

HEADLINES:-

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi says Union Budget is human-centric and strengthens India's foundation with path-breaking reforms.
- Strategic initiatives in Union Budget 2026-27, expected to have far-reaching impact on different industries in North-East.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma lauds Union Budget for focus on north-east.
- Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio hails Union Budget for prioritising Northeast.
- Arunachal Pradesh minister Pasang Dorjee Sona says Budget reflects mature understanding of India's diversity.
- Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha congratulates Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for presenting Viksit Bharat Budget.
- More than 20 Manipur BJP MLAs in New Delhi to attend meeting with party's central leadership.
- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma distributes seed capital to women entrepreneurs.
- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu inaugurates multiple projects in Dibang Valley district.
- Director General, Narcotics Control Bureau, Anurag Garg reviews anti-drug trafficking measures at Indo-Myanmar border in Champhai, Mizoram.
- In Assam, Services defeated Kerala for first victory for Santosh Trophy.

NEWS IN ORDER:-PM:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the Union Budget is human-centric and strengthens India's foundation with path-breaking reforms. The Prime Minister also described it as historic and a catalyst for accelerating the country's reform trajectory and long-term growth. Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presented the 'Union Budget 2026-27' in Parliament yesterday. In remarks following the presentation of the Budget, Mr Modi said the proposals will energise the economy, empower citizens and give India's youth fresh opportunities to scale new heights.

BUDGET:

The strategic initiatives in the Union Budget 2026-27, presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, is expected to have a far-reaching impact on different industries in the North-East, accelerating its transformation into a more connected, prosperous, and investment-friendly region. Meghalaya Chief Minister

Conrad K Sangma has lauded the ‘special focus’ on the Northeast in the budget. The special focus on the North-East underscores the Government’s firm resolve to transform the region into a dynamic growth engine of the East, said Sangma, who also holds the state finance portfolio.

#### MEGHALAYA:

The Finance Commission has provided Meghalaya with Rural Local Body grant of 190 crore rupees, Urban Local Body grant of 49 crore, State Disaster Response Fund grant of 63 crore, and State Disaster Mitigation Fund grant of 16.20 crore rupees. Budget proposals such as the establishment of a National Institute of Hospitality, National Destination Digital Knowledge Grid, and promotion of sustainable tourism models offer significant opportunities for Meghalaya’s nature-based and community-led tourism economy, the state finance department notes.

#### NAGALAND:

Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio hailed the Union Budget 2026 for prioritising the Northeast. Mr Rio said that the Budget brings much-needed focus to the Northeast through investments in connectivity, religious and cultural tourism. Mr Rio said the budget would drive integration, create livelihoods opportunities and harness the strength of the region. The Chief Minister also congratulated Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for a forward-looking budget.

#### MIZORAM:

The Union Budget places tourism firmly at the intersection of employment generation, cultural preservation and sustainable regional development. This is a perspective that aligns closely with Mizoram’s priorities, said state tourism minister Pu Lalnghinglova Hmar. The National Destination Digital Knowledge Grid will enable systematic documentation and storytelling of lesser-known destinations, opening new avenues for local youth, researchers and creative professionals. Investments in guide certification and hospitality skilling will strengthen service quality while generating dignified livelihoods across hill and rural districts. Overall, the Budget provides a balanced and future-ready roadmap for Mizoram’s tourism-led development.

#### ARUNACHAL:

Arunachal Pradesh minister Pasang Dorjee Sona has noted that the Union Budget 2026–27 reflects a mature understanding of India’s diversity by addressing development through capacity-building, connectivity and cultural continuity. For Arunachal Pradesh, the emphasis on Purvodaya, sustained capital expenditure of 12.2 lakh crore rupees, and enhanced fiscal devolution under the 16<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission strengthens the foundation for long-term, decentralised growth. The Education-to-Employment Standing Committee, University Townships, and girls’ hostels in every district directly address access and aspiration in remote and border regions. Equally important is the focus on digital documentation of heritage and knowledge through the National Destination Digital Knowledge Grid. This complements Arunachal Pradesh’s efforts to preserve libraries, manuscripts and indigenous knowledge systems.

#### TRIPURA:

Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha congratulated Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for presenting the Viksit Bharat Budget. Describing this budget as a visionary blueprint, Mr Saha said that it guides the path towards a developed India by 2047 and creates a clear 25-years roadmap. Tripura

Finance Minister Pranajit Singh Roy described the budget as comprehensive and people-oriented. He said it will further strengthen the country's economic progress, social development, and welfare of common people. The emphasis on infrastructure development, job creation, digital transformation, agriculture and MSME sectors in this budget represent a firm step towards a developed India.

#### MANIPUR:

More than 20 Manipur BJP MLAs left for New Delhi yesterday to attend a meeting with the party's central leadership. Manipur BJP president Adhikarimayum Sharda Devi told reporters at Imphal airport that all NDA legislators have been called and they were hoping and believing that a popular government would be formed. Former chief minister N Biren Singh said that he expected a positive outcome. The President's rule term in Manipur is due to end on 12<sup>th</sup> February. The Centre had on 13<sup>th</sup> February last year, imposed President's rule after N Biren Singh resigned as chief minister. The state assembly, which has a tenure till 2027, has been put under suspended animation.

#### ASSAM:

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma yesterday distributed 10,000 rupees as seed capital to 24,478 women entrepreneurs under the Mukhyamantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyan at a programme at Agia in Goalpara district. The initiative aims to promote women-led entrepreneurship at the grassroots level. Mr Sarma reiterated the state government's commitment to empowering women through targeted financial and institutional support.

#### APU:

Arunachal Pradesh University has achieved a significant academic milestone. Professor Prakash Chandra Jena, Dean of Academic Affairs, has been awarded a Certificate of Registration of Design by the Patent Office, Government of India, for his innovation titled 'Interactive Literacy Pen for Adult Learners'. Professor Jena said the Interactive Literacy Pen has been designed keeping in mind India's goal of achieving 100 percent literacy, especially among adults in rural areas who lack basic reading and writing skills. The pen provides direction and assistance in developing basic skills such as reading, writing, and even speaking.

#### PROJECTS:

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu inaugurated multiple projects in the Dibang Valley district recently. The projects include Sky Walk (Glass Bridge), Roller Coaster, near Matu Waterfall, Tourism Complex at Dambuen village, Panchayat Guest House-cum-Idu-Mishmi Heritage Museum, New Circuit House and Panchayat Rural Mart. These projects are being executed at an estimated cost of around Eight Hundred Eight lakh rupees, funded by various agencies including the North Eastern Council, Government of India. With some formalities remaining, these projects will soon be fully functional as major tourism attractions in the coming days.

#### DRUGS:

Director General of Narcotics Control Bureau Anurag Garg reviewed anti-drug trafficking measures during his visit to the Indo-Myanmar border in Champhai, Mizoram. During the visit, Mr Garg also interacted with the police, the district administration and Assam Rifles officers on strategies to prevent drug trafficking across the border. Later, he also met Director General of Police of Mizoram, Sharad Agarwal and held discussions with Central and State intelligence, enforcement and security agencies on tackling drug trafficking.

TROPHY:

In Assam, the Services defeated a 10-man Kerala for their first victory and booked the last quarter-final berth from Group B of the 79th National Football Championship for Santosh Trophy 2025-26 Final Round, at the Silapathar Football Stadium in Dhemaji district yesterday. Services ended their league campaign with six points from five matches, with one win, three draws and one defeat. Kerala, who were already assured of the top spot in Group B and a spot in the last eight, ended the group with three wins, one draw, and one defeat.

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