

## NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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### HEADLINES:-

- Filing of nomination papers for assembly elections in Assam end today. Congress releases fifth list of candidates for assembly polls.
- Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha visits Dharmanagar to attend party meeting ahead of by-election in the assembly constituency.
- Tripura Budget for financial year 2026–27 likely to be passed today.
- Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh says talks with Kuki-Zo Council is first step towards removing trust deficit between two communities.
- Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale says in Shillong, the organisation does not support discrimination on religious grounds.
- Nagaland Governor Nand Kishore Yadav calls upon members of Bihari community to work in tandem with local communities.
- Arunachal Pradesh Minister flags off Gram Bandhu Project at Pasighat in East Siang district.
- Tripura government to set up tea auction centre to boost industrial development.
- Four security personnel injured in militant attack on Assam Police Commando camp in Tinsukia district.
- Border Roads Organisation begin snow clearance to restore traffic in East Sikkim.
- Third North East India Film Festival concludes in Imphal.

### CONGRESS

The Congress released its fifth list of candidates for the upcoming Assam Assembly elections yesterday, naming nominees for seven constituencies across different regions of the state. Candidates have been finalised for seats including Gossaigaon, Dotma (ST), Bihpuria, Bhergaon, Mazbat, Haflong (ST) and Katigorah. The list was approved by the Congress leadership as part of its ongoing effort to strengthen its electoral presence ahead of the assembly polls. With this list, the Congress continues to gradually unveil its candidates for the Assam elections, signalling its intent to mount a serious challenge against the ruling BJP-led alliance. Party insiders said the selection process has focused on balancing experience, grassroots connect, and community representation, especially in constituencies with significant tribal and minority populations. The filing of nomination papers for assembly elections in Assam, Keralam and Puducherry will end today. Elections to the 126-member Assam Assembly are scheduled to be held on 9th April, with counting of votes to take place on 4th May.

#### PARTY:

Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha visited Dharmanagar yesterday to attend a party meeting ahead of the by-election in the Dharmanagar Assembly constituency. The Chief Minister joined a meeting with party workers and supporters at the BJP district office. The meeting was attended by Minister Sudhangshu Das, MLAs Binay Bhushan Das and Yadav Lal Nath, BJP district president Kajal Das, and party candidate Jahar Chakraborty, along with other leaders.

#### TRIPURA:

The Budget Session of the 13th Tripura Legislative Assembly will conclude today, with the Budget for the financial year 2026–27 likely to be passed. The session began on 13<sup>th</sup> March with the address of Governor Indrasena Reddy Nallu. On 16<sup>th</sup> March, Finance Minister Pranajit Singha Roy presented the Budget. Three bills related to the establishment of private universities have been passed by the Tripura assembly.

#### MANIPUR:

Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh has said that the government's move to hold talks with the Kuki-Zo Council is the first step towards removing the trust deficit that exists between two communities in the state. It is also a step to bridge the gap between the two communities in an effort to bring peace. He said it is a good beginning that the Kuki-Zo Council is willing to hold talks after almost three years. The chief minister held talks with representatives of Kuki-Zo Council in Guwahati on Saturday for the first time after the communal violence erupted in Manipur in May, 2023. However, no agreement was reached during the talks. Pointing that Manipur is inhabited by 36 different communities, Mr Singh asserted that the state would remain intact. In connection with the demand for separate administration, the chief minister said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has already announced that Manipur's Territorial Integrity will not be compromised.

#### RSS:

Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh general secretary Dattatreya Hosabale has said the organisation does not support discrimination on religious grounds and upholds every citizen's constitutional right to practise their faith. He was speaking at a Prominent Citizens' Meet organised by RSS Meghalaya in Shillong as part of the organisation's centenary year celebrations. Mr Hosabale said India's linguistic and cultural diversity strengthens unity. The RSS leader mentioned about Shillong's association with figures such as Swami Vivekananda, Rabindranath Tagore and Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose.

