

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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5. Manipur Additional Chief Secretary reviews the construction of the New Integrated Terminal Building at Imphal Airport
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7. Arunachal Pradesh Minister for Animal Husbandry, Gabriel D Wangsu inaugurates Biogas Plant at Nirjuli.
8. Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament Festival successfully held at the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly in Shillong.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

SCINDIA

Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region, Jyotiraditya Scindia said that the Northeastern states serve as a bridge between India and the Global South, capable of driving economic and cultural exchange on a global scale. The Minister said this while addressing the 15th edition of NEtym 2026 on Saturday, the annual cultural festival of the Northeast Cell at Hindu College of the University of Delhi. Scindia said that with 93 percent literacy and unmatched cultural depth, the Northeast must lead India across all fronts. The Minister emphasised that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the approach to the Northeast has transitioned from intent to implementation, ensuring that opportunity is defined by access and inclusion.

MDA

Chief Minister, Conrad Sangma on Saturday addressed a gathering commemorating eight years of the Meghalaya Democratic Alliance Government in Shillong. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister stated that the government's vision has always been to transform the state and make a meaningful difference in the lives of its citizens. Highlighting the government's development model, the Chief Minister stated that infrastructure-led growth has been central to Meghalaya's progress even as he informed that significant investments have been made across sectors, with 1,576 projects initiated in the Khasi region and approximately 21,000 crore rupees worth of projects in the Jaintia Hills region. The Chief Minister also felicitated 37 village heads recognising their leadership roles under the Green Meghalaya program. 128 Community Halls under MegLife supported by JICA and 34 Warehouse & Common Facility Centres under CM Elevate were also virtually inaugurated.

ELECTRIFICATION

Northeast Frontier Railway has achieved significant milestones in the electrification of railway tracks during the financial year 2025-26, marking a major step towards sustainable, energy-efficient and modern rail operations in the region. The electrification drive is part of Indian Railways' broader vision to reduce 100% carbon emissions, improve operational efficiency and enhance train handling capacity across its network. During financial year 2025-26, NFR successfully completed electrification over 1342.18 Route Kilometres (RKM) and 1828.42 Track Kilometres (TKM) across its jurisdiction, covering important sections in the states of Assam, West Bengal, Bihar, Tripura and Arunachal Pradesh. Division wise, substantial progress has been achieved across all divisions of NFR. Tinsukia Division emerged as the top performer, contributing with 663.59 RKM and 855.48 TKM electrified.

ELECTION

With the deadline for withdrawal of nomination papers ending on Saturday, the final list of candidates for all 28 seats of the upcoming Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (TTAADC) elections has been confirmed. According to State Election Commission Secretary, Anurag Sen, out of 181 valid candidates, 8 withdrew their nominations, bringing the total number of contestants down to 173. Among the candidates in the fray, 28 are from the BJP, 28 from Tipra Motha, 27 from the Indian National Congress, 25 from CPI(M), 24 from IPFT, and 1 from CPI. In addition, 26 independent candidates and 14 others are also contesting the elections. Polling for all 28 TTAADC seats is scheduled to be held on April 12, while the counting of votes will take place on April 17. Meanwhile, Security has been significantly strengthened across various districts of Tripura in view of the upcoming elections.

AIRPORT

Manipur Additional Chief Secretary (Transport & TCI), Anurag Bjpai reviewed the progress of construction of the New Integrated Terminal Building at the Imphal Airport on Saturday. It may be mentioned that construction for the project is going on in full swing after a prolonged delay due to various issues including conflict related challenges. The overall physical progress of the NITB project currently stands at fifty percent. During the review meeting, all concern agencies were directed to strictly adhere to follow time schedule prescribed in last review and complete the construction of NITB, Apron, power and water supply and other

related works by the end of the current year. Meanwhile, the AAI also held discussions with officials of the Alliance Air to ensure early commencement of flight services on the Imphal-Silchar route and also explored the feasibility of enhancing regional connectivity by linking Imphal with Dibrugarh Airport.

BORDER

Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh on Saturday attended a One Day State Level Workshop on the Vibrant Villages Programme -II in Imphal. The workshop focused on development of border villages and improving coordination among departments and agencies besides discussing strategies, challenges and implementation of the programme in the State. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister said that the Vibrant Villages Programme- II is an initiative of the Government of India for development of villages along international borders. He stated that the programme aims to improve infrastructure, livelihood opportunities and basic service in border areas. He also said that 143 villages in the State have been identified under the programme and these villages will get improve infrastructure, better connectivity and enhanced service delivery.

BHARAT

The My Bharat Meghalaya initiative successfully organised the Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament Festival at the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly in Shillong on Saturday, bringing together young leaders and change-makers from across the state. Centered on the theme “Union Budget 2026: Strengthening the Indian Youth's Path towards Viksit Bharat 2047,” the festival witnessed vibrant discussions, with participants demonstrating strong oratory skills and presenting thoughtful perspectives on issues affecting their communities. The top five contestants selected will represent Meghalaya at the National Level Youth Parliament in New Delhi next month. Speaking at the inaugural session, Chief Guest and Ampati MLA, Miani D. Shira, emphasized the importance of such platforms in nurturing young leaders. She encouraged participants to remain authentic and speak from the heart. She further highlighted that such exercises help young people to understand the perspectives of legislators and the rationale behind policymaking.

BIOGAS

Arunachal Pradesh Minister for Animal Husbandry, Gabriel D Wangsu, recently inaugurated a 2×15 cubic metre Biogas Plant at the Central Cattle Breeding Farm, Nirjuli, in Papum Pare district, generating a sustainable and eco-friendly alternative to conventional LPG usage. With around 150 cattle generating substantial quantities of dung daily, this initiative is now converting waste into clean biogas for cooking and lighting, while also producing nutrient-rich slurry to support organic farming. The Animal Husbandry Minister while speaking on the occasion stated that the plant is already benefiting more than 12 families residing within the farm complex, who were earlier dependent on LPG as their kitchens are now directly connected to the biogas unit. He further directed the department to prepare proposals for scaling up the capacity and replicating this successful model across all state farms in Arunachal.

ED

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has attached properties worth 1.2 crore rupees belonging to two individuals, including a police Assistant Sub-Inspector (ASI), in connection with a drug trafficking case. In a statement issued on Saturday, the ED's Agartala Sub-Zonal Office said that both movable and immovable assets of the accused have been seized under provisions of the law. According to officials, in two separate cases, authorities had earlier recovered 1,352 kilograms of dry

cannabis from Panisagar and 14,400 bottles of codeine-based cough syrup from Mungiakami.

APPOINTMENT

Dr. Kenyum Bagra from Arunachal has been appointed as Assistant Professor in the Department of Civil Engineering at the Indian Institute of Technology, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi. Hailing from West Siang district, Dr. Bagra is a PhD degree holder from the prestigious Indian Institute of Technology, Roorkee. In a social media post, Chief Minister Pema Khandu congratulated her and said her academic journey reflects her dedication, excellence, and hard work.
