

## NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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### HEADLINES:-

- Budget session of Nagaland Legislative Assembly begins today.
- Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Virendra Kumar, expresses satisfaction with welfare measures for persons with disabilities in Meghalaya.
- Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan to attend forthcoming convocations of Mizoram and Tripura Universities.
- Mizoram has highest cancer incidence and mortality rates in India, say officials.
- Army and Assam Rifles douse forest fire along Integrated Check Post at Moreh on India-Myanmar border.
- Final electoral roll for by-election to Dharmanagar Assembly Constituency in Tripura published.
- General Conference of Kristian Thalai Pawl held in Aizawl.
- Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand inaugurates multiple infrastructure and education projects at Moirangpurel Higher Secondary School.
- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu discusses key projects with Standing Committee on Railways.
- Chow Rajawon Namchoom, pioneer of modern Tai Khamti Community music in Arunachal Pradesh passes away.
- Gaon Burahs of Ruksin Subdivision in East Siang district of Arunachal on wildlife study tour to Kaziranga.
- Solemn Pontifical High Mass held at Sacred Heart Shrine in Tura in presence of Vatican Ambassador Most Reverend Leopoldo Girelli.
- Demand for herbal 'abir' increases ahead of Holi, the festival of colours.

### NEWS IN ORDER:-

#### **NAGALAND- BUDGET:**

The first phase of the budget session of the Nagaland Legislative Assembly will begin today and continue till 12<sup>th</sup> March with five sittings. The first day of the session will commence with Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla addressing members of the House. The phase II will tentatively commence with the presentation of the state budget for 2026–27 by Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio. The first phase of the session will feature questions and discussions on various important public matters, laying of annual administrative and committee reports. Discussions during the session are likely to include the signing of the Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority agreement among the Centre, state and the Eastern Nagaland People's Organisation. The demand by sections of the people in Kohima and Dimapur to lift the Nagaland Liquor Total Prohibition Act, 1989, from their respective jurisdictions is also billed to be taken up by the assembly.

**SKILL:**

Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Virendra Kumar, reviewed activities at the Composite Regional Centre (CRC) for Skill Development, Rehabilitation and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities in Shillong yesterday. He interacted with beneficiaries, parents and staff and expressed satisfaction over the progress made in providing therapeutic services, skill development training, assistive devices and educational support to persons with disabilities in Meghalaya. Upon completion of land and infrastructure formalities, construction and expansion of a full-fledged CRC campus would be taken up in Shillong, with advanced equipment and enhanced training facilities. Reiterating the Government of India's commitment to inclusive development, the Minister emphasised that empowerment of persons with disabilities is a key priority under the vision of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas'. Mr Kumar distributed aids and appliances to beneficiaries, including teaching-learning materials, cerebral palsy chairs and sewing machines to promote self-employment and functional independence.

**VP:**

Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan will be the chief guest at the forthcoming convocations of two central universities -- Mizoram University and Tripura University. The Vice-President will address the 20<sup>th</sup> Convocation of Mizoram University on 7<sup>th</sup> March. In Aizawl, Mizoram Chief Secretary Khilli Ram Meena chaired a preparatory meeting to review arrangements for the Vice-President's visit to the state. Mr Radhakrishnan will attend and address the 14<sup>th</sup> Convocation of Tripura University on 8<sup>th</sup> March. Governor Indra Sena Reddy Nallu, Chief Minister Manik Saha and University Chancellor Ahmad Javed will also address the gathering. At present, 64 colleges are affiliated with the Tripura university. The Union Ministry of Education is reportedly aiming to complete the selection process and appoint a new Vice-Chancellor at the earliest.

**CANCER:**

Mizoram has the highest cancer incidence and mortality rates in India, with Aizawl district reporting an age-adjusted incidence rate of 269.4 per one lakh men, health officials said yesterday. Stomach and lung cancers are the leading causes of cancer in the state, largely driven by high tobacco and betel nut consumption, dietary habits, and genetic factors. The Mizoram government signed an Externally Aided Project loan agreement with the Asian Development Bank on 23<sup>rd</sup> January, for a project, popularly known as the Mizoram Universal Healthcare Scheme. The World Bank-funded Mizoram Health Systems Strengthening Project has also been successfully implemented. State Health and Family Welfare Minister Lalrinpuii highlighted that 99.7 per cent of cervical cancer cases are caused by Human Papillomavirus (HPV). She described the free vaccination programme as a welcome and crucial preventive measure and urged all eligible 14-year-old girls to avail themselves of the vaccine.

