

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

1. Elections to Garo Hills Autonomous District Council postponed following violence in Garo Hills region; Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma, A.chik Baptist, Mothers Union Tura appeal to citizens to maintain peace.
2. Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh appeals for safe and unconditional release of all civilians kidnapped from Ukhrul along National Highway 102.
3. Mizoram Chief Minister, Lalduhoma expresses serious concern over unregulated border trade at Zochachhuah bordering Myanmar along Kaladan Multi Modal Transit Transport project.
4. Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister, Pema Khandu says process of surveying and demarcating inter-state boundary between Arunachal Pradesh and Assam is being carried out in phases.
5. Sikkim Chief Minister, Prem Singh Tamang reaffirms state government's commitment to tackling menace of drug abuse as state follows zero tolerance policy against drugs.
6. Northeast Frontier Railway announces new train service between Narangi and Agartala to strengthen rail connectivity between Assam and Tripura.
7. Arunachal Pradesh Transfer and Posting of Employees of Education Department Bill, 2026 passed after lengthy discussion in Assembly.
8. Former Judge of the Tripura High Court, and first lokayukta of Tripura, Justice Pradip Sarkar, passes away.
9. Mahila Jan Sunwai, or public hearing for women, held at Chümoukedima as part of nationwide outreach initiative of National Commission for Women in collaboration with Nagaland State Commission for Women.
10. Members of Mizo diaspora in Canada will showcase traditional Cheraw dance or 'bamboo dance' at major cultural event celebrating heritage of Northeast India to be held in Vancouver this year.
11. Panchayat leaders from Sikkim's Soreng district honoured as recognition for their exemplary performance in strengthening rural drinking water systems under Jal Jeevan Mission.
12. Art and Photo Exhibition showcasing creativity of local artists and photographers held at Vanapa Hall in Aizawl as part of celebrations of Chapchar Kut.

GHADC POLLS POSTPONED

Meghalaya Governor, C.H. Vijayashankar has ordered postponement of the election to the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council following violence in parts of the Garo Hills region. Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma made the announcement to defer the election after reviewing the prevailing law-and-order situation in Garo Hills.

Meanwhile the Chief Minister, has made a heartfelt appeal to the citizens to maintain peace and refrain from violence amid tensions in the region. In a video message, the Chief Minister said, in accordance with the security protocol, he was advised to relocate to another place for safety as there was an intention to burn his house and attack his family. Sangma however, stated that he chose not to leave his residence, saying that his life ultimately rests in the hands of the Almighty. He reaffirmed his identity as an A·chik, deeply loves his community and is committed to working for the welfare and progress of the people with utmost integrity and honesty. The Chief Minister stressed that the present situation can only be resolved through dialogue and constructive engagement. The A.chik Baptist Dal.gipa Krima No.IV, and Mothers Union Tura have also appealed to the citizens to restore peace in Garo Hills. The A.chik Baptist also called for prayer service aimed at restoring peace and harmony in the region.

KIDNAP

In Manipur, around twenty civilians were kidnapped by unknown armed miscreants at Sangkai village in Ukhrul district. The incident happened around 9.30 AM yesterday when passengers of Tata Winger and two private cars enroute to Imphal from Ukhrul along National Highway 102 were waylaid at Shangkai Kuki village area and taken to an undisclosed location. Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh has expressed concern regarding the distressing situation along the Ukhrul–Imphal road, and appealed to those responsible, to uphold the highest traditions of humanity and ensure the safe and unconditional release of all the civilians at the earliest. He assured families of the victims and the public, and reiterated that the government is committed to the safety of every citizen of Manipur.

TRADE

Mizoram Chief Minister, Lalduhoma yesterday expressed serious concern over unregulated border trade at Zochachhuah in south Mizoram's Lawngtlai district bordering Myanmar along the Kaladan Multi Modal Transit Transport Road project being constructed to link Lawngtlai town and Paletwa township in southern Chin state. On the importance of full preparations before the road project is commissioned, Lalduhoma said, the state government has constituted an Impact Study Team which had submitted an interim report, and proper action on the unregulated trade at the border will be taken after the implementation of the final report by the Impact Study Team.

BOUNDARY

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister, Pema Khandu said that the process of surveying and demarcating the inter-state boundary between Arunachal Pradesh and Assam has begun in phases, with the first boundary pillar already erected as part of efforts to resolve the decades-old dispute. Replying to a question from BJP MLA, Wanglin Lowangdong, Khandu said, Pakke-Kessang district has been selected as the first district where boundary pillars are being installed. He told the House that following the Namsai Declaration and the subsequent settlement process, Arunachal has registered an overall net territorial gain along its inter-state boundary with Assam.

