

## **NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN**

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### **HEADLINES:-**

- Arunachal Pradesh State Cabinet approves series of important policy decisions in its first meeting of 2026.
- Fresh uncertainty looms over formation of Executive Committee in Lai Autonomous District Council in Mizoram after Mizo National Front snaps ties with ruling Zoram People's Movement.
- Ministry of Textiles unveils District-Led Textiles Transformation initiative at National Textile Ministers Conference in Guwahati.
- Overall crime rate in Tripura decreases in 2025 by 8.3 compared to 2024.
- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu reviews master plan to develop proposed tourist and heritage centre around Chakzam Bridge at Mogto in Tawang district.
- Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio highlights role of State Beekeeping and Honey Mission in promoting honey production, preserving indigenous apiculture traditions and supporting sustainable livelihoods.
- Rotary International District 3240 is hosting its 36th District Conference in Shillong from today.
- Achom Degio from Bichom district in Arunachal Pradesh selected to represent Indian Futsal Team for South Asian Football Federation Women's Futsal Championship 2026.

### **NEWS IN DETAILS:-**

#### **CABINET 2026:**

In its first meeting in 2026, the Arunachal Pradesh State Cabinet chaired by Chief Minister Pema Khandu has approved a series of important policy decisions. The Cabinet has approved the creation of 58 various posts in Education department, 12 Assistant Professor posts for the introduction of Sociology, Commerce, and Mass Communication courses in selected Government Colleges. In Healthcare, it was approved to create Diagnostic infrastructure (Laboratories) in 427 Health Centres and Units, including implementation of the Laboratory Management Information system. In Home, Fire & Emergency Services, the Cabinet has approved Special Grade promotions for Fire & Emergency Services personnel on completion of 15, 20, and 30 years of services, besides creation of 91 posts for Sub-Jails of seven districts.

#### **MNF:**

In Mizoram, the Mizo National Front has snapped ties with the ruling Zoram People's Movement triggering fresh uncertainty over the formation of an Executive Committee in the 25-member Lai Autonomous District Council. In a letter

submitted to Governor Vijay Kumar Singh, MNF general secretary in-charge district council affairs, R. Rohmingliana informed that the party has withdrawn support from the Lairam Legislature Party, a post-poll alliance it had formed with the ZPM, citing unresolved political problem. MNF treasurer, Lalruatkima said that they have waited three weeks for the Governor to approve the application for the formation of an executive committee. As the Governor failed to approve the application, it was decided to explore the possibility of forming an executive committee with the support of other parties. Meanwhile, the Governor has withdrawn the previous order appointing a protem chairman to conduct the first sitting of the Council and election of the chairman, as the Lairam Legislature Party failed to secure a majority following the withdrawal of MNF.

#### **TEXTILES:**

The Ministry of Textiles has unveiled the District-Led Textiles Transformation initiative at the National Textile Ministers Conference in Guwahati yesterday. According to the Ministry of Textiles, it is a strategic initiative designed to catalyse inclusive and sustainable growth across the country's textile landscape. The move will also help boost exports and create job opportunities. Under the initiative, districts were categorised into Champion Districts and Aspirational Districts. Champion districts will focus on removing advanced bottlenecks and Aspirational Districts would aim to build the ecosystem from the ground up in setting up the foundation and formalisation of the workforce. The Ministry aims to transform 100 high-potential districts into Global Export Champions and elevate 100 Aspirational Districts into self-reliant hubs.

#### **SCHEME:**

The draft "Mizoram Viksit Bharat – Guaranteed Rozgar & Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Scheme, 2026" has been finalised and will be tabled in the upcoming Budget Session of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly in February. Rural Development & Administration Minister, Prof. Lalnilawma made the statement while addressing a consultation and training programme on the Viksit Bharat – Guaranteed Rozgar & Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) Act, 2025. The Act was legislated by Parliament to replace the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Act (MGNREGA), 2005. All proposed employment plans must be incorporated into the Viksit Gram Panchayat Plan and will require approval at the block and district levels, followed by the State Government's approval.

