

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Portfolios distributed to Council of Ministers in Manipur after one month of oath taking by new Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh.
- BJP fields sitting MLA, Terash Gowalla and Cabinet Minister, Jogen Mohan for two out of three Rajya Sabha seats in Assam.
- Vice President, CP Radhakrishnan, will arrive in Agartala on Saturday for two-day visit to Tripura.
- Mizoram government collects over 93.37 crore rupees following imposition of 4 rupees per litre levy each on petrol and diesel.
- Nagaland Legislative Assembly will introduce Bill to establish Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority during ongoing 8th session of 14th House.
- Arunachal Pradesh Minister for Science & Technology, Dasanglu Pul reviews progress of ongoing Central and State schemes during comprehensive meeting of Department of Science & Technology.
- Tripura government assures adequate stock of petrol, diesel, and cooking gas in state and urges citizens not to panic or spread rumors amid ongoing war-like situation in West Asia.
- District Level Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament 2026 organized at Jawaharlal Nehru College, Pasighat in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma attends “Our Magnificent Meghalaya – Vision 2032” programme at Resubelpara in North Garo Hills district, marking eight years of MDA government.
- Two senior citizens from Tripura, 66-year-old Chandan Bhowmik and 59-year-old Ajay Kumar Saha, successfully completed 5,300-kilometre bicycle journey from Agartala to Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

PORTFOLIOS

In Manipur, portfolios among the newly appointed council of ministers have been distributed. While the Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand will hold the portfolios not allotted to any minister, deputy Chief Minister, Nemcha Kipgen has been given charge of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj along with Tribal Affairs & Hills Department. Another deputy Chief minister, Losii Dikho will look after Public Health Engineering Department and Forest, Environment & Climate Change. Minister, Konthoujam Govindas has been entrusted with the Home Department and Youth Affairs & Sports Department, while Minister Khuraijam Loken was given charge of Arts & Culture Department and Tourism Department. The distribution of portfolios has taken time though the Chief Minister had taken oath on February 4.

RAJYA SABHA

In Assam, which has three vacant Rajya Sabha seats, the BJP is fielding sitting MLA, Terash Gowalla and Cabinet Minister, Jogen Mohan. Assam Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma said that the BJP would not field any candidate for the third seat as the party has no chance of winning. The voting for the biennial election will be held on the 16th of this month in seven Rajya Sabha seats in Maharashtra, six seats in Tamil Nadu, five seats each in Bihar and West Bengal, four seats in Odisha, three seats in Assam, two seats each in Telangana, Chhattisgarh and Haryana, and one seat in Himachal Pradesh. The filing of nominations will end today.

VICE PRESIDENT

Vice President, CP Radhakrishnan, will arrive in Agartala on Saturday for a two-day visit to Tripura. Governor, Indrasena Reddy Nallu will host a dinner in honour of the Vice President at the Lok Bhavan. On Sunday morning, he will pay floral tribute to martyrs at the Albert Ekka War Memorial and then travel to Udaipur to offer prayers at the revered Tripura Sundari Temple. Later, he will attend the 14th Convocation Ceremony of Tripura University in Agartala. In the afternoon, he will visit the Hapania International Fairground in Agartala, where he will inspect stalls set up by Self-Help Groups and interact with women members of SHGs and Lakhpati Didis. Later, the Vice President will depart for New Delhi. Meanwhile, a preparatory meeting in view of the Vice President's visit was held in Agartala yesterday. Chaired by West Tripura District Magistrate Dr Vishal Kumar, the meeting was attended by senior officials of the Airport Authority, CISF, State Police, and various departments of the State Government.

COLLECTION

Mizoram Chief Minister, Lalduhoma informed the state Assembly that the government has collected over 93.37 crore rupees following the imposition of a new 4 rupees per litre levy each on petrol and diesel. The funds are earmarked for social infrastructure and services, and road maintenance. The government imposed a levy of 2 rupees per litre on both petrol and diesel for social infrastructure and services cess, and 2 rupees per litre for road maintenance. Lalduhoma, who holds the Finance portfolio, told the House that 46.68 crore rupees was collected from oil as social infrastructure and service cess between October and December 2024. An equal amount was generated for road maintenance during the same period. For the current financial year from April to December 2025, the petrol and diesel levies have brought in 33.43 crore rupees for each of the two dedicated funds.

