

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

1. Central government notifies the appointment of Justice Revati Mohite Dere as Chief Justice of the Meghalaya High Court
2. Meghalaya Governor Interacts with Youth Delegates Selected for Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue 2026
3. Nagaland reports highest GST growth among all states in the country, with a 37 percent increase in collections
4. Senior BJP leader from Uttarakhand Tarun Vijay visits Tripura to express solidarity with the family of Angel Chakma
5. Tripura Chief Minister, Manik Saha inaugurates the 44th Agartala Book Fair
6. Meghalaya's Riiohlang Dhar selected in FIFA Refereeing International 2026 list

JUDGE

The central government has notified the appointment of Justice Revati Mohite Dere, a judge of the Bombay High Court, as the Chief Justice of the Meghalaya High Court, with effect from the date she assumes charge following the transfer of the incumbent Chief Justice. Meanwhile, a notification has also been issued for the appointment of Meghalaya High Court Chief Justice Soumen Sen as the Chief Justice of the Kerala High Court. Justice Sen will assume charge upon the retirement of the incumbent Chief Justice Nitin Madhukar Jamdar on January 9.

DIALOUGE

The Department of Sports and Youth Affairs, Meghalaya, in collaboration with My Bharat Kendra, organised a Meet and Greet programme at Lok Bhavan, Shillong on Friday for youth delegates selected for the National Youth Festival – Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue 2026. Meghalaya Governor, C. H. Vijayashankar congratulated the delegates for qualifying through a rigorous national process and urged them to view leadership as a responsibility rooted in character, discipline and service. He encouraged the youth to use the national platform to contribute ideas towards Viksit Bharat. Meghalaya secured national-level representation in the Design for Bharat track through Nishant Kumar Singh and Necharika Singh of NIT Shillong, whose innovation, a Smart Braille Watch, supports visually impaired users. Overall, 25 youth from Meghalaya have been selected for the dialogue through a multi-stage process. The delegates will interact with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 11 January during the 29th National Youth Festival, to be held in New Delhi.

GOVERNOR

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Friday called on the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. General K. T. Parnaik, at Lok Bhavan, Itanagar. During the interaction, the Governor shared his broad vision for the state, emphasising a balanced and inclusive approach to development. He identified education, health, hydropower and tourism as the four key pillars—described as the “four wheels”—

driving Arunachal Pradesh's progress. Stressing the importance of investing in the future, the Governor called for a strong focus on youth development and capacity building, in line with the national aspiration of Viksit Bharat@2047. He also apprised the Chief Minister of his recent engagements with the Vice President of India and the Chief of Defence Staff.

GST

Nagaland has reported the highest GST growth among all states in the country, with a 37 percent increase in collections for the period from April to December 2025, compared to the previous year. According to official data, the state's total GST collection reached 627 crore rupees during the period. This includes 234 crore rupees in Central GST, 293 crore rupees in State GST, and 100 crore rupees in Integrated GST. Meanwhile, the Central GST Commissionerate Dimapur highlighted that, as a consumer state with a limited industrial base, the destination-based nature of GST has redirected more tax revenue to Nagaland, enhancing its fiscal strength. It was also informed that efforts to educate the business community about timely and ethical tax practices, along with enhanced enforcement measures have helped boost GST compliance in the state.

ARREST

Senior BJP leader from Uttarakhand and former Rajya Sabha MP Tarun Vijay on Friday visited Janardanpara in Unakoti district of Tripura to express solidarity with the family of Angel Chakma, an MBA student who recently lost his life in Dehradun, Uttarakhand. During the visit, Tarun Vijay met victim's father, Tarun Prakash Chakma and younger brother Michael Chakma, who are observing religious rites at the local Jetban Buddhist Vihara. The former MP heard the family's account of the incident and subsequent developments in Dehradun, and conveyed his deep condolences over the untimely death. Local MLA Sambhu Lal Chakma accompanied the former MP. Speaking to media persons, Tarun Vijay said that people across Uttarakhand have strongly condemned the brutal killing and assured that justice would be delivered. Tarun Vijay also informed the family that five accused have already been arrested in connection with the incident while assuring that all those involved in the incident would be identified and arrested.

BOOK

Tripura Chief Minister, Manik Saha while inaugurating the 44th Agartala Book Fair at the Hapania International Fair Complex on Friday emphasised that books are a person's truest friends who never betray. Stating that reading nourishes the mind, he urged the younger generation to develop a strong reading habit to enhance self-confidence and knowledge, which ultimately benefits society. He described books as a bridge that leads people from ignorance to knowledge and from darkness to light. Comparing the Agartala Book Fair to a "Kumbh Mela" for litterateurs and book lovers, he encouraged people to revive the tradition of gifting books and underlined the need to preserve and restore heritage to build a "New Tripura." The 13-day book fair, one of the most prominent literary events in the region, features 183 stalls and offers a rich mix of activities, including cultural programmes, book releases, an art gallery and poetry symposiums.

MEETING

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Secretary, Manish Kumar Gupta on Friday chaired the 15th Senior Officers’ Meeting (SOM), reviewing the progress of key developmental and reform-oriented initiatives of the state government. The meeting took stock of projects under the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI), reform-based initiatives and the status of Utilization Certificates (UCs). Discussions were also held on the effective utilization of unused tourism assets, Memorandums of Understanding with ESRI GIS software company, CII and NASDAQ besides the ongoing investment initiatives across key sectors. Emphasising timely execution and effective monitoring, the Chief Secretary urged senior officers to conduct monthly progress reviews to ensure smooth implementation of projects

REFREE

Riiohlang Dhar has once again been selected in the FIFA Refereeing International list for the year 2026. This was informed by the All-India Football Federation's (AIFF's) Referee Department to the Meghalaya Football Association. Dhar, a FIFA-level assistant referee, has officiated at numerous international events over the years. She became only the second Indian match official at a World Cup at 2024’s FIFA U-17 Women’s World Cup in the Dominican Republic. Dhar, a serving policewoman in the Meghalaya Police was earlier also appointed as an official at the AFC U-17 Women’s Asian Cup in Indonesia.

TRAIN

The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has introduced modern LHB coaches on two key train services—the Agartala–Dharmanagar–Agartala Passenger and the Silchar–Agartala–Silchar Express aimed at enhancing passenger safety, comfort and the overall travel experience in the region. The upgraded LHB rake of the Agartala–Dharmanagar–Agartala Passenger train was formally inaugurated at Agartala Railway Station by Rajya Sabha MP Rajib Bhattacharjee. Similarly, the LHB-equipped Silchar–Agartala–Silchar Express was ceremonially flagged off at Silchar Railway Station by MP Kanad Purkayastha and Parimal Suklabaidya.

MEETING

A One-Day Multi-Stakeholder Convergence Meeting Cum Declaration of State Action Plan of IDP Children was held on the agenda – “Protection Mechanism and Transitional Support for Internally Displaced Persons (IDP) Children” at Mini Secretariat Complex, Bishnupur in Manipur. The meeting chaired by Chairperson of Manipur Commission for Protection of Child Rights, Keisham Pradipkumar, was also attended by Additional Deputy Commissioner of Bishnupur, Toijam Opendro and other officers. During the meeting, the chairperson of the MCPCR submitted the draft State Action Plan for Protection of IDP Children to the Office of the District Administration, Bishnupur. The main focus of the meeting was deliberation of the achievement reports by DCPU and stakeholders; observation from Civil Society Organisation and presentation of State Action Plan for Protection of IDP Children.