

## NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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- Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand meets Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma rejects allegations of lack of transparency in implementation of Chief Minister's Special Development Fund.
- Passenger bus service from Kolkata to Agartala via Dhaka resumes.
- Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region, Jyotiraditya Scindia expresses concern over alleged racial harassment of women from Arunachal Pradesh in Delhi.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma says government to speed up work on setting up veterinary, fishery and dairy colleges.
- Akashvani Kohima and Department of Cooperation, Government of Nagaland, sign Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate through radio broadcasting.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma rejects allegations of lack of transparency in implementation of Chief Minister's Special Development Fund.
- Mortal remains of Thanlon MLA Vungzagin Valte taken to his residence in Churachandpur district of Manipur.
- Arunachal Pradesh Governor KT Parnaik interacts with students from Jharkhand, Puducherry, and West Bengal.
- Mizoram begins distribution of compensation for pigs culled in 2024 to prevent African Swine Fever.
- Cases of bird flu detected in Soreng district of Sikkim.
- Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha hands over 52 appointment letters to candidates under Fisheries Department.
- Mizoram Chief Minister Pu Laldhuma informs assembly that compensation for land acquired for construction of Bairabi–Sairang railway fully disbursed.

### NEWS IN ORDER:-

#### MANIPUR:

Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand yesterday met Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the PM's Office in New Delhi. Deputy Chief Ministers Nemcha Kipgen of BJP and Losii Dikho of NPF were also present at the meeting. This is the first time Mr Khemchand met the Prime Minister after he took over as

Chief Minister on the 4th of this month. During the meeting, he briefed PM Modi on the steps taken up by the new State Government to bring peace and harmony in Manipur. He also urged the Prime Minister to take special care on women empowerment in both hills and valleys. They invited the Prime Minister to visit Manipur.

#### TRANSPARENCY:

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma yesterday rejected allegations of lack of transparency in implementation of the Chief Minister's Special Development Fund. He asserted that the scheme is driven purely by public need and has reached nearly every corner of the state. Replying to a cut motion during the ongoing Budget Session of the Assembly, Mr Sangma acknowledged the concerns raised by MLAs but emphasised that the scheme operates in the spirit of openness and democratic accessibility.

#### BUS:

Passenger bus service from Kolkata to Agartala via Dhaka has resumed after a long break. The Royal Maitree bus operated by Tripura Road Transport Corporation entered Tripura yesterday through the Akhaura International Land Port in Agartala. Tripura Transport and Tourism Minister Sushant Chowdhury and TRTC Chairman in-charge Samar Roy were present to formally welcome the arriving passengers. Passengers of the bus coming from Kolkata said that the resumption of the service has provided many benefits. They also expressed happiness that there were no problems on the way.

#### RACE:

Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region, Jyotiraditya Scindia has expressed deep concern over a recent incident of alleged racial harassment involving three young women from Arunachal Pradesh in Delhi. He termed it 'profoundly shameful' and 'unacceptable'. The Union Minister said that prejudice, intimidation and discrimination have no place in society and must be dealt with sternly. Mr Scindia spoke over the phone with Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu and Delhi Police Commissioner Satish Golcha seeking immediate and stringent action.

#### MEGHALAYA:

Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma has assured the state assembly that the government will speed up work on setting up a veterinary college, two fisheries colleges and a dairy college, that were first approved by the cabinet in 2022. The institutions were planned keeping in mind the large number of people in Meghalaya who depend on livestock and allied activities for their livelihood. He noted that the proposed veterinary college alone would require around 334 crore rupees and about 800 acres of land have already been identified at Kyrdemkulai in Ri Bhoi district. The chief minister was replying to a question raised by NPP legislator from Gambegre, Mehtab Chandee A Sangma.

#### AKASHVANI:

Akashvani Kohima and the Department of Cooperation, Government of Nagaland, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate on promoting cooperative development, financial literacy, and awareness about cooperative societies through radio broadcasting. The agreement aims to enhance public awareness of cooperative principles and values, government schemes for cooperative societies, strengthening and revitalization of cooperative institutions, financial inclusion, self-help groups, and community-based enterprises. Under the MoU, both parties will jointly produce and broadcast educational radio

programmes and support rural communities in accessing reliable information through radio.

