

# NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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## HEADLINES:-

- Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh calls on Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi.
- Meghalaya chief minister Conrad K Sangma to present state budget in assembly today.
- First Official Border pillar between Arunachal Pradesh and Assam successfully constructed at Seijosa.
- High School Leaving Certificate Examination begins in Manipur today.
- Tripura Government to recruit 2,056 teachers for Primary and Upper Primary levels.
- New terminal at Guwahati's Lokapriya Gopinath Bardoloi International Airport begins commercial operations.
- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma lays foundation for Cultural Museum Project for exhibiting 'Vrindavani Vastra' at Khanapara.
- Assam Rifles seize banned methamphetamine tablets in Mizoram's Lawngtlai district.
- Spices Board to launch Large Cardamom - Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme in Sikkim on the 24th February.
- Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha says Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Mann Ki Baat radio programme highlights issues pertaining to people's welfare.
- Inter-State Youth Exchange Programme inaugurated at Don Bosco Youth Centre, Itanagar.
- Nagaland to host first-ever 'North East Festival of Rice: Grains of Heritage'.
- Nagaland hosts Soybean Festival at Chümoukedima.

## NEWS IN ORDER:-

### **MANIPUR:**

Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh called on Union Home Minister Amit Shah at his residence in New Delhi yesterday. This is the first time Mr Khemchand met the union home minister after he took over as Manipur chief minister on 4th February. He was accompanied deputy chief ministers Losii Dikho of the Naga People's Front (NPF), and Nemcha Kipgen of the BJP. Ms Kipgen, who hails from Kangpokpi district, is the first woman deputy chief minister of Manipur. The Union Home Minister discussed with the three Manipuri leaders about the steps taken up by the new government to remove the barriers between different communities. Mr Shah assured that all necessary help would be provided by the centre for the overall development and progress of Manipur. He directed the chief minister to give utmost importance to the rehabilitation of internally displaced persons and assured all possible help in this task.

### **MEGHALAYA:**

Meghalaya chief minister Conrad K Sangma, who also holds the finance portfolio, will present the state budget in the assembly today. The budget session of the Meghalaya assembly was adjourned as a mark of respect to Shillong MP Ricky J Syngkon who had passed away on Thursday.

### **BORDER:**

The first Official Border pillar between Arunachal Pradesh and Assam was successfully constructed at Seijosa in Pakke Kessang District. It was closely monitored by a joint contingent

of senior officials from both states to ensure accuracy and mutual agreement. Arunachal Chief Minister Pema Khandu said the Seijosa pillar sets the blueprint for the remaining demarcation process, strengthening cooperation between the two states. It signifies a concrete step towards resolving the long-standing boundary dispute between Assam and Arunachal, in keeping with the spirit of the Namsai Declaration.

#### **EXAM:**

The High School Leaving Certificate Examination 2026 (Class X Examination) to be conducted by Board of Secondary Education Manipur (BOSEM) will begin today. The examination will continue till the 23rd of next month. Board Secretary S. Jitenlal Sharma said that thirty-six thousand seven hundred twenty-five candidates are appearing this year and the examination will be conducted at one hundred sixty-one centres across the State. Three hundred ninety-two candidates are Internally Displaced Persons who are taking shelter at different relief camps.

#### **RECRUIT:**

The Tripura Government has decided to recruit a total of 2,056 teachers for the Primary and Upper Primary levels. The Education Department has requested the Teachers' Recruitment Board to prepare the merit list of candidates who qualified in the latest TET-I and TET-II examinations. TET-qualified candidates in Tripura can apply online to participate in the merit verification process from 4 PM on 23<sup>rd</sup> February until 4 PM on 26<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **AIRPORT:**

The new terminal at Guwahati's Lokapriya Gopinath Bardoloi International Airport began commercial operations last evening, raising annual passenger capacity to 13.1 million. The terminal was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 20th December, 2025. The airport ranks among the country's top 10 to 12 busiest airports by passenger volume. The airport connects 21 domestic destinations and three international routes, including Bangkok, Paro, and Singapore and currently handles more than 130 aircraft traffic movements daily. The additional capacity is expected to strengthen Guwahati's role as a regional hub linking the North-East with mainland India and Southeast Asia.

#### **MUSEUM:**

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma laid foundation stone for the Cultural Museum Project for Exhibiting 'Vrindavani Vastra' at Khanapara, in Guwahati yesterday. It will house the historic 16th century Vrindavani Vastra, traditionally attributed to the Vaishnavite saint-scholar Srimanta Sankardeva. The fabric depicts scenes from the life of Shree Krishna and is considered a masterpiece of Assamese weaving and devotional art. It is currently held in the collection of the British Museum in London. The Government of Assam and the British Museum had signed an agreement last year to bring the artifact to Assam for an 18-month exhibition, scheduled to begin in 2027.

#### **TABLETS:**

The Assam Rifles have seized banned methamphetamine tablets worth around 11.85 crore rupees in Mizoram's Lawngtlai district and apprehended four people, including three Myanmar nationals. The arrests and seizures were made on Friday after the four persons entered India with the contraband items by crossing the Koladyne River on a boat. The seized meth tablets and the apprehended individuals were handed over to the Mizoram Police for further legal action.

#### **SIKKIM:**

The Spices Board, in collaboration with the Agriculture Insurance Company of India Limited, is set to launch the Large Cardamom - Weather Based Crop Insurance Scheme in Sikkim on the 24th of this month. This pioneering initiative aims to provide economic security to large cardamom growers in Sikkim, protecting them against weather-related risks. The scheme will be implemented in three major large cardamom growing districts - Pakyong, Gyalshing, and Mangan.

#### **TRIPURA:**

Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha listened to the 131st episode of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's monthly radio programme Mann Ki Baat at Mukam Para Junior JB School under Mohanpur Assembly constituency yesterday. The Chief Minister said that Mann Ki Baat has evolved into an important platform that continuously informs and educates citizens across the country. Through the programme, the Prime Minister regularly raises awareness on a wide range of social, economic and digital issues. Mr Saha highlighted that discussions on topics such as digital transactions, banking services and cyber security help guide people to remain cautious

and adopt safe financial practices. The Chief Minister remarked that under Prime Minister Modi's leadership, tribal development has received priority and focused attention.

**YOUTH:**

An Inter-State Youth Exchange Programme was inaugurated at Don Bosco Youth Centre, Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh. Thirty-seven youth participants from different districts of West Bengal, expressed their excitement and gratitude. The programme will continue till 26th February with cultural performances, interactive sessions, and exposure visits aimed at strengthening bonds of friendship and national integration.

**RICE FEST:**

Nagaland will host the first-ever 'North East Festival of Rice: Grains of Heritage' at Agri Expo in Chümoukedima. The festival, to be held on 26th and 27th of this month, aims to promote heirloom rice varieties, traditional farming tools, and seed preservation practices from across the region. The festival will bring communities from Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Arunachal Pradesh, Tripura, and Sikkim to celebrate rice at the heart of indigenous culture and sustainable living.

**SOYBEAN FEST:**

In a major boost to soybean cultivation and farmer empowerment, Nagaland hosted its first-ever Soybean Festival at Agri Expo, Chümoukedima from the 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> February. It brought together over 200 farmers, scientists, and agricultural officials from across Nagaland. Experts noted that Nagaland's average soybean yield of 12.6 quintals per hectare surpasses the national average of 11.79 quintals per hectare, signalling strong growth potential.

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