

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

1. India's First Vande Bharat Sleeper Train to operate between Kamakhya in Assam and Howrah in West Bengal.
2. Arunachal Pradesh Governor, Lt. General KT Parnaik discussed key national security issues with Chief of Defence Staff, General Anil Chauhan.
3. Assam cabinet approves more than 1,650 crore rupees for new schools and a medical college in Guwahati.
4. Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha stresses on proper and responsible use of Artificial Intelligence by students.
5. Large number of tourists throng Meghalaya this festive season, heaps praise on vibrant culture of the state.
6. Government office to resume regular work in Meghalaya from today after winter vacation.
7. Gaan Ngai festival of Kabui community kicked off in Manipur.

DONER

DoNER Minister Jyotiraditya M Scindia has stressed on the need for a focused and practical approach to strengthening sports in the North East, proposing the concept of 'One Sport, One State'. He made the statement while co-chairing the fourth high-level task force meeting on promotion of sports in the North Eastern region through video conferencing along with Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla. Laying emphasis on the importance of coaching quality, talent scouting, and grassroot competitions, Scindia focused on the idea of having structured tournaments from village to State levels while preparing discipline-specific case studies for each State. The Minister last month had also emphasised on the 'One Sport Discipline – One State' strategy as a key driver for structured and focused investment in sports development in the North East. The Mizoram Sports Minister, Secretary to the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Manipur Chief Secretary, and senior officers from the North Eastern States, DoNER, and State sports departments attended the meeting.

GOVERNOR

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. General KT Parnaik called on the Vice President of India, C P Radhakrishnan, at New Delhi on Wednesday. During the interaction, the Governor shared an overview of the State's steady and inclusive development, while highlighting the Government of Arunachal Pradesh's unwavering commitment to contribute to the vision of Viksit Bharat. He further said that the energy, creativity, and discipline of the younger generation are emerging as key drivers of the State's transformation and future leadership. The Governor extended an invite to the Vice President to visit Arunachal Pradesh. The Governor also presented the Vice President with a copy of 'Orchids of Arunachal Pradesh', a meticulously compiled, visually rich, and comprehensive reference work.

NEW YEAR

Joy, colour and exuberant celebrations from all walks of life marked the New Year's Eve in Shillong on Tuesday night as the city came alive to a truly festive spirit. Khyndai Lad, the heart of the city, witnessed a massive rush of revellers, including a large number of tourists, who gathered to ring in the New Year. The Shillong Traffic Police had imposed strict traffic restrictions and diversions, particularly around Police Bazaar, following which many people were seen walking to Khyndai Lad from Kachari Point. Despite the absence of any official state government programme, the festive spirit remained undiminished, with several hotels, restaurants and private establishments across the city organising special New Year's Eve celebrations and events. Meanwhile, tourists who thronged Meghalaya to celebrate the New Year praised the vibrant festive atmosphere in Shillong. Many said they were thoroughly enjoying their visit, describing the state as a place blessed with breathtaking landscapes, warm hospitality and a spirit of mutual respect for all faiths and religions.

CURFEW

In view of the prevailing situation in neighbouring Bangladesh, the District Magistrate of West Jaintia Hill District has imposed night curfew along the international border as Meghalaya shares a long 443 km international border with Bangladesh which is currently witnessing violent incidents. The order stated that the curfew will be imposed from 6 pm till 5 am in the areas within the 200 meters of the border. According to the order, the border areas of West Jaintia Hills remain vulnerable to illegal infiltration, movement of insurgent groups, smuggling networks, and other unlawful activities that may threaten the peace and security of the district. The night hours, in particular, pose a risk of increased movement of such elements. Similar orders have also been issued by the District magistrate of West Garo Hills district in Meghalaya.

HEALTH

Tripura Chief Minister, Dr. Manik Saha on Wednesday formally launched the "Mukhyamantri Niramay Arogya Abhiyan" at Pragya Bhavan, Agartala, with the aim of strengthening preventive healthcare across the state. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister said that the goal of the campaign is to achieve 100 percent success through collective efforts and a mission-mode approach, with active involvement of public representatives. Highlighting the growing burden of non-communicable diseases (NCDs), Dr. Saha stressed the importance of awareness, early detection, and lifestyle changes. He said diseases such as hypertension, diabetes, heart disease, stroke and cancer are increasing, especially among people above 30 years of age, and often remain undetected for long periods. The campaign will be implemented in two phases every year-from January 1 to 14 and from July 1 to 14-and will continue for three years, covering around 14.5 lakh people.

TRANSPORT

The Transport Minister of Tripura, Sushanta Chowdhury on Wednesday chaired a review meeting to assess the progress of projects approved under the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment scheme. The Minister informed that the meeting also reviewed the progress of various ongoing works under the Transport Department. Emphasising the importance of coordinated efforts among different departments, Chowdhury stated that effective inter-departmental coordination is essential to ensure that the benefits of capital investment assistance reach the people of the state. He further noted that the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment initiative is playing a crucial role in strengthening Tripura's infrastructure, improving connectivity, and accelerating overall and sustainable development across the state.

RIVERFRONT

As part of the Smart City project, development work under the Riverfront Development initiative along the Howrah River is currently underway in Agartala. The Agartala Municipal Corporation Mayor, Dipak Majumder on Wednesday inspected the progress of the ongoing work. The Mayor stated that the project includes the construction of strong embankments for flood control, dredging operations, river cleansing, development of green spaces, walking tracks, cycling lanes, and playgrounds. In addition, initiatives are being taken for proper waste management, water treatment, and transforming the riverbanks into attractive public spaces to promote recreation and tourism. He further informed that the stretch from Battala to Dashami Ghat is being developed with modern amenities such as decorative lighting, food stalls, parks, and other public facilities.

FESTIVAL

The people of Manipur celebrated the Imoinu Eratpa festival on Wednesday. The Meetei community of Manipur celebrates Imoinu Eratpa every year and they regard the Imoinu goddess as a goddess of wealth and prosperity. As part of the celebration, every household offers fresh fish and a variety of vegetables and fruits with flowers to the Imoinu goddess. In addition, prayers are also held. Moreover, the candle lighting in street and public places are also common during the celebration. The Fisheries Department of Government of Manipur organised a Imoinu Fish Fair at Imphal to provide local fishes especially Wallago attu which is used in the offerings to Imoinu goddess on the occasion of Imoinu Eratpa festival. Meanwhile, the Governor of Manipur, Ajay Kumar Bhalla and other public leaders of the State have greeted the people of Manipur on the occasion of Imoinu Eratpa festival.

BEACH

The Arunachal Pradesh contingent for the 2nd Edition of the Khelo India Beach Games 2026 was officially flagged off by the Director of Sports Department, Tadar Appa during a ceremonial function on Wednesday. Arunachal Pradesh is participating in Beach Soccer for the first time at the Khelo India Beach Games. The event is scheduled to be held from 5th to 10th January, at Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu. Arunachal Pradesh will be competing in Beach Soccer (Boys & Girls), Beach Tug of War (Boys & Girls), and Pencak Silat. A total contingent of 53 members, including players, coaches, and managers, will represent the state. The team will be led by Chef de Mission Nada Apa, Sports Officer .
