

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Budget Session of Parliament begins today with the address of President Droupadi Murmu to the joint sitting of both the Houses.
- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announces the lay of foundation stone of Assam's second Legislative Assembly complex at Dibrugarh on 30th of this month.
- Budget Session of the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly will be held from the 16th to 27th of next month.
- Nagaland gets its first Drone School and Drone Centre of Excellence.
- Lok Sabha MP from Sikkim Indra Hang Subba attends All-Party Meeting on the ongoing Budget Session of Parliament.
- Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma inaugurates CSR Matchmaking Portal – "Mizoram CSR Connect" at the Aizawl Club.
- The 25th Bharat Rang Mahotsav, International Theatre Festival of India 2026 will be held at Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh from 30th January to 3rd February, 2026.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

BUDGET

The Budget Session of Parliament will begin today with the address of President Droupadi Murmu to the joint sitting of both Houses. The Economic Survey will be tabled tomorrow and the Budget will be presented on Sunday, 1st February. The first phase of the budget session will be held from today till 13th of next month. The second phase will take place from 9th March to 2nd April. There will be 30 sittings during the Budget Session.

FOUNDATION STONE

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma yesterday announced that Dibrugarh is set to witness a landmark moment in the state's legislative history, with the foundation stone of Assam's second Legislative Assembly complex scheduled to be laid on January 30. In a post on social media platform X, the Chief Minister said Union Home Minister Amit Shah will lay the foundation of the ambitious project, describing it as a major step towards strengthening governance and accelerating the development of Dibrugarh as Assam's second capital. The Chief Minister noted that the decision to establish a second Assembly complex underlines the government's commitment to inclusive growth, adding that Dibrugarh has steadily emerged as an important political, economic and cultural hub in the region.

INFILTRATION

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma yesterday responded to the ongoing debate surrounding the Special Revision of electoral rolls in the state, asserting that

the government's actions are driven by public concern over illegal infiltration and mounting demographic pressure, and not by any intent to target a particular community. Reacting to criticism from the Congress and other opposition parties, the Chief Minister said there is widespread anxiety among the people of Assam over illegal immigration, which, he warned, poses a serious threat to the identity, culture and limited resources of indigenous Assamese communities. The Chief Minister also underlined that the state government would not compromise on Assam's identity and would continue to act firmly, strictly within the framework of the Constitution and the law. He said safeguarding the rights and dignity of indigenous people remains a top priority of his government.

ASSEMBLY

The Business Advisory Committee (BAC) of the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly yesterday decided that the Budget Session of the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly will be held from 16th to 27th of next month. The meeting was chaired by the Speaker of the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly, Thomas A. Sangma, and was attended by the Deputy Chief Minister in charge of Parliamentary Affairs, Shri Prestone Tynsong. Informing about the session details, the Speaker stated that the ten-day session will comprise seven days of Government business and three days of Private Members' business.

SITUATION

Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has said that Nagaland continues to be one of the most peaceful states of the country. In his Republic Day address, Mr Rio said the state enjoys good law and order situation, and no major security concerns. The Chief Minister cited the National Crime Records Bureau's latest Crime in India 2023 report, which places Nagaland among the safest states in India, recording the second lowest cognisable crime rate of 84.9 per lakh population. He said, the State Police is further enhancing its enforcement capabilities, particularly to tackle new-age crimes such as cybercrime and financial offences, by developing a robust cybercrime architecture and actively using national cyber platforms.

SCHOOL

Nagaland got its first Drone School and Drone Centre of Excellence at the Nagaland GIS and Remote Sensing Centre, Kohima. The facility was formally inaugurated by Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio as part of the 77th Republic Day celebrations. The state-of-the-art facility is a pioneering initiative of the State GIS & Remote Sensing Centre under the Planning & Transformation Department, aims at equipping youth with advanced drone technology skills and promoting innovation driven employment. Inaugurating the drone school, Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio described it as a major step towards harnessing modern technology for governance, development, and public service delivery. Commending the department for the initiative, the chief minister said this would strengthen Nagaland's preparedness for future challenges and help position the State as a leader in the effective use of drone technology.

MEETING

Lok Sabha MP from Sikkim Indra Hang Subba attended the All-Party Meeting held during the ongoing Budget Session of Parliament, representing the Sikkim

Krantikari Morcha; the ruling party in Sikkim. Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh chaired the meeting. The meeting was attended by Union Ministers Kiren Rijiju, J.P. Nadda, Arjun Ram Meghwal, and L. Murugan. Subba raised the critical issue of climate change and its severe impact on the Himalayan and glacial ecosystem. He highlighted concerns such as drinking water scarcity, glacial degradation, and the increasing frequency of flash floods, and strongly demanded a special discussion on climate change in Parliament. Subba also proposed the formation of a Standing Committee comprising Members of Parliament from Himalayan regions to address region-specific challenges and suggest policy reforms.

MISSING

In Assam, seven passengers, mostly women and children, feared missing as overloaded country boat capsized in the Brahmaputra River. The country boat was plying between Rahampur and Barhola Chenga in Assam's Barpeta district yesterday. Rescue operations involving SDRF and fishermen are underway to trace and rescue the missing persons.

CSR

Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma yesterday said that the state's peaceful environment, low levels of corruption, high literacy rate, steady progress towards the Sustainable Development Goals and the people's deeply ingrained spirit of tlawnmgaihna make Mizoram an ideal destination for Corporate Social Responsibility investments. Inaugurating the CSR Matchmaking Portal – "Mizoram CSR Connect" at the Aijal Club, Mr. Lalduhoma invited corporate entities and civil society organisations to actively engage in CSR initiatives in Mizoram, assuring that every rupee of CSR funds would be utilised in a transparent, meaningful, and impactful manner.

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The Secretary of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology, S. Krishnan yesterday laid the foundation stone for the new building of the Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering and Research (SAMEER), MeitY, Guwahati Centre for High Power Microwave Tube and Component Technology, at Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati. The event marks an important milestone in MeitY's efforts to enhance advanced electronic technologies through institutions like SAMEER, in close partnership with leading academic institutions such as IIT Guwahati.

DISCOVERY

Researchers from Nagaland University have discovered a new plant species in the high-altitude forests of the state, reinforcing the Northeast as a biodiversity hotspot. The newly identified species, *Hoya nagaensis*, was found during systematic botanical explorations. *Hoya nagaensis*, is currently known from a single location, the Kavünhou Community Reserved Forest in Phek district. Due to its extremely restricted distribution, and threats from shifting cultivation and forest disturbance, the species has been provisionally classified as Critically Endangered.

FESTIVAL

The 25th Bharat Rang Mahotsav, International Theatre Festival of India 2026 is going to be organised at Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh from 30th January to 3rd February, 2026. The Department of Art and Culture, Government of Arunachal Pradesh in collaboration with the National School of Drama, New Delhi is hosting the Mohotsav. This silver jubilee edition at Itanagar will feature a total of five major plays, including a special showcase of three indigenous plays.
