

HEADLINES:-

- BJP MLA, Yumnam Khemchand Singh takes oath as Chief Minister of new government in Manipur as Centre revokes President's Rule in the state.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi expresses confidence that newly formed government in Manipur will work diligently to accelerate development and ensure prosperity for the people.
- Fifth session of 8th Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly begins with Governor's Address.
- Seventh session of current 12th Manipur Legislative Assembly will be held today.
- Mizoram Chief Minister, Lalduhoma says state budget for 2026–27 has been prepared in accordance with recommendations of 16th Finance Commission.
- Tripura Chief Minister, Dr Manik Saha participates in several programmes under Fatikroy Assembly constituency in Unakoti district.
- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister, Pema Khandu says new committee will verify irregularities related to land compensation for construction of Lada-Sarli Frontier Highway.
- Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Sikkim Center organizes "Stakeholders Workshop on Pre-Kharif Crop Planning cum Farmers-Scientist Interaction."
- State Cancer Society of Meghalaya organizes 2nd Meghalaya Cancer Conclave in Shillong.

MANIPUR CM

In Manipur, BJP MLA, Yumnam Khemchand Singh was sworn in as Chief Minister yesterday hours after the Ministry of Home Affairs issued a notification announcing the revocation of President's Rule with immediate effect. The President Rule was imposed in Manipur on 13 February, 2025 following the resignation of then Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh and kept the Manipur Legislative Assembly under suspended animation. Manipur Governor, Ajay Kumar Bhalla administered the oath to Khemchand during the swearing-in ceremony held at Lok Bhavan in Imphal. Khemchand represents the Singjamei Assembly Constituency. Two other MLAs, Nemcha Kipgen of BJP and Losii Dikho of NPF took oath as Deputy Chief Ministers while BJP MLA, Govindas Konthoujam and NPP MLA, Khuraijam Loken took oath as ministers. Nemcha Kipgen attended the ceremony from Manipur Bhavan, New Delhi via video conference. Talking to reporters, the Chief Minister said, Manipur will play an important role in the Viksit Bharat 2047.

MANIPUR CABINET

Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh yesterday chaired the first cabinet meeting of his government at the Cabinet Hall of the Chief Minister's Secretariat in Imphal. The cabinet meeting was convened shortly after being sworn in as the Chief Minister of the State at Lok Bhavan. Meanwhile, the Manipur

Legislative Assembly Secretariat has informed that the 7th session of the current 12th Manipur Legislative Assembly will be held today.

CONGRATULATIONS

Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday expressed confidence that the newly formed Manipur government, led by Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh, will work diligently to accelerate development and ensure prosperity for the people. The Prime Minister congratulated the Singh and Nemcha Kipgen and Losii Dikho who took oath as Deputy Chief Ministers of Manipur. Defence Minister, Rajnath Singh also congratulated the Chief Minister and the two Deputy Chief Ministers as they take on important responsibilities in the new government. With the restoration of an elected leadership in the state, the Defence Minister said, there is renewed hope for stability, development and social cohesion. He was confident that they will work with dedication and vision to steer Manipur towards a more peaceful, inclusive and prosperous future. Meanwhile congratulations poured in from Chief Ministers of different states across the country. Nagaland Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma, Assam Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma also congratulated the new Chief Minister and his Council of Ministers.

TRIPURA CM

Tripura Chief Minister, Dr Manik Saha yesterday participated in several programmes under Fatikroy Assembly constituency in Unakoti district. The Chief Minister laid the foundation stone of a permanent bridge connecting Saidarpura and Sardapalli of Kumarghat to be constructed at around 11.78 crore rupees. It is targeted for completion within 720 days. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister emphasised that bringing smiles to people's faces remain the primary objective of the government. He also noted that the government is working to promote technology-driven and value-based education in line with the National Education Policy 2020. Later in the day, the Chief Minister inaugurated a two-storey building of PM SHRI Hajibari Higher Secondary School under Purba Ratachhara Panchayat constructed at around 1.40 crore rupees. In the evening, the Chief Minister inaugurated the four days 6th Milan Mela at Fatikroy Higher Secondary School ground.