#### **CRIMES:**

Tripura Director General of Police, Anurag Dhankar yesterday informed that the overall crime rate in 2025 has decreased by 8.3 compared to 2024. He said that the state registered the lowest crime rate in the past 20 years. In 2024, the state registered 4033 cases, and in 2025, the number has decreased to 3,698. The Tripura Police also significantly increased the anti-narcotics operations and registered 522 cases related to anti-narcotics operations in 2025. Regarding the current situation in Bangladesh, the DGP said that the State is completely secure. The Tripura Police are patrolling the border alongside the BSF. Last year, 578 people were arrested for entering Tripura illegally, including 393 Bangladeshis. Tripura is also at the top among the North Eastern states in terms of conviction rates as the state recorded 31 percent of the accused being convicted.

#### **FISHERY:**

The two-day Dhalai district-level Fishery Festival at Kamalpur Town Hall in Tripura has concluded yesterday. The festival was inaugurated State Fisheries Minister Sudhangshu Das on Thursday. Inaugurating the event, the Fisheries Minister said, there is a huge demand for fish in the state and the government is actively working to meet this demand. He added that the government is encouraging fish farmers in various ways to take up fisheries as a profession and to increase fish production. The Minister urged all stakeholders to achieve self-reliance by doubling fish production through organised and scientific fish farming, which would ensure both increased output and economic growth. The best fish farmers of Dhalai district and fish seed producers were felicitated.

#### **TOURIST & HERITAGE CENTRE:**

A master plan to develop the proposed tourist and heritage centre around the Chakzam Bridge at Mogto in Tawang district, was reviewed by Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu. The proposed centre was envisioned as a community-first heritage model. Khandu said that the historic Chakzam Bridge at Mogto, traditionally attributed to a Buddhist Monk Thangtong Gyalpo and constructed in the 15th century, stands as an important example of indigenous engineering and community-oriented infrastructure.

#### **NAGALAND-BEE:**

Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio yesterday highlighted the role of the Nagaland Beekeeping and Honey Mission in promoting honey production, preserving indigenous apiculture traditions and supporting sustainable livelihoods. In a social media post, Rio said, the Mission launched by the state government in 2007, works to strengthen scientific beekeeping practices while protecting diverse species and their natural habitats. The state can support 22 lakh bee colonies, with a potential to yield 10,000 metric tons of honey and 10 metric tons of beeswax annually. The Mission has helped achieve an output of 440 metric tons of honey currently.

#### **TEXTILES-TRIPURA:**

Tripura Handloom and Handicrafts Minister, Bikash Debbarma participated in a two-day meeting of the Ministry of Textiles in Guwahati yesterday. The meeting discussed key priority areas, including strengthening infrastructure, facilitating investment, and ensuring the effective implementation of major initiatives such as ISTP, IPDS, PLI, and ATUF, with an emphasis on sustainable production methods. Union Minister for Textiles Giriraj Singh and Minister of State for Textiles Pabitra Margherita were present. Earlier, Debbarma held a courtesy meeting with Singh and Margherita and exchanged views on how to strengthen Tripura's textile industry.

#### **ROTARY:**

The Rotary International District 3240, comprising of seven Northeastern states and Sikkim along with eight district of West Bengal is hosting its 36th District Conference, titled PRATIDHWANI 2026 in Shillong from today to 11th of this month. The conference will witness the participation of approximately 1,200-1,400 delegates, including Rotarians, professionals, policy influencers, publishers and opinion makers from across the Northeast, West Bengal and other parts of India, including Mumbai, Bengaluru and Delhi along with senior Rotary leaders.

#### **STUDENTS TOUR:**

A group of students from Arunachal Pradesh called on President Droupadi Murmu at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. The group of students and teachers of Government

Higher Secondary School, Mechukha from Shi Yomi district are on a National Integration Tour from 5 to 16 of this month. The National Integration Tours are educational and motivational tours for the youth with an aim to provide an insight into the rich heritage of the country.

**SAFF WOMEN’S FUTSAL:**

Achom Degio from Bichom district in Arunachal Pradesh was selected to represent the Indian Futsal Team for the South Asian Football Federation Women’s Futsal Championship 2026. Previously, she represented India at the U-18 and U-19 levels. Chief Minister Pema Khandu said that this remarkable milestone brings immense pride to Arunachal Pradesh and stands as a powerful motivation for young sportspersons to dream big and pursue excellence in sports. The Women's Futsal Championship will take place from 13 to 25 of this month.

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