

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Vice President CP Radhakrishnan describes peace accord signed between Centre and Mizoram government as one of the most successful agreements ever concluded in country.
- Vice President CP Radhakrishnan emphasizes central government's priority to accelerate development in Northeast.
- International Women's Day being celebrated today under theme 'Rights, Justice, Action for All Women and Girls'.
- Department of Women and Child Development, Arunachal Pradesh hosts marathon in Itanagar
- Feminist collective in Assam urges political parties to commit to clear agenda for gender justice, equality and inclusive development.
- Tripura's Agriculture Minister Ratan Lal Nath says agriculture sector contributes largest share of 46 percent to state's Gross State Domestic Product.
- Cheques distributed by Meghalaya chief minister Conrad Sangma under FOCUS-Plus and Green Meghalaya Programmes in South West Garo Hills.
- Pre-Marital Communication Centre inaugurated at Office of District Magistrate of West Tripura.
- Development works worth 700 crore rupees underway to transform Tura into modern urban centre.
- Northeast Frontier Railway officials apprise Manipur Chief Minister Khemchand Yumnam on progress of Jiribam–Imphal railway project.
- Meghalaya State Skill Development Society conducts recruitment drive at Mowkaiaw in West Jaintia Hills district.
- East Jaintia Hills District Medical and Health Officer organizes community-outreach-and-sensitization-health camp.

MIZORAM:

Vice President CP Radhakrishnan has described the peace accord signed between the Centre and Mizoram government as one of the most successful agreements ever concluded in the country for ensuring lasting peace and development in the state. Speaking at the 20th convocation of Mizoram University at Aizawl yesterday, the Vice President said Mizoram is now regarded as the most peaceful state in India. He noted that the accord not only brought an end to conflict but also laid the foundation for sustained development. The Vice President arrived in Agartala yesterday on a two-day visit to Tripura. He is scheduled to inaugurate several developmental projects in the states.

NORTH-EAST:

Vice President CP Radhakrishnan has emphasised the central government's priority to accelerate development in the Northeast. He pointed to major infrastructure projects, including a railway line connecting Aizawl to the rest of the country. The Kaladan Multimodal Transit Transport Project is nearing completion, which is expected to enhance trade opportunities with neighbouring countries. Speaking at the Mizoram University convocation in Aizawl yesterday, he said Mizoram is an ideal destination for tourism. Governor V. K. Singh said Mizoram University ranks among the top universities in the country. Chief Minister Pu Laldhuma noted that Mizoram has earned recognition as highly educated. Initiatives are also underway to make Mizoram the first fully digital state in India. A total of 6,385 students were awarded degrees at the convocation ceremony.

WOMEN:

International Women's Day is being celebrated today under the theme 'Rights, Justice, Action for All Women and Girls'. Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio honoured the contributions of women everywhere on the occasion of International Women's Day today. In a social media post, he said, that women play a vital role in strengthening communities, inspiring progress, and shaping ideas. Mr Rio called upon everyone to continue working towards a world where opportunity is not limited by gender, but defined by potential. At a programme held in Kohima yesterday, Nagaland Minister C. L. John said Naga women contribute tirelessly to the progress of the state from agricultural fields to marketplaces and from classrooms to hospitals. While celebrating the achievements of women, the Minister also said challenges remain. He stressed that gender-based violence and unequal access to opportunities be addressed collectively by the society.

ARUNACHAL:

The Department of Women and Child Development, Arunachal Pradesh hosted a marathon in Itanagar yesterday, as a precursor to International Women's Day. The event also served as a platform for Mission Shakti, the government's flagship initiative for women's safety and empowerment.

