

## NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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### HEADLINES:-

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- Election Commission of India team will visit Guwahati from 16th to 18th of this month to review Assam's preparedness for upcoming 2026 Assembly elections.
- Manipur Chief Yumnam Khemchand Singh flags off Interceptor Vehicles to strengthen road safety enforcement.
- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurates and lays foundation stone for several projects worth 2,218 crore rupees.
- Tripura Chief Minister, Dr. Manik Saha says government aims to build "New Tripura" with cooperation of all sections of society.
- North-Eastern Region Workshop on Enhancing Sustainable Development Goals outcomes held at Assam Administrative Staff College, Guwahati.
- Team recommends immediate deployment of Indian Air Force helicopters with Bambi Buckets for aerial water-dousing operations to prevent escalation of forest fire in Dzükou Valley and Mt. Japfü in Nagaland.
- Mizoram Chief Minister, Lalduhoma launches project to boost state's MSME sector by providing technical skills and global industry insights to entrepreneurs.
- Arunachal Pradesh Commerce and Industries Minister Nyato Dukam asserts state's aims to expand global footprint through sustainable trade partnerships, investment promotion and skill development initiatives.
- Arunachal East MP, Tapir Gao raises issue of mobile connectivity in Vijaynagar before Union Communications Minister, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia.
- Meghalaya Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department hosts briefing session for National Level Monitoring team from Central government to review and assess progress of various Centrally Sponsored Schemes.
- Chairperson of National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India, Ms Roli Singh holds interactive session with entrepreneurs of Sikkim.
- 22nd National Mountain Terrain Biking Championship kick starts at Roing, Lower Dibang Valley of Arunachal.

### NEWS IN ORDER:-

**WORLD RADIO DAY:**

World Radio Day is being observed today. The Day is observed on 13th February every year to commemorate the establishment of the United Nations Radio in 1946. The theme this year is “Radio and Artificial Intelligence: AI is a tool, not a voice.” To mark World Radio Day 2026, various programmes are being organised across Akashvani stations. Akashvani has been serving the nation since its inception with the motto “Bahujan Hitaya, Bahujan Sukhaya”. Established in 1936 and brought under public ownership after Independence, Akashvani has grown into one of the largest broadcasting organisations in the world, in terms of the number of languages broadcast and the diversity of audiences served.

**ECI TEAM:**

A team of the Election Commission of India headed by Chief Election Commissioner, Gyanesh Kumar will visit Guwahati from 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> of this month to review Assam’s preparedness for the upcoming 2026 Assembly elections. During their three-day long tour, the Commission will hold detailed meeting with senior officials of the State and representatives of various political parties.

**SAFETY:**

In Manipur, the Grand Finale of National Road Safety Month Observation 2026 was held at the City Convention Centre in Imphal yesterday. As part of the programme, Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh flagged off Interceptor Vehicles which had been introduced to strengthen road safety enforcement across the State. He also handed over safety equipment to Traffic Police and Motor Vehicle Inspectors to enhance monitoring and compliance. The Chief Minister also launched the Heli Service Portal during the programme.

**PROJECTS:**

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma yesterday inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for several projects worth 2,218 crore rupees, along with presenting cheques to 31,952 women entrepreneurs in Assam's Majuli district. The chief minister also handed over cheques of seed capital 10,000 rupees to each of the 31,952 women entrepreneurs.

**NEW TRIPURA:**

Tripura Chief Minister, Dr. Manik Saha yesterday said that the government aimed to build a "New Tripura" with the cooperation of all sections of society, including tribal communities. The Chief Minister was addressing an interactive programme with beneficiaries under the Mukhyamantri Janajati Vikash Yojana, organised by the Tribal Welfare Department at Rabindra Satabarshiki Bhavan in Agartala yesterday. He emphasised that the government has been working tirelessly to preserve the rich traditions and culture of the indigenous people, while also focusing on their health, education, and socio-economic development. He also informed that an honorarium for community leaders was increased to 5,000 rupees, besides extending financial assistance to tribal communities through the Autonomous District Council for overall development.

