

## **NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN**

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### **HEADLINES:-**

- 14<sup>th</sup> Nagaland Legislative Assembly session commences with National Song Vande Mataram followed by National Anthem Jana Gana Mana.
- Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Virendra Kumar, lauds welfare scheme implementation in Meghalaya.
- Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma disburses District Catalytic Intervention Plan Fund.
- First Regional Workshop on Disaster Resilient Hospitals for North Eastern Region conducted at All India Institute of Medical Sciences Guwahati.
- Union Minister of State for Minority Affairs, George Kurian reaffirms Centre's commitment to accelerating development in Northeast.
- Budget Session of Tripura Assembly to commence on 13th March.
- Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand flags off pick-up vehicles for Excise Department.
- Governor Indrasena Reddy Nallu underscores Tripura's crucial role in safeguarding national security.
- Nagaland government initiates discussions with Centre to develop state-specific policy for exploration of petroleum and natural gas.
- Major drug consignment seized in Guwahati.
- Dol Yatra, Holi, being celebrated, marking advent of spring.

### **NEWS IN ORDER:-**

#### **ASSEMBLY:**

The first phase of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly commenced yesterday, with the House opening for the first time with the National Song Vande Mataram followed by the National Anthem Jana Gana Mana. Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla outlined the Nagaland Government's vision of becoming an active partner in the national journey towards Vikshit Bharat. The Governor reaffirmed commitment to a peaceful resolution of the Naga political issue. He described the signing of the Memorandum of Agreement on the Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority as a historic step towards equitable and inclusive development in Eastern Nagaland. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio and Speaker Sharingain Longkumer made obituary references to departed assembly members and Deputy Chief Minister of Maharashtra Ajit Anantrao Pawar. MLA Kuzholuzo Nienu moved the motion of thanks on the Governor's address. The debate will be taken up today.

#### **REVIEW:**

Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Virendra Kumar, continued his official visit to Meghalaya with a series of field visits and a comprehensive

District Review Meeting in Shillong yesterday. The Minister visited Government Girls' Higher Secondary School at Jail Road, a PM-Shri School and encouraged students to pursue academic excellence along with skill development. At the Urban Primary Health Centre at Mewpat, he emphasized strengthening preventive healthcare services and ensuring uninterrupted service delivery. At the Anganwadi Centre in Mawdiangdiang, Mr Kumar stressed the importance of early childhood nutrition and community participation in improving child health indicators. He also visited the Old Age Home at Demthring and reiterated the Government's commitment to ensuring dignity and well-being for the elderly. The union minister acknowledged the efforts of the Meghalaya government under Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma, noting that in several sectors commendable work was being carried out.

### **MIZORAM:**

Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma yesterday disbursed the District Catalytic Intervention Plan Fund at the Planning & Programme Implementation Committee Room in Aizawl. The fund comprised one crore rupees to each district to facilitate effective implementation of their respective plans. The Chief Minister stated that although District Planning Committees had been constituted earlier, no dedicated funds had been provided to meaningfully implement their plans. He emphasised that the government is committed to empowering districts by enabling them to formulate their own development plans and by providing necessary financial support. He described the initiative as a key component of the state government's flagship programme, Bana Kaih (hand-holding scheme).

### **DISASTER:**

The first Regional Workshop on Disaster Resilient Hospitals for the North Eastern Region was conducted at All India Institute of Medical Sciences Guwahati. The workshop marked a significant step toward strengthening disaster preparedness and resilience of healthcare institutions across the region. The two-day programme brought together delegates from all the North Eastern States along with representatives from West Bengal, Odisha and North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences, Shillong. It was the first workshop in the North East to holistically address the multifaceted challenges of hospital disaster preparedness. The workshop is expected to significantly enhance preparedness, response capacity and institutional resilience of healthcare facilities across the region.

### **VIKSHIT:**

Union Minister of State for Minority Affairs, George Kurian has reaffirmed the Centre's commitment to accelerating development in the Northeast towards a Viksit Bharat. He chaired a meeting with the Tuensang District Administration yesterday to assess the implementation of Central schemes, and assured Central support for infrastructure and welfare initiatives in the region. Mr Kurian emphasised that under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Ministers are visiting the Northeast to gather feedback and fast-track development.

### **TRIPURA:**

The Budget Session of the Tripura Legislative Assembly for the financial year 2026–27 is set to commence on 13<sup>th</sup> March. A preparatory meeting was held yesterday at the State Secretariat in the office chamber of Tripura Finance Minister Pranajit Singha Roy. Detailed discussions were held on the provisional revised estimates for the current financial year (2025–26) and the budget estimates for the upcoming financial year (2026–27).

**EXCISE:**

Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand flagged off five pick-up vehicles for the Excise Department yesterday to strengthen enforcement efforts against illegal liquor. The Chief Minister said these vehicles will enhance field surveillance, interception and seizure operations to safeguard public health.

**SECURITY:**

Governor Indrasena Reddy Nallu has underscored that Tripura plays a crucial role in safeguarding national security and preserving regional integrity, highlighting the state's strategic geographical importance. Addressing a gathering of ex-servicemen at the Agartala Military Station yesterday, the Governor suggested that Tripura's youth can make significant contributions to the nation's security by joining the armed forces. Lieutenant General Abhijit S. Pandulkar and other army officers also encouraged the youth to join the forces.

**RESOURCES:**

Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla has said that the Nagaland government has initiated discussions with the Centre to develop a state-specific policy for exploration and production of petroleum and natural gas. Addressing the opening session of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly yesterday, the Governor emphasised the importance of responsibly harnessing the state's rich natural resources, particularly the unexplored petroleum and natural gas reserves. The Governor also highlighted other substantial mineral resources in Nagaland, including coal, nickel-cobalt-chromium bearing magnetite, and limestone.

**DRUGS:**

A major drug consignment, comprising yaba tablets, valued at approximately six crore rupees was seized in Guwahati during a joint operation conducted by Basistha Police and the Special Task Force yesterday. Four persons allegedly involved in smuggling the narcotics were apprehended on the spot. Police said the drugs were smuggled from Imphal and transported via Silchar and Meghalaya before reaching Guwahati. Further investigation is underway to uncover more details about the network involved in the trafficking.

**FILM:**

A three-day film festival will be organised by the Information and Public Relations Department, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, from the 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> of March at TNZ Cinemas, Itanagar. The festival will feature storytelling sessions, panel discussions, workshops and interactions with filmmakers and artists from across the region. The event aims to promote emerging voices from the Northeast, especially talents from Arunachal Pradesh, providing a platform to showcase creativity. Chief Minister Pema Khandu has urged filmmakers, students and cinema enthusiasts to be part of the cinematic celebration.

**HOLI:**

Dol Yatra, Holi, the festival of colours is being celebrated, marking the advent of spring. The festivities begun with 'Holika dahaan' last night. Emphasis is being given on the use of nature-based abir and gulal for an environment and health-friendly festival. Manipur chief minister Y. Khemchand Singh has greeted the people on the occasion of Yaoshang. He expressed hope that that the age-old festival would strengthen the bonds between all communities.

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