BILL

The Nagaland Legislative Assembly will introduce a Bill to establish the Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority during the ongoing 8th session of the 14th House. This was announced by Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio during his concluding remarks on the Motion of Thanks to the Governor's Address. Rio said that the proposed legislation will incorporate provisions of the Memorandum of Agreement signed earlier this month, following discussions with the Eastern Nagaland People's Organisation, while adhering to mutually agreed basic principles. He expressed hope that the Bill would be passed in the current session. The Chief Minister said, the Government is actively working to constitute an Interim Council for the Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority in consultation with ENPO and tribal bodies of Eastern Nagaland.

REVIEW

Arunachal Pradesh Minister for Science & Technology, Dasanglu Pul reviewed the progress of ongoing Central and State schemes during a comprehensive meeting of the Department of Science & Technology. During the meeting, departmental initiatives, implementation status, and future priorities were assessed to further strengthen scientific advancement in the state. On the occasion, the Minister also launched the book "Geothermal Energy in Dirang,

Arunachal Pradesh – A Journey Toward Sustainable Energy Solutions” by the Centre for Earth Sciences & Himalayan Studies. The publication highlights the state’s commitment to exploring sustainable and innovative energy solutions, reinforcing vision for a greener and self-reliant Arunachal Pradesh.

SUFFICIENT STOCKS

The Tripura government has assured that there is an adequate stock of petrol, diesel, and cooking gas across the State, and there is no reason for concern over any potential shortage. According to reports received from the country’s major oil marketing companies, sufficient fuel reserves are currently available nationwide. The Department of Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs has made public announcements across Agartala city to spread awareness on the matter. The department also informed that adequate stocks of food grains and other essential commodities are available in the state. The authorities urged the public not to panic over fuel availability and not to spread rumors regarding a possible scarcity of commodities amid the ongoing war-like situation in West Asia, as such misinformation could create confusion and panic.

YOUTH PARLIAMENT

The District Level Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament 2026 was organized at Jawaharlal Nehru College, Pasighat in Arunachal Pradesh. The programme was conducted by the NSS unit of the college in collaboration with My Bharat, East Siang District. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from students who actively engaged in discussions and deliberations on themes related to nation building, democracy and the vision of Viksit Bharat. After a competitive and engaging sessions, 10 participants were selected to represent the district at the State-level Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament competition. Pawan Kumar Rav, District Youth Officer, highlighted the importance of youth participation in policy discussions and leadership platforms, adding that, initiative like Viksit Bharat Youth Parliament empowers students to understand parliamentary procedures and democratic functioning at an early stage.

PROGRAMME

In Meghalaya, Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma yesterday attended the “Our Magnificent Meghalaya – Vision 2032” programme at Resubelpara in North Garo Hills district, marking eight years of the MDA government. On the occasion, tribute was also paid to former Lok Sabha Speaker, Late Purno A Sangma, on his 10th death anniversary. The Chief Minister reaffirmed a commitment to inclusive growth, noting Meghalaya is the country’s second fastest growing economy after Tamil Nadu. He also relaunched Focus+ registrations, announcing benefits for 2,000 new households. Sangma also outlined plans for a museum, book and film, honouring P A Sangma’s legacy.

CYCLISTS

Two senior citizens from Tripura, 66-year-old Chandan Bhowmik and 59-year-old Ajay Kumar Saha, have successfully completed a 5,300-kilometre bicycle journey from Agartala to Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu. The duo set off on January 5 and reached Kanyakumari on the 1st of this month after covering extensive distance on bicycles. According to the Agartala Cyclohollic Club, the purpose of their journey was to spread awareness about the conservation of natural resources and environmental protection.
