

## NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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### HEADLINES:-

1. Census 2027 to be conducted digitally for the first time, first phase to begin on 1<sup>st</sup> April.
2. Government of Tripura reshuffle as many as 42 judicial officers have been transferred across the state.
3. Central Government allocates 4,900 crore rupees for Arunachal Pradesh under 'Pride of Hills' component of Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment 2026–27.
4. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma launches E-RISE silk project and lays foundation for Umsning mini stadium in Ri-Bhoi District.
5. Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang chairs high-level meeting to assess stock position of essential commodities in state.
6. Arunachal celebrates 150 years of 'Vande Mataram' with patriotic fervour.
7. Kohima Deputy Commissioner B Henok Buchem says LPG distribution in the district remains normal, with no irregularities detected following a recent inspection drive.
8. Mahavir Jayanti being celebrated across country today

### NEWS IN ORDER:-

#### CENSUS

The Census 2027 will begin from 1st of April, marking the 16th Census and the eighth since Independence. Registrar General and Census Commissioner Mritunjay Kumar Narayan said the exercise will be conducted in two phases. The first phase will include house listing and self-enumeration over a 15-day period between April and August, followed by house listing operations till September 30<sup>th</sup>. The self-enumeration portal will be available in 16 languages. The second phase will include caste enumeration. Officials said the Census will be conducted digitally using mobile applications and a web-based portal, aimed at improving efficiency, monitoring and data accuracy across states and union territories.

#### SASCI GRANT

The Central Government allocates 4,900 crore rupees for Arunachal Pradesh under 'Pride of Hills' component of Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) 2026–27. Under SASCI schemes, about 25,000 crore rupees has been allocated for 9 hill states. The scheme is aimed at addressing the unique financial and developmental challenges faced by hill states. In a social media post he said, The allocation of 4,900 Crore rupees for Arunachal Pradesh, will help to improve fiscal stability and invest further in creating revenue generating assets.

## INAUGURATION:

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma yesterday inaugurated a series of development projects at Umsning in Ri-Bhoi district, including a major initiative to boost eri silk production and rural livelihoods. The projects, launched at Umsning in Patarim, included Ri Bhoi Silk Dream: E-RISE a programme focused on eri rearing, innovation, spinning and enterprise development along with the foundation stone laying for the Umsning Mini Stadium and rollout of Project Aspire, an app-based coaching initiative. Addressing the programme Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma said the projects were shaped by direct feedback from residents during earlier outreach programmes, including CM Connect interactions. Ri-Bhoi has over 7,000 eri farmers and weavers, and the government plans to support them in phases, beginning with 1,200 households across 22 clusters in five blocks. Each beneficiary will receive support of about 30,000 rupees. An investment of 4.61 crore rupees is expected to generate annual returns of around 10 crore rupees directly benefiting farmers, he said.

## RESHUFFLE :

In a major administrative reshuffle, as many as 42 judicial officers have been transferred across Tripura. The notification was issued yesterday by the Registrar General of the Tripura High Court, Anshuman Debbarma. According to the official order, Prakash Kumar has been appointed as the District and Sessions Judge of Unakoti district, while Sudipta Chowdhury will take charge as the District and Sessions Judge of North Tripura district. Manabendra Debbarma has been posted as the District and Sessions Judge of Khowai district. The Registrar General has directed all concerned judicial officers to assume their new responsibilities by April 12.

## TRIPURA:

The sub-divisional administration of Dharmanagar under North Tripura District, has completed all necessary preparations to conduct home voting for voters aged above 85 and differently-abled persons ahead of the upcoming Dharmanagar Assembly bye-election. Sub-Divisional Magistrate and Returning Officer, Debjani Chowdhury informed that the home voting process will commence from today and continue until 2nd of April. To ensure transparency in the electoral process, representatives of political parties will accompany each polling team during the voting exercise. It may be noted that polling for the Dharmanagar Assembly constituency is scheduled to be held on the 9th of April, while the counting of votes will take place on May 4.

