

NORTH EAST NEWS
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HEADLINES:-

- At least Eighteen people dead in Meghalaya coal mine blast; State Government orders probe
- Centre, Nagaland Government and Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Organisation sign agreement to form Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi to interact with students across the country in Pariksha Pe Charcha today
- Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand wins floor test by voice vote in Legislative Assembly
- In Manipur the 7th session of the 12th Manipur Legislative Assembly began yesterday.
- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu highlights growth, governance reforms as House passes three Bills
- Nagaland's Department of Industries and Commerce sign Memorandum of Understanding with Indian Institute of Foreign Trade Kolkata, to establish an Export Facilitation Cell in the state.
- Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio expresses deep sorrow on learning about the tragic loss of lives of workers due to a mishap in East Jaintia Hills Meghalaya.

KILLED:

In Meghalaya at least 18 people have been killed in a coal mine blast in the Thangsko area of East Jaintia Hills district yesterday. Several others are still trapped inside the mine. Superintendent of Police of East Jaintia Hills, Vikash Kumar, said that police and disaster management teams were immediately rushed to the site. Preliminary reports indicate that the blast was caused by a high-intensity dynamite explosion used for mining activities. The explosion triggered the collapse of adjoining mine shafts, trapping workers deep underground. One survivor, who sustained critical injuries, was initially taken to the Sutnga Primary Health Centre and later referred to Shillong for advanced medical treatment. Initial investigations suggest that the mine was operating illegally, in violation of safety regulations and existing government bans on rat-hole mining in the region. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has expressed grief over the loss of lives due to a blast incident. In a social media post, Prime Minister Modi said that this incident is extremely saddening. He also wished for the speedy recovery of the injured. The Prime Minister has announced that an ex-gratia of two lakh rupees from the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund will be given to the next of kin of each deceased. Fifty thousand rupees will be given to the injured. Chief Minister Conrad Sangma, in a tweet, expressed deep sorrow over the loss of lives and ordered an inquiry into the mine blast.

The Chief Minister thanks the Prime minister for granting for ex-gratia to the coal mine victims.

MORN SHAH-FNTA:

Centre, Nagaland Government and Eastern Nagaland Peoples' Organisation (ENPO) signed an agreement for the formation of Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority (FNTA). ENPO is an apex body representing eight recognised Naga tribes of the six eastern districts of Nagaland. The agreement will pave the way for creation of Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority (FNTA) for six districts of Nagaland including Tuensang, Mon, Kiphire, Longleng, Noklak and Shamator, and devolution of powers in respect of 46 Subjects to the FNTA. The agreement was signed in the presence of Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi yesterday. Nagaland Chief Minister Nephthu Rio was also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Shah highlighted Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a developed North East free from insurgency, violence, and disputes. The Home Minister said the government has taken a significant step forward in realising this vision. He noted that eleven years ago, the region was grappling with multiple armed groups and disputes that threatened its unity and disturbed peace. At the same time, several inter-state disputes were also undermining stability. Mr. Shah emphasised that since 2019, the Narendra Modi government has signed 12 significant agreements in the North East, contributing to lasting peace and development.

Mr. Shah further assured the people of the ENPO that the government would extend full support for the development of Eastern Nagaland. He urged them to maintain faith in the system and actively participate in the democratic process, assuring them that they would receive fair justice and due respect.

INTERACT:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will interact with students across the country in the 9th edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha today morning. The annual event will be telecast at 10 AM across multiple platforms. The 2026 edition will focus on helping students remain stress-free during examinations and promoting a stronger focus on learning. Pariksha Pe Charcha has evolved into a nationwide Jan Andolan, witnessing participation of more than 4.5 crore students, teachers, and parents registering through the MyGov portal. Besides Delhi, this edition will cover Coimbatore in Tamil Nadu, Raipur in Chhattisgarh, Dev Mogra in Gujarat and Guwahati in Assam. The Pariksha Pe Charcha initiative has been conceptualised by the Prime Minister and is in alignment with the National Education Policy 2020. It aims at reshaping the examination experience of students by fostering confidence, positivity, and holistic well-being, and celebrating the exam season as a Utsav.

SPECIAL SESSION:

After a year of President's Rule under Article 356, senior BJP leader and Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand wins floor test by voice vote. In a special session of the 12th Legislative assembly which began with the Governor's address yesterday, MLAs including those attending through video conferencing gave a resounding approval to Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand signalling a formal restoration of popular government in the State.

MANIPUR:

In Manipur the 7th session of the 12th Manipur Legislative Assembly began yesterday. The Governor of Manipur Ajay Kumar Bhalla addressed the inaugural session of the sitting and highlighted various steps taken up by the

Government for inclusive development in the State, restoration of peace and communal harmony and rehabilitation process of the Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) taking shelter in various relief camps. Shri Ajay Kumar Bhalla acknowledged the extraordinary challenges faced by the people of the State due to prolonged ethnic violence.

ARUNACHAL PRADESH:

During the second and concluding day of the Fifth Session of Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly, Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu highlighted the state government's progress toward development over the past decade. Three bills were passed yesterday, which were introduced in the first day of the Fifth Session of Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly. The bills are The Arunachal Pradesh Staff Selection Board (Amendment) Bill 2026, The Arunachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill 2026, and The Arunachal Pradesh Jan Vishwas (Amendment of Provisions) Bill 2026.

MEMORANDUM:

Nagaland's Department of Industries and Commerce yesterday signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade Kolkata, to establish an Export Facilitation Cell in the state. The MoU was signed in Kohima by Director P. Tokugha Sema and Centre Head at IIFT, Dr. K. Rangarajan. The proposed Cell is aimed at providing support to existing and prospective exporters through counselling, market access, and strengthening the overall export readiness of the state. The Export Facilitation Cell will also support the State Government in policy formulation and implementation of trade promotion schemes.

AWARD:

The Buddhist Cultural Society, Thupten Gatseling Monastery, and Himalaya Suraksha Manch, Arunachal Pradesh, jointly celebrated the prestigious Grammy Award conferred upon His Holiness the 14th Dalai Lama at Thupten Gatseling Monastery, Itanagar. He was Awarded Grammy for Best Audiobook Narration for “Meditations: The Reflections of His Holiness the Great Dalai Lama”.