SESSION ARUNACHAL

The fifth session of the 8th Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly began yesterday. This was the first sitting of the Special Session this year and will run for two days. In his address, Arunachal Pradesh Governor, K.T. Parnaik, highlighted inclusive development, democratic governance, and infrastructure growth. He expressed his gratitude to the Central government for supporting projects worth over 5,100 crore rupees and launching the GST Bachat Utsav. The Governor noted that the State's GDP has grown 2.6 times over the past decade, with a five-fold increase in State resources. Key initiatives include expansion of Donyi Polo Airport, National Highways, rural roads, and the Vibrant Villages Programme. He declared 2025–26 as the “Year of Human Capital”. Earlier, the Assembly observed two minutes silence, paying tribute to former MLAs and leaders who passed away recently.

KHANDU

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister, Pema Khandu said that a new committee has been formed for verification of irregularities related to land compensation for the construction of Lada-Sarli Frontier Highway. Replying to MLA Kumar Waii's queries during zero hour of the Assembly session yesterday, Khandu said, the committee will submit its report soon and based on that, rightful land owners, whose names were missing from the previous list, will be duly compensated. Similarly, the ones who received more compensation, will have to pay the state government back. Replying to charges of growing corruption in the state, he said,

the Anti-Corruption Bureau has made 142 arrests since 2016, and no one will be spared if found guilty of corruption charges.

MIZORAM BUDGET

Chief Minister, Lalduhoma said that the Mizoram Budget for 2026–27 has been prepared in accordance with the recommendations of the 16th Finance Commission. In a social media post, the Chief Minister stated that nearly 80 per cent of Mizoram's proposals were accepted by the 16th Finance Commission during its visit to the state, based on the horizontal devolution criteria and weightage. He highlighted that Mizoram's share under horizontal devolution has increased compared to the 15th Finance Commission, rising from 0.50 to 0.564 under the 16th Finance Commission. This increase is expected to result in higher tax devolution to the state during the period from 2026 to 2031. The Chief Minister expressed satisfaction that Mizoram is among the North Eastern states to have recorded an increase in its horizontal devolution share under the 16th Finance Commission.

ICAR SIKKIM

The Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Sikkim Center, yesterday organized "Stakeholders' Workshop on Pre-Kharif Crop Planning cum Farmers-Scientist Interaction." During the farm visit, Sikkim Governor, Om Prakash Mathur highlighted the importance of large cardamom and mandarin in the farm economy of Sikkim and suggested that ICAR scientists help boost production by establishing nurseries in the state. During the visit to the animal section, he praised the work done by ICAR on poultry, goatery, piggery, and dairy units. The Governor also inaugurated exhibition stalls where local farmers from all districts of Sikkim displayed their farm produce, including millets, fresh fruits, vegetables, and processed products. Farm implements, including mini power tillers, paddy threshers, electric generators, and grass cutters, were distributed under the TSP project by ICAR to a group of beneficiaries. He also praised the efforts of ICAR and farmers for producing millets and practising organic farming.

CANCER CONCLAVE

The State Cancer Society of Meghalaya yesterday organized the 2nd Meghalaya Cancer Conclave in Shillong, with the participation of doctors from across the state and officials of the Health Department. Addressing the conclave, Health & Family Welfare Minister, Wailadmihi Shylla said, the conclave serves as a reminder of the varied challenges faced by patients and emphasised that the society must not shy away from confronting the growing burden of cancer. East Khasi Hills district continues to record one of the highest incidences of cancer in Meghalaya, with 227.9 cases detected per one lakh male population in the district alone. The Minister urged the citizens to seek medical check-ups while they are healthy instead of waiting until symptoms become severe. In a video message, Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma said, the mission focuses on screening eligible populations and detecting cancer at an early stage. On the occasion, the Health Minister also launched several key initiatives aimed at strengthening cancer prevention and control in the state.
