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HEADLINES:-

- Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh meets President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan and briefs her on prevailing situation in Manipur.
- Second phase of Nagaland Legislative Assembly budget session will resume today.
- Assam and Tripura governments assure no shortage of petrol, diesel or LPG and urge people not to resort to panic buying.
- Final day of nomination filing for Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council elections witnesses intense political activity as candidates of major parties submit their nominations for all 28 seats.
- Nomination papers of Congress candidate from Barpeta constituency, Mahananda Sarkar rejected during scrutiny of nominations for Assam Assembly elections.
- Territorial Army celebrates 99th birthday of Padma Shri awardee retired Havildar, Lalbiakthanga Pachuau.
- First round of National Deworming Day kicks off across Manipur.
- In Meghalaya, 1st Shillong International Film Festival kicks off at State Convention Centre in Shillong.
- Under-23 Tri-Nation Football Championship 2026 begins at Golden Jubilee Outdoor Stadium, Yupia in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Arunachal's Omang Dodum included in Indian Men's U-20 Football Team for ongoing SAFF U-20 Championship 2026 in Maldives.

MANIPUR CM:

Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh yesterday reiterated that unity, harmony, and peace remain the guiding principles of his government as he continues efforts to stabilise the state. The Chief Minister met the President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan and briefed her on the prevailing situation in Manipur, including the coordinated response being undertaken by his administration. Taking to his official X account, Singh said, he was honoured to call on the President and briefed her on the evolving situation in Manipur and the coordinated response underway, reiterating that unity, harmony, and peace remain the guiding principles. This marks his second visit to the national capital since assuming office 50 days ago.

NAGALAND-ASSEMBLY:

The second phase of the 8th Session of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly will resume today. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, who holds the Finance portfolio, will present the State Budget in Assembly for the financial year 2026–2027. During the two-day sitting, the House will take up discussions on matters of urgent public importance, presentation of CAG reports and the supplementary demand for grants for the year 2025–26, among other businesses. The general discussion on the State Budget is slated for tomorrow.

ASSAM LPG:

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma yesterday said that there is no shortage of petrol, diesel or LPG in the state and urged the people not to resort to panic buying. Speaking to reporters in Guwahati, Sarma said, fuel supplies remain adequate and there is no cause for public concern. The Chief Minister further added that the Government of India has also clarified the situation during an all-party meeting, reiterating that there is no disruption in fuel supply across the country.

TRIPURA LPG:

Tripura Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister, Sushanta Chowdhury has assured that there is no shortage of LPG cylinders, petrol, or diesel in the state, urging the citizens not to

panic or engage in unnecessary hoarding. Speaking at a State-level consumer awareness programme and a review meeting with stakeholders held at Pragya Bhavan in Agartala yesterday, the Minister said, despite concerns arising from the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, the supply system in Tripura remains stable and uninterrupted. He noted that rumours of a possible shortage had triggered panic buying in some areas, leading to long queues at petrol pumps. He appealed to the public to rely only on official information and not be misled by unverified claims. The minister also warned that strict action would be taken against black marketing and hoarding.

NOMINATIONS:

The final day of nomination filing for the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council elections witnessed intense political activity, with candidates of the BJP and other major parties submitting their nominations for all the 28 seats. Multiple candidates filed nominations yesterday in Khowai and Teliamura sub-divisions. In Gomati district, 40 nominations were filed across five seats, while Sepahijala recorded 22 nominations in three constituencies. Several candidates also filed their nominations in North Tripura and all five seats under Unakoti district while 19 nominations were submitted for two seats in Khowai and 5 in Teliamura. All major parties, including Left Front, Tipra Motha, IPFT and Congress, are in the fray. Scrutiny of nominations will be held today.

NOMINATION REJECTED:

In Assam, the nomination papers of Congress candidate from Barpeta constituency, Mahananda Sarkar were rejected during the scrutiny of nominations yesterday. According to election officials, Sarkar's nomination was declared invalid due to discrepancies in Form A, a crucial document required for candidates nominated by recognised political parties. The rejection came after a detailed hearing conducted by the Returning Officer. Barpeta is considered a politically significant constituency, and the rejection is expected to alter the electoral dynamics there.

TERRITORIAL ARMY:

The Territorial Army, under the aegis of the 23 Sector Assam Rifles, celebrated the 99th birthday of Padma Shri awardee retired Havildar Lalbiakthanga Pachuau, a distinguished veteran of the 3rd Battalion, The Assam Regiment. Defence spokesman, Lt Col Mahendra Rawat said that at 99 years of age, Havildar Pachuau stands as a living embodiment of the finest traditions of the Indian Army. Having served with distinction in the 3rd Battalion, The Assam Regiment, including participation during World War II. He was conferred the Padma Shri in 2021 in recognition of his outstanding contributions to Literature and Education (Journalism). Widely acknowledged as India's oldest working journalist, he has devoted his life to promoting truthful reporting, social awareness, and community development in Mizoram.

DEWORMING DAY:

In Manipur, the first round of National Deworming Day kicked off across the State yesterday. The main event was held at Heritage Hall, IMA, Lamphelpat in Imphal. Jointly organised by the Health Services in collaboration with the State Health Society, NHM, the function was attended by Director of Family Welfare, Manipur Dr. N. Bino as chief guest and Director Manipur Health Services, Dr. N. Hemanta Kumar. Children in the age group 1-6 were administered a single dose of Deworming tablet Albendazole to kick off the campaign. Similar events were also held in other district headquarters.

FILM:

In Meghalaya, the 1st Shillong International Film Festival kicked off at the State Convention Centre yesterday. Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma inaugurated the film festival in the presence of Minister for Information and Public Relations, Lahkmen Rymbui and other officials. Organised by the Directorate of Information and Public Relations, the festival marked a significant step towards promoting filmmaking and creative expression in Meghalaya. In his address, the Chief Minister described the festival as a proud milestone for the state. He also referred to key government initiatives, including the state-run OTT platform to support local creators, financial assistance for filmmakers, and the Meghalaya Grassroots Music Programme which has enabled thousands of local artists to earn livelihoods through performances. The government has also approved a proposal for a film city and is planning to establish a film institute to provide technical training and professional support. On the occasion, several prominent film personalities, including Pradip Kurbah, Biana Momin, Kamki Diengdoh, Elizer Bareh and others were felicitated for their contributions to the film industry. Filmmakers, students, and aspiring artists, particularly the youth who eager to explore opportunities in the film industry attended the festival.

TRI-NATION FOOTBALL:

The under-23 Tri-Nation Football Championship 2026 began at the Golden Jubilee Outdoor Stadium, Yupia in Arunachal Pradesh yesterday and it will continue till the 31st of this month.

The Championship 2026 kicked off with Bhutan taking on Tajikistan. Under-23 teams of India, Tajikistan, and Bhutan are participating in this much-anticipated Championship. Indian football icon and Padma Shri Awardee, Sunil Chetri attended the inaugural ceremony.

OMANG DODUM:

Arunachal's Omang Dodum has been included in the Indian Men's U-20 Football Team for the ongoing SAFF U-20 Championship 2026 in Maldives. The Indian team will face Pakistan today and Bangladesh on Saturday in Group B. The final will be held on April 3.