**FIRE:**

Timely intervention by the Army and Assam Rifles averted a potential disaster after a forest fire broke out near the 'Friendship Bridge' along the Integrated Check Post on the India-Myanmar border at Moreh. A defence spokesperson said yesterday that the forest fire in Moreh, located in Tengenoupal district, was swiftly brought under control following prompt action by alert troops deployed along the international boundary. The coordinated and timely response prevented the fire from spreading to critical infrastructure and adjoining areas.

**ROLL:**

The final electoral roll for the upcoming by-election to the Dharmanagar Assembly Constituency has been published in accordance with the schedule set by the Tripura State Election Commission. The total number of voters stands at 46,143.

Of these, 22,380 are male voters and 23,763 are female voters. There are 91 service voters, including 88 male and 3 female voters. The final electoral roll for the Dharmanagar Assembly Constituency has been prepared with 1<sup>st</sup> January of the current year as the qualifying date.

### **CONFERENCE:**

The 61st General Conference of the Kristian Thalai Pawl (KTP), the largest youth gathering in Mizoram, commenced on Friday at Saitual Public Playground in Aizawl. The conference drew tens of thousands of participants from across Mizoram. Reverend P.C. Lalropuia addressed the gathering as the main speaker.

### **MANIPUR:**

Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand inaugurated multiple infrastructure and education projects at Moirangpural Higher Secondary School yesterday, marking a major push to improve connectivity and public services in the region. The projects include the Itham-Moirangpural Bridge constructed under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, a Model Residential School supported by District Rural Development Agency, and the newly developed Science and Arts Block of Moirangpural Higher Secondary School. The Chief Minister also flagged off the upgradation of 18.50-kilometer road stretch from NH-202 at Lamlai to Thoubal Dam under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region. The initiatives are expected to strengthen regional connectivity, expand access to education and accelerate inclusive development across Imphal East and adjoining areas.

### **RAILWAYS:**

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu held a meeting with CM Ramesh, MP and Chairman of the Standing Committee on Railways, to discuss key railway projects in the state. The discussion focused on strengthening connectivity and expediting ongoing works to accelerate development and improve mobility for the people of Arunachal. Deputy chief minister Chowna Mein and Lok Sabha MP Tapir Gao were also present during the meeting.

### **TAI KHAMTI:**

Chow Rajawon Namchoom, a pioneer of modern Tai Khamti Community music has passed away. Extending his condolence, Arunachal's Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein said with his demise, the Tai Khamti community has lost a silent pillar of strength and cultural pride. His songs will continue to inspire generations and live on in the hearts of the people. Since the early 1970s, Chow Rajawon Namchoom had been a guiding force in shaping and preserving Tai Khamti music. As a gifted singer, composer, and radio artist, he bridged the traditional and modern forms of the musical heritage and mentored many who later became renowned in the community.

### **STUDY TOUR:**

A team of forty-three Gaon Burahs of Ruksin Subdivision in East Siang district of Arunachal are on a wildlife study tour to Kaziranga National Park in Assam, aimed at wildlife conservation awareness. Pasighat West MLA Ninong Ering who sponsored the tour, said that village heads should realize the importance of wildlife conservation, especially about management of man-animal conflicts from wildlife experts. He hoped that they would mobilize villagers to stop rampant hunting of wild beasts during community festivals for conservation of wild resources and creation of tourism prospects.

### **MASS:**

A Solemn Pontifical High Mass was held at Sacred Heart Shrine in West Garo Hills district headquarter Tura in Meghalaya yesterday. The mass was presided over Most Reverend Leopoldo Girelli, Apostolic Nuncio to India and Nepal and Ambassador of the Pope. Meghalaya chief minister Conrad K Sangma was also

present. Thousands of devotees of the Catholic faith gathered to attend the Pontifical High Mass.

**HOLI:**

With the upcoming Dol and Holi festival, the demand for herbal ‘abir’ or ‘gual’ has increased significantly in Laxmibil, popularly known as the ‘flower village’ of Bishalgarh in Sepahijala district of Tripura. The eco-friendly colours are being produced by members of the Laxmi Women’s Consumer Co-operative Society, and have gained wide popularity among buyers this season as well. What started on a small scale has gradually expanded due to strong sales and financial assistance from the Cooperative Department. Environmentally conscious consumers have shown a clear preference for natural colours over chemical-based ones during Holi. The herbal abir is made entirely from natural ingredients — yellow from raw turmeric, green from spinach leaves, and blue from butterfly pea flowers. With orders and sales rising ahead of Holi, the initiative not only promotes eco-friendly celebrations but also contributes significantly to strengthening rural economy.

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