**SDGs:**

The North-Eastern Region Workshop on Enhancing Sustainable Development Goals outcomes at the District Level was held at the Assam Administrative Staff College, Guwahati yesterday, organized by NITI Aayog, Ministry of DoNER, and UNDP. Deliberations during the workshop emphasized the need to transition from monitoring to implementation, highlighting the importance of targeted interventions to enable district administrations to accurately identify gaps and prepare focused, time-bound action plans. A delegation from the Sikkim Government participated in the workshop. Sikkim’s success story as the highest-rank state in the North Eastern Region was shared during the technical session titled “SDG Localisation in the North Eastern Region – From Evidence to

Action,”. Sikkim’s strong performance in the Multidimensional Poverty Index was appreciated by NITI Aayog.

#### **DZUKOU-FOREST FIRE:**

Kohima administration carried out an aerial survey to assess ongoing forest fire in Dzukou Valley and Mt. Japfü. The team was led by the Deputy Commissioner Kohima, along with officials from the District Disaster Management Authority, SDRF and representatives of the Southern Angami Youth Organization. The team has recommended immediate deployment of Indian Air Force helicopters with Bambi Buckets for aerial water-dousing operations to prevent further escalation. The forest fire started in the last week of January.

#### **MIZORAM MSME:**

Mizoram Chief Minister, Lalduhoma yesterday launched a project to boost the state's MSME sector by providing technical skills and global industry insights to the entrepreneurs. Besides the Micro and Small Entrepreneurs Excellence Project, he also launched the Mizoram Entrepreneurs Development Forum. The excellence project is designed to provide local MSME owners with technical skills and global industry insights required to compete in a rapidly evolving economy. Speaking at the event, Lalduhoma highlighted the traditional craftsmanship of the Mizo people with significant potential in the MSME sector, citing the recent IndiaSkills North East Championship where Mizoram emerged as the overall champion.

#### **INVESTMENT:**

Arunachal Pradesh Commerce and Industries Minister Nyato Dukam yesterday asserted that the state aims to expand its global footprint through sustainable trade partnerships, investment promotion and skill development initiatives to create long-term opportunities for entrepreneurs and youth. The minister made the statement during a meeting at the Consulate General of India in Munich with Consul General Shatrughna Sinha, held on the sidelines of BIOFACH 2026 in Germany. The meeting focused on strengthening trade, investment and skill development linkages between the state and the European nation.

#### **ARUNACHAL MP:**

Arunachal East MP, Tapir Gao raised the issue of mobile connectivity in Vijaynagar, a remote border area near the India–Myanmar frontier, before Union Communications Minister, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia. The Union Minister acknowledged the concern and said that the Centre is committed to strengthening connectivity in frontier villages, describing Vijaynagar as the “first village of India”. Scindia said that challenges such as Right of Way and environmental clearances will be addressed in coordination with the Arunachal Pradesh government, and assured joint discussions with the Chief Minister and MP to work out a sustainable solution.

#### **VETERINARY:**

In Meghalaya, the Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department yesterday hosted a briefing session for the National Level Monitoring team from the Central government in Shillong to review and assess the progress of various Centrally Sponsored Schemes being implemented by the Department. Four existing schemes being reviewed include the Rashtriya Gokul Mission, National Livestock Mission, Livestock Health & Disease Control Programme, National Programme for Dairy Development, and other allied livestock development initiatives. The Team will also undertake field visits to East Khasi Hills, West Khasi Hills, and West Garo Hills.

#### **CHAIRPERSON:**

Chairperson of the National Authority Chemical Weapons Convention, Cabinet Secretariat, Government of India, Ms Roli Singh yesterday held an interactive

session with entrepreneurs of Sikkim. The Chairperson sought suggestions from entrepreneurs and encouraged them to explore emerging opportunities across sectors. Highlighting tourism as a key area of potential growth, she stated that homestays have a multiplier effect and can benefit local communities at multiple levels.

**NATIONAL MOUNTAIN TERRAIN BIKING:**

The 22<sup>nd</sup> National Mountain Terrain Biking Championship kick started yesterday at Roing, Lower Dibang Valley of Arunachal. It brought together top cyclists from across the country, making it one of the largest cycling events ever held in the region. The championship will go on till Sunday. The event is being organized by the Arunachal Cycling Association and the Cycling Federation of India. Nagaland Minister for Tourism & Higher Education, Temjen Imna Along, also attended the inaugural ceremony.

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