#### NAGALAND:

Nagaland Governor Nand Kishore Yadav has called upon members of the Bihari community to preserve and promote their cultural heritage, that has significantly contributed to the making of India. Addressing the Bihar State Foundation Day function at Lok Bhavan in Kohima yesterday, the Governor highlighted the historical and cultural importance of Bihar, describing it as a cradle of ancient civilization, knowledge, and spirituality. He noted that historic centres like Nalanda and Vikramshila Universities of Bihar, once symbolized India's intellectual leadership. The Governor also called on Biharis residing in Nagaland to actively contribute to the State's development and work in harmony with local communities for a prosperous and inclusive future.

#### ARUNACHAL:

Arunachal Pradesh Minister of Rural Development, Panchayati Raj & Cooperation, Ojing Tasing, flagged-off Gram Bandhu Project at the Independent Golden Jubilee Government Higher Secondary School in Pasighat, East Siang district yesterday. It is an innovative income enhancement project under the revamped Rashtriya Gram Swaraj Abhiyan of the Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj. Mr Tasing distributed keys to 20 e-rickshaws/carts of 20 Self-Help Group members. The project aims to promote rural livelihoods, generate employment, and economically empower rural women through eco- friendly and sustainable transportation. Minister Tasing urged beneficiaries to utilize the e-rickshaws to access new markets for their organic produce and products, while also creating additional employment opportunities in rural Arunachal Pradesh.

#### TEA:

Chairman of the Tripura Tea Development Corporation, Samir Ranjan Ghosh, has said that the state government will open an auction centre to boost industrial development. Once operational, tea produced in Tripura will no longer need to be sent to Assam for sale, ensuring better profits for local tea workers. Out of 7,533 tea worker families in Tripura, more than 5,000 have already been provided land pattas, and efforts are underway to cover the remaining families. Vice Chairman of the State Cultural Advisory Committee, Subrata Chakraborty, said the government is promoting development through the preservation and practice of indigenous culture. Acting Sabhadhipati of West Tripura Zilla Parishad, Biswajit Shil, said that housing and free ration facilities are being provided to tea workers.

#### ATTACK:

At least four security personnel were injured in a militant attack on an Assam Police Commando camp in Tinsukia district yesterday. The ULFA (Independent) claimed responsibility for the attack in Jagun area. The attack comes ahead of the Assam assembly elections, scheduled on 9<sup>th</sup> April. Security personnel stationed at the camp immediately retaliated, leading to a brief exchange of gunfire. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said counter operations have been launched to nab those behind the attack.

#### SIKKIM:

The Border Roads Organisation yesterday started snow clearance operations to restore traffic in East Sikkim, including Nathula, amid heavy snowfall. The road to Tsomgo Lake and Nathula from Gangtok was closed on Saturday due to heavy snowfall in the area. The snow clearance efforts are aimed at restoring road connectivity to Nathula, Baba Harbhajan, Singh Mandir and Zuluk in East Sikkim and support tourism in the region despite difficult weather conditions, officials said. The Sikkim Tourism Department, along with Project Swastik, is closely monitoring the situation and ensuring that routes remain safe, well-managed, and accessible for travellers.

#### FILM:

The two-day 3rd North East India Film Festival 2026 concluded in Imphal yesterday with the screening of nine films, highlighting the region's cultural diversity. The festival was organised to showcase the traditional cultures of various communities in Northeast India through the cinematic medium. The event was jointly hosted by the Directorate of Information and Public Relations, Manipur, the All-Manipur Film Producers Association, and THOUNA, with support from the Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting and the National Film Development Corporation. Manipur's Information and Public Relations and Tourism Department Secretary, Hungyo Worshang, noted that the state lacks adequate funding for film awards and recognition platforms. He said efforts would

be made to propose financial provisions for such initiatives in the future. Mr Worshang stressed the importance of organising film festivals, saying such platforms provide exposure to the diverse cultures and heritage of the Northeastern region.

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