air quality in Delhi-NCR continues to be in the poor category.

AI CONFERENCE:

Rajasthan will host a Regional AI Impact Conference 2026 in Jaipur tomorrow. Union Minister for Electronics and Information Technology, Ashwini Vaishnav and Minister of State for Electronics and Information Technology, Jitin Prasada will attend the conference. In December last year, the Regional AI Impact Conference was also held in Meghalaya as part of a series of engagements leading to the India AI Impact Summit 2026 to be held in February. Meanwhile, Guwahati will also host a Human Capital Working Group Meeting during the next two days. Chairman of the Human Capital Working Group Prof. T. G. Sitharam will chair the group meeting. It will bring together senior policymakers, academic leaders, industry experts, and practitioners to deliberate on the future of education, skilling, and workforce readiness in the age of Artificial Intelligence.

WORLD BRAILLE DAY:

To commemorate World Braille Day, which honors the birth anniversary of the visionary inventor, Louis Braille, Akashvani News Gangtok and the Composite Regional Centre for Skill Development, Rehabilitation & Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Sikkim under the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment joined hands to celebrate this special day. As part of the celebrations, Akashvani Gangtok yesterday broadcast a special Braille news in Nepali, read by Sonam Diki Bhutia, a visually impaired divyangjan from Gyalshing, West Sikkim, who is currently working at JNMI Namchi under the Government of Sikkim, and assisted in arranging and recording by Subash Pakhrin. This initiative marks a significant milestone as it was for the first time such a broadcast was made in Akashvani Gangtok, honouring the spirit of Divyangjan.

PAKKE PAGA HORNBILL:

The Pakke Paga Hornbill Festival 2026 will be organised at Seijosa, in Pakke Kessang district of Arunachal Pradesh, from the 18 to 20 of this month. The festival will be a blend of culture and conservation, celebrating local traditions while inspiring nature lovers to protect Arunachal's wildlife and natural heritage.

HORTICULTURE:

Students of the College of Horticulture and Forestry, Pasighat, East Siang district in Arunachal Pradesh, a constituent of the Central Agricultural University, Imphal, Manipur, showcased innovative agriculture & allied products under Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana - Remunerative Approaches for Agriculture and Allied Sectors Rejuvenation including organic soaps, Chyawanprash, eco-friendly mustard seed baby pillows, scented candles and more, all made from campus-grown resources. The students have benefited from the Agripreneurship Orientation Program as they

participated in hands-on workshops, receiving mentorship & stipends, developing prototypes from their innovative ideas, learning business strategies, and preparing products for potential commercialization.

TAEKWONDO:

Arunachal Pradesh's Taekwondo athlete, Rupa Bayor has achieved a historic feat by becoming World Rank 6 and Asia Rank 1, a first for Indian Taekwondo. In a social media post, Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister, Pema Khandu called it a moment of immense pride for India, Arunachal Pradesh, and the North East.

RALLY:

The North East Integration Rally began its journey from Kolkata yesterday, setting the tone for a month-long initiative aimed at strengthening regional integration and people-to-people ties across the North Eastern states. The inaugural session was attended by a wide range of public representatives, professionals, cultural figures, and civil society members. Among those present were MLA from Meghalaya, AL Hek, former minister, Lopamudra D Choudhury, vice chairperson of Dumdum Municipal Corporation, and other dignitaries. Speakers praised the initiative, describing it as a small but meaningful step that could grow into a larger movement for unity. Many shared personal and professional links with the North Eastern states, underlining the importance of sustained engagement. The rally will conclude on February 4.

SHOOTING:

The newly inducted Governing Body Member of the National Rifle Association of India and general secretary of the Arunachal Pradesh Rifle Association, Jackiey Teli Camdir, has encouraged local athletes to pursue shooting as a professional sport. Speaking at a felicitation program organized by the Nirjuli Lekhi United Sporting Club at Nirjuli, Papumpare district, Camdir emphasized that shooting offers immense potential as an individual sport and also said that it is a game for everyone, regardless of age.

SANTOSH TROPHY:

Meghalaya will face several former champions in the final round of the 79th Senior Men's National Football Championship for the Santosh Trophy 2025–26. Meghalaya have been placed in Group B along with strong opponents like Kerala, Services, Punjab, Odisha and Railways. Kerala, last season's runners-up, are multiple-time champions. Assam will host the final round from January 21, with 12 teams split into two groups of six. The draw was held on December 31 at the headquarters of the All India Football Federation in New Delhi. Hosts Assam are in Group A alongside defending champions West Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Uttarakhand, Nagaland and Rajasthan.