## ASSAM:

In Assam, home voting for elderly voters above 85 years of age and persons with disabilities has commenced. According to the Election Commission of India, a total of 19,774 elderly voters above 85 years and 6,638 persons with disabilities have been approved by Returning Officers to avail the home voting facility in the state. Home voting is currently underway across various constituencies in Assam, as well as in Kerala and Puducherry, and is scheduled to be completed by the 5th of April.

## SIKKIM

Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang yesterday emphasised the need for heightened vigilance on the availability of essential commodities in the Himalayan state and directed officials to strengthen monitoring mechanisms and strictly curb hoarding, black marketing, and overpricing. Chairing a high-level review meeting to assess the stock position and distribution of essential commodities across Sikkim, he said there was a need to ensure seamless and uninterrupted availability of essential commodities throughout the state.

## NAGALAND:

Kohima Deputy Commissioner B Henok Buchem has said LPG distribution in the district remains normal, with no irregularities detected following a recent inspection drive. A district-level monitoring committee carried out inspections of LPG distribution agencies and outlets across Kohima. According to the Deputy Commissioner, all LPG distributors were found to be complying with the latest guidelines issued by the Food and Civil Supplies Department. No instances of hoarding, black-marketing, or overpricing were reported during the inspections. He added that LPG supply across the district is adequate and functioning smoothly.

## PROGRAMME:

A five-day culinary immersion under Seeti 2.0 has brought chefs, creators and cultural practitioners from across the country to Meghalaya, putting the state's evolving approach to food, culture and tourism in focus. The programme, which concludes yesterday signals a shift in how Meghalaya is pitching itself not just as a tourist destination, but as a culturally rooted and globally relevant region. Seeti 2.0 co-founder Sid Mewara said the event was designed to reflect Meghalaya's cultural diversity in an immersive format. This is the first time Seeti 2.0 is being held in the state. The day also included the Culinary Cascades event at Wards Lake, which brought together chefs, policymakers and the public for discussions on tourism and economic opportunities.

## MALNUTRITION

In a significant step towards strengthening public healthcare in Tripura, a "100-Day Integrated Campaign on Malnutrition, Tuberculosis, and Adolescent Health Improvement" was formally launched yesterday at the State Secretariat in Agartala. The programme was inaugurated in the presence of Health and Family Welfare Secretary Kiran Gitte. It is a joint initiative of the National Health Mission Tripura, North Eastern Electric Power Corporation, and Tripura Santiniketan Medical College. The primary objective of the campaign is to identify and address malnutrition, adolescent health concerns, and related challenges in selected areas of the state through targeted interventions. The initiative also aims to make healthcare services more accessible and effective for the people.

## VANDE MATARAM

In Arunachal Pradesh, the commemorative programme on nationwide observance of 150 years of National Song 'Vande Mataram' was organized across schools in Itanagar Capital Complex yesterday. In Naharlagun, the students of the Government Secondary School, G-Sector participated in the rendition of National Song "Vande Mataram", essay writing and extempore speech competitions.

## FESTIVAL

Mahavir Jayanti, the birth anniversary of the 24th and last Jain Tirthankar Bhagwan Mahavir, is being celebrated across the country today. Mahavir Jayanti is considered to be one of the most auspicious day for the Jain community and holds a lot of importance in their religious life. Followers of Lord Mahavir celebrate this festival by chanting prayers, offering Prasad and participating in chariot processions.

## BLOOD:

A resident of Champhai, Pu PC Lalchuangkima has achieved a remarkable milestone by donating blood for the 100th time, setting what is believed to be a record for the highest number of blood donations by an individual in Mizoram. His

achievement stands as an inspiring example of sustained community service. Mr Lalchuangkima's contribution has been formally recognised by the Champhai District Association for Voluntary Blood Donation, underscoring the vital role local organisations play in promoting and supporting life-saving initiatives.

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