ASSAM:

A feminist collective in Assam yesterday released a 'manifesto' ahead of the assembly elections, urging all political parties to commit to a clear agenda for gender justice, equality and inclusive development. Assam is home to around 1.8 crore women who are equal citizens and rights holders. As the state prepares to elect a new government, this democratic moment must centre around the rights, dignity, and leadership of women in shaping Assam's future, spokesperson of the 'Assam Feminist Manifesto Collective', Anurita Pathak Hazarika stressed. Women continue to face violence and insecurity in homes, workplaces, digital and public spaces, she said. A just and inclusive Assam cannot be built without addressing the rights, safety, livelihoods, education, health and leadership of women and gender-diverse persons, she added. The manifesto calls for recognising women as workers and farmers, and providing dignified wages, social protection and safe working conditions.

TRIPURA:

Tripura's Agriculture Minister Ratan Lal Nath has said that the agriculture sector contributes the largest share of 46 percent to the state's Gross State Domestic Product. Trade, commerce, transport and tourism contribute 41 percent, while the industrial sector accounts for 13 percent. The minister said that around 4.72 lakh farmers provide food for Tripura's population of about 4.2 million. He noted that with the use of advanced technology, farmers in Tripura are now successfully producing high-quality varieties of crops. The minister inaugurated Kisan Mela-2025-26 at Pragya Bhavan in Agartala yesterday, during which farmers were awarded for outstanding production.

FOCUS:

A cheque distribution programme under the FOCUS-Plus and Green Meghalaya Programmes was held at Ampati, South West Garo Hills district yesterday. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma distributed cheques to beneficiaries and highlighted the government's commitment to supporting farmers, self-help groups, and community-based initiatives through the schemes. Cheques were also handed over to Green Meghalaya beneficiaries.

MARITAL:

A Pre-Marital Communication Centre was inaugurated at the Office of the District Magistrate of West Tripura yesterday as an initiative of the State Women's Commission. Chairperson of the Women's Commission Jharna Debbarma said that through expert advice, the centre will offer guidance on psychological, social, legal, and financial aspects to help prevent marital conflicts. District Magistrate Dr. Vishal Kumar said that the centre will assist couples in discussing their problems openly and work towards building healthy and stable partnership.

TURA:

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma yesterday said that development works worth more than 700 crore rupees are currently underway to transform Tura into a modern and well-connected urban centre. Speaking after inaugurating the Nehru Ading Locality Beautification Project at Hawakhana, the Chief Minister said responsible public behaviour and cleanliness must come from within the community.

The residents also raised several issues, including the need for a community hall, school infrastructure upgrades and concerns over drug activities in certain areas in Tura. The chief minister assured to look into these matters on an urgent basis.

MANIPUR:

Senior officials of the Northeast Frontier Railway met Manipur Chief Minister Khemchand Yumnam yesterday and discussed the progress of the vital 111-kilometer Jiribam–Imphal railway project. They apprised him of the latest developments and construction progress of the railway line connecting Jiribam, which adjoins Assam, with the state capital Imphal. The Chief Minister said that the state government remains fully committed to extending all necessary support to ensure timely completion of this crucial infrastructure project for the progress and prosperity of Manipur. Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla recently visited the Noney district to inspect the world’s highest railway pier bridge being constructed over the Ijei River. The railway line is expected to significantly boost tourism, promote industrial growth, generate employment opportunities, and contribute to the overall socio-economic development of Manipur.

SKILL:

The Meghalaya State Skill Development Society conducted recruitment drive at Mowkaiaw in West Jaintia Hills district yesterday. Candidates registered themselves for various job opportunities and skill development initiatives. Officials also provided counselling to guide participants on available training programmes and employment prospects based on their qualifications and interests. The recruitment drive was held at Wahiajer, Shangpung and Mowkaiaw.

HEALTH:

In an effort to bring healthcare services and awareness directly to the people, especially in rural areas, the East Jaintia Hills District Medical and Health Officer, Meghalaya, organized a community-outreach-and-sensitization-health camp under the theme ‘Every Mother Matters, Every Child Counts’ yesterday. The Human Papillomavirus Vaccination (HPV) Campaign was also launched at Pamra-Paithlu Public Health Centre. Additional Deputy Commissioner A. Nongbri urged the people of the area to take full advantage of the healthcare services provided to them.
