

## **NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN**

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### **HEADLINES**

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi to launch multiple development projects worth over 47,800 crore rupees in Assam today.
2. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma takes stock of damage to public and private properties following recent unrest in Tura.
3. Nagaland Food and Civil Supplies Department assures of no shortage in domestic LPG cylinders in State.
4. Election Commission team meets senior officials of North Tripura district in run-up to Dharmanagar assembly by-election.
5. Chief Minister Pema Khandu says district-quota recruitment in Arunachal Pradesh put on hold, being currently sub-judice.
6. Twenty-one persons kidnapped in Ukhrul district released unharmed in Manipur.
7. Measures put in place to safeguard transgender community in Mizoram, says minister.

### **NEWS IN DETAIL**

#### **PM**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will be on a two-day visit to Assam beginning today. Mr Modi will launch multiple development projects worth over 47,800 crore rupees in the state. The Prime Minister will reach Kokrajhar in the afternoon, lay foundation stones and flag off projects worth 4,570 crore. He will lay foundation stones of a road infrastructure project Assam Mala-3 and six roads, including four flyovers and two bridges in the Bodo Territorial Council area. The foundation stone of a railway Periodic Overhauling Workshop will be cemented in Kokrajhar and three new trains will be flagged off by the PM.

These are Kamakhya-Charlapalli Amrit Bharat Express, Guwahati-New Jalpaiguri Express, and Narangi-Agartala Express. Mr Modi will also address a public meeting at Kokrajhar before travelling to Guwahati, where he will inaugurate several development projects worth around 19,680 crore rupees. The Prime Minister will also release the 22nd installment of the PM-KISAN scheme to over 9.3 crore farmers across the country. Mr Modi will lay foundation stones and dedicate to the nation various projects worth 23,550 crore rupees at Silchar tomorrow.

## **TURA**

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma yesterday visited several localities in Tura, headquarters of West Garo Hills district, to assess damage to public and private properties following recent unrest. He interacted with residents who were cleaning debris and restoring public spaces, and lauded their strong spirit of unity and community cooperation during difficult times. The Chief Minister also met the Deputy Commissioner, officials of Meghalaya Police and security personnel deployed in the area. He directed the district administration to ensure necessary assistance to affected localities. Mr Sangma appealed to citizens to uphold peace, respect and brotherhood. Meanwhile, District Magistrate Vibhor Aggarwal, in a notification said that curfew will remain in force from 12 AM on 13<sup>th</sup> March until 6 AM on 14<sup>th</sup> March, unless withdrawn earlier. A four-hour curfew relaxation will be allowed from 9 AM to 1 PM today for residents to purchase essential commodities and medicines. A Control Room has been setup in the District Disaster Management Authority office in Tura with phone numbers 6009926806/1077 for the public to make inquiries, if needed.

## **LPG**

Meghalaya's Food and Civil Supplies Minister Methodius Dkhar has assured that the state has sufficient LPG stock and urged citizens not to panic or resort to hoarding of cylinders. The domestic LPG supply for households remains the government's top priority, the minister said yesterday. Priority is also being given to essential institutions such as hospitals, hostels, anganwadis and welfare kitchens. The government is coordinating with transport authorities and oil marketing companies to ensure uninterrupted movement of LPG tankers and cylinders across Meghalaya. East Khasi Hills Deputy Commissioner RM Kurbah noted that along with the rest of the country, the price of domestic LPG cylinders has been increased slightly in the Shillong region to 1,005 rupees each, including carrying charges.

## **NAGALAND**

The Nagaland Food and Civil Supplies Department has assured that there is no shortage of domestic LPG in the State and that sufficient stock is currently available in the market. The Department has urged consumers not to panic or engage in hoarding which may create artificial scarcity in the market. Distributors, retailers and individuals have been warned of strict action against black marketing, overpricing or unauthorised sale of domestic LPG cylinders under the Essential Commodities Act.