SIKKIM

Reaffirming the state government's commitment to tackling the menace of drug abuse, Sikkim Chief Minister, Prem Singh Tamang emphasised that the state follows a zero tolerance policy against drugs and is taking strong and coordinated measures to combat drug trafficking and substance abuse. Tamang said, the fight against drugs is a top priority for the Government of Sikkim, as substance abuse poses serious social, health and economic challenges, particularly for the younger generation. He noted that Sikkim has adopted a multi-pronged approach involving strict law enforcement, community participation, awareness campaigns and rehabilitation support to effectively address the issue. The Chief Minister stressed that preventing drug abuse requires collective efforts from the government, civil society, families and educational institutions.

TRAIN

A new train service between Narangi in Assam and Agartala will commence from tomorrow. The Northeast Frontier Railway has announced the introduction of this train service to strengthen rail connectivity between Assam and Tripura. According to railway officials, the new service is expected to significantly improve transportation facilities and make travel more convenient for passengers between the two states. The initiative is also aimed at enhancing regional connectivity and boosting economic and social interactions in the Northeast region.

BILL

The Arunachal Pradesh Transfer and Posting of Employees of Education Department Bill, 2026 was passed after a lengthy discussion in the budget session of 8th Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly yesterday. Education Minister, PD Sona said a transparent portal, mostly managed by AI, will have all the relevant details of the teacher's recruitment, posting, transfer and their educational qualification. Sona added that the bill will help solve the long-standing human resource crunch in various schools of the state.

FORMER JUDGE

Former Judge of the Tripura High Court, and first lokayukta of Tripura, Justice Pradip Sarkar, passed away at the age of 80 yesterday. He had been suffering from age-related ailments for a long time. Justice Sarkar's contribution to the judiciary will be remembered with respect by the legal community. His mortal remains were taken to the premises of the Tripura High Court. Chief Justice of the Tripura High Court, along with other judges, advocates, and members of the legal community, offered their condolences and paid homage to the former judge. Several prominent members of the legal fraternity expressed deep sorrow over his passing.

JAN SUNWAI

In Nagaland, a Mahila Jan Sunwai, or public hearing for women, was held at Chümoukedima yesterday as part of the nationwide outreach initiative of the National Commission for Women in collaboration with the Nagaland State Commission for Women. Speaking at the programme, NSCW Member Kekhrienuo Meyase acknowledged the importance of legal awareness for women to safeguard

their rights and seek justice. She emphasized the need for greater awareness particularly on the Protection of Women from Domestic Violence Act, 2005, and Sexual Harassment of Women at Workplace (Prevention, Prohibition and Redressal) Act, 2013. During the hearings, participants presented complaints related to domestic violence, workplace harassment, abandonment and trafficking, with officials providing legal guidance and assuring follow-up action. A similar Mahila Jan Sunwai will be held today in Longleng district, and tomorrow in Mon district.

DIASPORA CANADA

Members of the Mizo diaspora in Canada are set to showcase the traditional Cheraw dance or ‘bamboo dance’ at a major cultural event celebrating the heritage of Northeast India, scheduled to be held in Vancouver this year. The event, titled “Northeast India Comes Alive in Vancouver” will take place on May 30. It is being organised by Saptarang, a registered non-profit organisation dedicated to promoting the cultural traditions and identity of the north-eastern region of India. According to the organisers, the programme will mark the first time that communities from the North Eastern states of India in Canada will come together to jointly celebrate and present their rich cultural heritage to a wider audience.

WATER-AWARD

Panchayat leaders from Sikkim’s Soreng district were honoured as a recognition for their exemplary performance in strengthening rural drinking water systems under the Jal Jeevan Mission. The event, Jal Mahotsav, was organised the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation under the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Government of India at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi which was graced by the President, Droupadi Murmu, along Union Minister of Jal Shakti, C. R. Paatil. Sheela Subba, Panchayat President of Rumbuk Gram Panchayat Unit under Soreng district, received the prestigious award for establishing a successful revenue model for the operation and maintenance of village water supply systems. Puspa Century, Panchayat President of Upper Thambong Gram Panchayat Unit, was awarded in the category of “Successful 24x7 Rural Water Supply.”

EXHIBITION

An Art and Photo Exhibition showcasing the creativity of local artists and photographers is being held at Vanapa Hall in Aizawl as part of the celebrations of Chapchar Kut, one of the most significant and revered festivals of the Mizo people. The three-day Chapchar Kut Art & Photo Exhibition is jointly organised by the Information & Public Relations Department, Art Development Society and Mizo Photographers’ Society. The exhibition features a wide range of artworks and photographs created by local talents.
