

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

1. Bye-election to 28-Koridang (Scheduled Tribe) Assembly Constituency in Mokokchung, Nagaland to be held on 9th April.
2. Meghalaya Cabinet extends the term of current Garo Hills Autonomous District Council executive committee by six months.
3. Manipur assembly passes Demands for Grants worth over rupees two thousand five hundred twenty eight crore.
4. Arunachal Pradesh Governor KT Parnaik launches Business Transformation Programme for Micro and Small Entrepreneurs.
5. Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha describes State Budget as roadmap for building Viksit Bharat and Viksit Tripura by 2047.
6. Nagaland to host 9th North East Youth Festival from 18th March.

NAGALAND

The Election Commission has issued the Gazette notification for the upcoming bye-election to the 28-Koridang (Scheduled Tribe) Assembly Constituency in Mokokchung, Nagaland. Polling for the bye-election will be held on 9th April and the counting of votes is scheduled for 4th May. The last date for filing nominations is 25th of this month and scrutiny of nomination papers will take place on the 24th. Candidates will be allowed to withdraw their nominations till 26th March.

CABINET

The Meghalaya State Cabinet yesterday approved a six-month extension of the term of the current executive committee of the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council, citing ongoing developments and the need to address issues concerning participation of non-tribals in the council elections. Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma had presided over the cabinet through video-conference. Deputy Chief Minister in-charge district council affairs, Prestone Tynsong, said the extension would allow adequate time for deliberation on possible amendments to existing electoral rules and to help members reach a consensus. Mr Tynsong also stated that police would act strictly against individuals involved in recent clashes in the Garo Hills.

CEM

Dhormonath Sangma was elected as the new Chief Executive Member of the Garo Hills Autonomous District Council following the resignation of former CEM Albinush R Marak yesterday. Mr Sangma secured the support of a majority of Members of the District Council. Former CEM, Albinush Marak stepped down shortly before a special session convened to deliberate on a no-confidence against him motion. A new Executive Committee under Sangma's leadership has been formed in the GHADC.

MANIPUR

The Manipur assembly had yesterday passed Demands for Grants worth over rupees two thousand five hundred twenty eight crore for seven different Government departments for the fiscal year 2026-27. Leader of the House and Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh, who holds the finance portfolio, tabled seven Demands for Grants for discussion and approval in the House

HAIL

Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh informed the Manipur assembly yesterday that he has directed the concerned Deputy Commissioners to assist families affected by the recent hailstorms. The concerned Deputy Commissioners have been directed to provide assistance to affected families at the earliest on humanitarian grounds. Replying to a cut motion raised by opposition Congress on failure to effectively implement government health scheme, the Chief Minister stated that a departmental enquiry will be conducted to rectify the misconduct and the defaulters will be dealt with as per law.

ARUNACHAL

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, KT Parnaik launched the Business Transformation Programme for Micro and Small Entrepreneurs at the State Banquet Hall in Itanagar. He called upon entrepreneurs to create productive assets in areas that contribute to the State's development.

VACCINE

In a significant step towards strengthening preventive healthcare, the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) Vaccination Programme was launched in the District Hospital at Anini, Arunachal Pradesh. The vaccination drive programme reflected the collective commitment of the district's health fraternity towards safeguarding the well-being of the community, an official said.

TRIPURA

Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha has said that the State Government is committed to the development of people from all sections of society. The government aims to move forward in building a 'New Tripura' by following the Prime Minister's call of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vishwas, Sabka Prayas Mr Saha said this in the course of his address at a function organised by the Tribal Welfare Department at Rabindra Satabarshiki Bhavan in Agartala last evening. The event was held under the Chief Minister's Tribal Women Weavers' Development Programme. Yarns were distributed among tribal women and prizes awarded to meritorious students from the tribal community.

BUDGET

Chief Minister Manik Saha described the State Budget for the financial year 2026-27 as a roadmap for building a Viksit Bharat and Viksit Tripura by 2047. The budget provides strong impetus to several key sectors, including production, world-class infrastructure, healthcare, tourism, and emerging technologies such as artificial intelligence, he told the assembly yesterday. The budget places special

emphasis on rural development, women's empowerment, youth aspirations, and farmers' welfare.

FESTIVAL

Nagaland will host the 9th North East Youth Festival from 18th March which will be inaugurated by Governor Nand Kishore Yadav on 18th March 18 at the Chumoukedima Football Stadium. Director of Youth Resources & Sports, Kethosituo Sekhose, said the festival is a flagship initiative aimed at promoting national integration, cultural exchange and youth engagement among the eight North Eastern states. The festival will be held under the theme 'Ashtalakshmi – Celebrating Eight Forces of Youth and Progress'. Competitive events will include folk song and dance, declamation, one-act play, rock band and instrumental guitar performances. Around 1,200 youths from across the North East are expected to participate in the festival, which will conclude on 21st March.

VISIT

A delegation of journalists from Nagaland embarked on a week-long media tour to Bihar yesterday. The tour is organised by the Press Information Bureau under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. The media delegation will visit key government initiative project sites and important historical locations in Patna, Nalanda, Rajgir, and Bodh Gaya. The tour aims to provide Nagaland media with an opportunity to observe the implementation of government schemes, cover key programmes of various ministries, interact with journalists from other regions, and gain insights into the socio-economic and cultural aspects of different states.

JUBILEE

The Pyndengumiong Presbyterian Higher Secondary School at Mairang, in the Eastern West Khasi Hills district of Meghalaya, concluded its Silver Jubilee celebration with a grand function yesterday. Meghalaya Education Minister Lahkmen Rymbui who the function, highlighted government initiatives to improve education, including support for teachers and rural schools. The education minister assured financial assistance of five lakh rupees for a new classroom in the school. A foundation stone for two new classrooms, funded under the CMSDF scheme was unveiled marking the opening of Class XI and XII at the school.