#### BANGLADESHI:

Mizoram Home Minister K Sapdanga stated that a total of 38,059 refugees from Manipur, Myanmar and Bangladesh are currently residing in Mizoram. Addressing an unstarred question in the Assembly on Monday, he informed that the most recent registration of refugees was conducted on 5th February. He noted that 93.04 per cent of the registration process has been completed so far. The registration of refugees from Bangladesh is presently under way and is expected to be completed shortly.

#### RESPECT:

In Manipur, the mortal remains of Thanlon MLA Vungzagin Valte were taken to his residence in Churachandpur district yesterday. The MLA expired on the 20th of this month at Medanta Hospital in Gurugram. Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand had paid his last respects to the late MLA at the Hospital. A large number of people received the body. Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla also visited the residence of the late MLA in Churachandpur district and paid his respects. The Governor met the bereaved family members and expressed his heartfelt condolences.

#### ARUNACHAL:

Arunachal Pradesh Governor KT Parnaik interacted with a group of students from Jharkhand, Puducherry, and West Bengal under the Youth Exchange Programme at Lok Bhavan, Itanagar. A total of 44 students from Jharkhand and Puducherry are visiting Arunachal as part of Ashtalakshmi Darshan, a vibrant youth exchange initiative. The governor urged them to keep their minds open to new ideas, yet remain firmly rooted in India's rich cultural values and ethos. Sharing insights into the developmental progress of Arunachal Pradesh, Governor Parnaik described the State as a living example of unity in diversity. He also underlined the State's growing importance as a pivot in India's Act East Policy.

#### PIGS:

Mizoram began distribution of compensation for pigs culled in 2024 to prevent the spread of African Swine Fever outbreak. The state-wide initiative will see a total of 15.59 crore rupees disbursed to affected farmers. State Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Minister C. Lalsawivunga handed over a total of 89.39 lakh rupees to an initial group of 10 beneficiaries. Following the kick-off, distribution began simultaneously in all district capitals across Mizoram. Following the Centre's directives, compensation is given for only culled pigs based on established norms - 50-50 contribution by both the Central government and state government. Recognizing the severity of the losses, the Mizoram government had declared African Swine Flu a state disaster in 2024.

#### FLU:

In Sikkim, cases of bird flu have been detected at two wards in Soreng district. Following this, the areas and possible affected contaminated zones were alerted by the district administration. Under the chairmanship of Soreng District Collector Dhiraj Subedi, the health and animal husbandry teams have been sent for accessing the ground situation of the contained area. However, no fresh case of bird flu was reported in the district yesterday.

#### CM:

Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha yesterday handed over 52 appointment letters to candidates selected for the post of Fishery Officers under the state's Fisheries Department. Addressing the newly appointed candidates at a function held at Pragya Bhavan in Agartala, he said that newly appointed candidates have to be sincere in discharging their responsibilities for the welfare of the people of the state. He also emphasized on the review of the work of the newly appointed after a year.

**AIZAWL:**

Mizoram Chief Minister Pu Lalduhoma has announced that the State Government is planning to construct parking facilities and widen key roads on the recently vacated Assam Rifles land in a bid to ease traffic congestion in Aizawl. He informed the assembly that the government intends to widen the existing road stretch from Bazar Bungkawn to Treasury Square to improve traffic flow within the city centre. Home Minister Pu K. Sapdanga stated that the current regulation allowing heavy motor vehicles to enter Aizawl only between 8 pm and 7 am remains the most effective strategy to manage traffic congestion.

**LAND:**

Chief Minister Pu Lalduhoma informed the Assembly that compensation for government-approved privately owned land acquired for the construction of the Bairabi–Sairang railway line has been fully disbursed. He told the assembly that the State Government had received funds to compensate individuals affected by the railway project in Aizawl district and Kolasib district. He emphasised that all affected individuals whose claims were duly approved by the government, have received their compensation.

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