

HEADLINES:-

- Centre approves construction of five thousand new houses for rehabilitation of internally displaced persons in Manipur.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma presents budget with focus on gender equality, youth and climate.
- Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh assures all assistance in any endeavour of Manipur government.
- Rationalisation of pension documents and Digital Life Certificates major achievements of Public Grievances & Pension ministry, says minister Jitendra Singh.
- Union DoNER Ministry funding project on Polo in Manipur, union minister Jyotiraditya Scindia informs Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh.
- Visa services resume at Bangladesh Assistant High Commission office in Agartala.
- Union Minister of State Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya says under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, special emphasis laid on holistic development of Northeast.
- Workshop on scientific fish farming organised at Rudrasagar Udbastu Fishermen Cooperative Society in Tripura.
- Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha says main goal of government is to develop women socio-economically.
- Preparations for launching Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls nearing completion in Mizoram.
- National conference on medicinal & aromatic plants held at Pasighat in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Nagaland government to establish Integrated Information System for public access to accurate data.
- Assam government disburses 120 crore rupees assistance under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission.

HOUSES:

Union Agriculture and Rural Development Minister, Shivraj Singh Chouhan has approved the construction of five thousand new houses for the rehabilitation of the internally displaced persons in Manipur under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojna – Gramin. Mr Chouhan approved the new houses for those affected by the law-and-order crisis (ethnic violence) for the financial year 2025-26 after meeting with Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh in New Delhi last evening.

BUDGET:

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma yesterday presented the budget for the financial year 2026-27, with focus on gender equality, youth and climate. The budget entails a fiscal deficit of 2,672 crore rupees, which is around 3.5 per cent of the Gross State Domestic Product and within permissible limits. The 5,572 crore Climate Budget, 4,824 crore Youth Budget and 6,849 crore Gender Budget were also presented. Chief Minister Sangma, who also holds the finance portfolio, informed the assembly that for the first time capital expenditure has crossed 10,000 crore rupees. The budget allocation among other sectors, includes 3,347 crore for education and 2,472 crore for health and family welfare.

DEFENCE:

Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has assured all assistance from the defence ministry in any endeavour of the Manipur government. Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh called on the defence minister in New Delhi yesterday and sought the raising of one Territorial Army battalion for Manipur.

DIGITAL:

Rationalisation of pension documents and Digital Life Certificates are the major achievements of his Ministry in last few years, said Union Minister of State for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, Public Grievances & Pension, Dr. Jitendra Singh. He was speaking at the 58th Pre-Retirement Counselling Workshop and 10th Bankers' Awareness Program in Guwahati yesterday. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the Centre has simplified pension process and number of pension related grievances have come down considerably, he said.

POLO:

Union DoNER Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia told Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh that his ministry is funding a project on Polo in Manipur. The game of polo had originated in Manipur. Chief Minister Singh had met Mr Scindia in New Delhi yesterday along with two deputies, Losii Dikho of the Naga People's Front and Nemcha Kipgen of the BJP. The DoNER Minister also assured of help and coordination with other ministries in the centre on any issues relating to Manipur.

VISA:

Visa services resumed yesterday at the Bangladesh Assistant High Commission office in Agartala. Normal visa issuance had remained suspended due to the unstable situation in Bangladesh. Following the formation of a new government and the subsequent improvement in the overall situation, visa operations have now returned to normal. Applications and form submissions for visas will be accepted daily from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. Visa issuance will take place after 3:00 pm.

NAGALAND:

Union Minister of State Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya has said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, special emphasis has been laid on the holistic development of the Northeast. Addressing officers in Dimapur yesterday, the minister said that Nagaland has immense potential to emerge as a role model for development if all departments work together with commitment, coordination, and clearly defined targets. She noted that Nagaland's natural beauty and rich cultural heritage, particularly the globally renowned Hornbill Festival, offer vast opportunities for tourism-led economic growth.

FISH:

A workshop on scientific fish farming was organised at the office of the Rudrasagar Udbastu Fishermen Cooperative Society in Melaghar, under Sepahijala District in Tripura yesterday. It was aimed at enhancing the professional standards of local fishermen. The programme was conducted under the initiative of the National Bureau of Fish Genetic Resources, Lucknow, which functions under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research. Various species of fish fingerlings were released into the waters of Rudrasagar Lake. Fifty local fish farmers were provided with improved varieties of fish fingerlings along with quality fish feed to support scientific aquaculture practices in the region.

TRIPURA:

Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha has said that the main goal of the government is to develop women socio-economically as this reflects the progress of the country and society. The Prime Minister has taken up various projects for the development of women and the Tripura government is also working to implement all those projects. Mr Saha was speaking after inaugurating a project for renovation and beautification of a pond in Pratapgarh Rishi Para under the Agartala Municipal Corporation. He said that in the last one year, the state government has inaugurated and laid the foundation stones of various development projects across Tripura by spending about 1300 crore rupees.

SIR:

Preparations for launching of Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls have been more or less completed by Mizoram election officials. The Election Commission of India expects the SIR to begin in 22 states and Union Territories, including Mizoram from April.

Officials said while there were only 795 polling stations in Mizoram during 2004, there are now 1,353 polling stations in the 40 assembly constituencies. As instructed by the Election Commission, training has already been imparted for various officers.

ARUNACHAL:

A three-day national conference on 'Medicinal & aromatic plants for rural prosperity: Strategic roadmap for medicinal & aromatic plant sector in Northeast India' was conducted at Pasighat in East Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh, which concluded on Sunday. The program was organized by Pasighat College of Horticulture and Forestry in association with Shillong-based North Eastern Council and other government organizations. Pasighat-East MLA Tapi Darang highlighted the economic prospect on medicinal and aromatic plants in the northeastern region. More than 100 delegates, including scientists, academicians, students, extension personnel, entrepreneurs, and progressive farmers from the northeastern region attended the program.

NIIS:

The Nagaland state government is planning to establish the Nagaland Integrated Information System to ensure public access to accurate data. This was informed by Commissioner and Secretary for Information & Public Relations and Cooperation Orenthung Lotha, during the inauguration of the newly constructed IPR Office Building at Tseminyu yesterday. He said the system will collect data from various departments under the leadership of the Deputy Commissioner and district administration, ensuring accessibility of accurate information to the public.

ASSAM:

The Assam government on Monday disbursed 120 crore rupees as financial assistance under the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-National Rural Livelihoods Mission. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma presided over the event and announced a series of new measures for farmers and rural infrastructure development. He said a new scheme for Farmers' Producer Organisations has been introduced to provide both financial and technical support to farmers. This would help farmers take advantage of the free trade agreements India has signed with countries like United States, United Kingdom, and the United Arab Emirates. Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched a new programme under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, under which Assam will receive nearly 1,500 kilometres of new rural roads.