## **POLLS**

A three-member team from the Election Commission of India held a meeting with senior officials of North Tripura district administration and police in Dharmanagar yesterday. Officials from the State Election Department were also present in the meeting. The team reviewed the arrangements being made for the by-election in the constituency. They inquired about the facilities being provided at each polling station to ensure the convenience of voters, including Divyangajan. The date of polling is yet to be announced. The Dharmanagar assembly seat fell vacant since the demise of Tripura Assembly Speaker Biswabandhu Sen on 26th December last year.

## **ARUNACHAL**

Chief Minister Pema Khandu yesterday said district-quota recruitment in Arunachal Pradesh has been put on hold as the matter is currently sub-judice before the Guwahati High Court. Responding to a query in the Assembly, Mr Khandu said more than 100 vacancies exist under the Staff Selection Board but recruitment based on district quota cannot proceed due to a stay order from the court. The government is pursuing the case through the Advocate General and hopes for an early resolution. Once the court vacates the stay, the Staff Selection Board will immediately carry out district-specific recruitment, the chief minister assured.

## **ASSEMBLY**

The first phase of the eighth session of the 14th Nagaland Legislative Assembly concluded after five sittings yesterday. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said the state government is working to sign a Memorandum of Understanding to hand over the half-constructed multi-disciplinary sports complex in Dimapur to the Sports Authority of India. The Assembly also took up the laying of Administrative Reports for 2025–26 from 22 departments and the presentation of Reports of the Assembly Committee on Public Accounts, among other businesses. The second phase of the session will begin on 26th March.

## **RELEASE**

In Manipur, the 21 persons kidnapped by unknown armed miscreants at Shangkai Kuki village in Ukhrul district were released yesterday unharmed at Litan police station. The representatives of Tangkhul civil society organisations received 21 persons, which includes 5 females and 16 male. Later they were handed over to their family members. The civilians were kidnapped by unknown armed miscreants at Shangkai Kuki Village in Ukhrul district.

## **MANIPUR**

Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand assured the state assembly yesterday that the incident involving death of two individuals in Thowai village in Ukhrul district would be handed over to the National Investigation Agency for proper investigation. The Chief Minister made the statement in response to a 'Calling Attention Motion' moved by Congress leader K. Meghachandra in the house on the 4th day of ongoing 12th Manipur State Assembly's 7th Session. The Chief Minister also expressed his desire to initiate departmental enquiry in misappropriation of central sponsored schemes and manipulation and inclusion of beneficiaries for PM Kisan Scheme. Home Minister Govindas Konthoujam expressed deep concern over the prevailing law and order situation in the State. He urged communities to shun violence and to engage in peaceful dialogue and negotiations. The Assembly passed demands for grants worth over eight thousand two hundred and eight crore rupees for twelve different departments for the fiscal year 2026-2027.

## **MIZORAM**

Mizoram's Social Welfare, Women and Child Development Minister Pi Lalrinpuii informed the state assembly yesterday that measures have been put in place in to safeguard and support the transgender community. Responding to queries by Leader of Opposition Pu Lalchhandama, the minister stated that the Mizoram Police Department established a Transgender Protection Cell on 15th July, 2025 to address issues concerning the safety and protection of transgender individuals in the state.

## **LANGUAGE**

Mizoram Education Reforms Committee has notified educational institutions across the state to observe 'Mahni Tawng Hman Ni', a day dedicated to encouraging the use of one's mother tongue. Educational institutions have been

urged to allow students to speak and interact in their respective mother tongues outside classroom teaching hours.

## **SIKKIM**

Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang (Golay) has emphasised that the state follows a zero-tolerance policy against drugs and is taking strong and coordinated measures to combat trafficking and substance abuse. The Chief Minister said that the fight against drugs is a top priority for the Government of Sikkim, as substance abuse poses serious social, health and economic challenges, particularly for the younger generation. Sikkim has adopted a multi-pronged approach involving strict law enforcement, community participation, awareness campaigns and rehabilitation support to effectively address the issue.

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