

## NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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### HEADLINES:-

- States in North East join nationwide launching of Human Papillomavirus vaccination campaign against cervical cancer.
- Union Minister for Tribal Affairs, Jual Oram announces series of major events from 2nd to 24th of this month to celebrate rich cultural heritage of tribal communities across the country.
- Arunachal Pradesh will host 'National Tourism Convention & Familiarization Tour' from 22nd to 27th of this month to position Arunachal and North East as premier tourism destinations of India.
- Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Dr. Virendra Kumar, will undertake three-day official visit to Meghalaya from today
- Mizoram Tourism Minister, Lalnghinglova Hmar announces government's move to hand over existing tourist lodges to private operators due to mounting financial losses.
- Nagaland initiates first-of-its-kind awards under Nagaland Science Mission to recognise pioneers in science and technology.
- Breakthrough Science Society, Tripura pays tribute to scientists on National Science Day in Agartala.
- Mizoram Chief Minister, Lalduhoma says The Mizo Marriage and Inheritance of Property (Amendment) Bill, 2026 is outcome of recommendations made by review committee comprising representatives from ten non-governmental organisations.
- Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh flags off 33 ambulances for maternity services to various districts of Manipur to strengthen maternal and child healthcare delivery.
- Tripura Minister for Agriculture, Ratanlal Nath inaugurates newly constructed Centre for Floriculture and Landscaping at Purba Gokulpur in Gomati district.
- Joint committee of Adi and Mising tribes residing in Arunachal and Assam is organizing two-day Ali-Aye Ligang festival celebration at Pasighat Gidi Notko, festival ground.

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### **HPV**

Various states in the North East yesterday joined the launching of the Human Papillomavirus vaccination campaign against cervical cancer in concurrence with the nationwide rollout. The programme was organised by the respective state governments in Nagaland, Meghalaya, Tripura, Manipur and other states in

alignment with the nation-wide programme launched by Prime Minister of India from Rajasthan.

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## **TRIBAL FEST**

Union Minister for Tribal Affairs, Jual Oram yesterday announced that the Ministry will organise a series of major events from the 2nd to the 24th of this month to celebrate the rich cultural heritage of tribal communities across the country. Briefing the media in New Delhi, Oram said, the Ministry will host the Tribal Art Fest, Tribal Music Fest, Bharat Tribes Fest, and the Tribal Business Conclave. The initiative aims to provide a vibrant platform for tribal brothers and sisters to showcase their skills, creativity and traditional knowledge systems. Nearly one thousand participants from all States are expected to take part in the Tribal Art Fest, making it a truly nationwide celebration of India's diverse tribal traditions. During the event, Oram launched official logos of the Tribal Art Fest, Living Roots: Soundscapes of Tribal India, and Bharat Tribes Fest 2026.

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## **TOURISM CONVENTION**

The North East India Tourism Confederation will host 'the National Tourism Convention & Familiarization Tour' in Arunachal Pradesh from the 22<sup>nd</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> of this month. It aims to position Arunachal and the North East as premier tourism destinations of India. Speaking at a press conference in Itanagar, Convention Chairman, Tsering Wange, said that the convention is expected to create meaningful collaborations and long-term opportunities for tourism stakeholders. Over 250 participants, including 100 tour operators and stakeholders from outside the state and 150 from within Arunachal Pradesh are participating in the Tourism Convention.

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## **MoS VISIT**

Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India, Dr. Virendra Kumar, will undertake a three-day official visit to Meghalaya from today to review ongoing initiatives for skill development, rehabilitation and empowerment of persons with disabilities. He will chair a programme at the Composite Regional Centre for Skill Development, Rehabilitation and Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Shillong to review its activities and interact with officials and beneficiaries. Dr. Kumar will also visit select educational institutions, health facilities, de-addiction centres, child care institutions and community projects in East Khasi Hills district. A district review meeting will be held to assess the implementation of schemes of the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and related welfare initiatives.

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## **TOURIST LODGES**

Mizoram Tourism Minister, Lalnghinglova Hmar announced that the state government is considering handing over its existing tourist lodges to private operators due to mounting financial losses. According to figures, the government spends approximately 44 lakh rupees annually on employees' salaries, while the total revenue generated by the lodges amounts to only around 25 lakh rupees. The government plans to renovate only those lodges that are generating revenue and, instead of constructing new facilities, will transfer the management of existing lodges to private firms. Meanwhile, the Tourism Department has also stepped-up efforts to promote community-based tourism. As part of this initiative, interaction programmes have been organised in tourist-attracting villages, bringing together villagers and visitors.

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## **SCIENCE**

Nagaland joined the rest of the country yesterday in observing National Science Day 2026 under the theme 'Women in Science: Catalysing Viksit Bharat'. At the state-level celebration in Kohima, Principal Secretary, I. Himato Zhimomi urged students and parents to prioritise science education, stating that strengthening scientific capacity is essential for Nagaland's progress and for contributing to a developed India by 2047. In a first-of-its-kind initiative, awards under the Nagaland Science Mission were given to recognise pioneers in science and technology. The Girl Child Award 2025 was bagged by Sashimongla Longkumer of Government High School, Longjang in Mokokchung district for securing the highest marks in both Science and Mathematics in the Elementary School Leaving Examination for Government Schools. Awards for Outstanding Achievement in Science and Technology were jointly conferred on Dr. Sapu Changkija and Dr. Vinotsole Khamo. The Young Scientist Award 2025 was presented to Dr. Imlisongla Aier, a Ph.D. graduate from IIT Delhi.

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## **TRIPURA SCIENCE**

Breakthrough Science Society in Tripura paid tribute to scientists on National Science Day in Agartala yesterday. The event was organized to promote scientific thinking and commemorate the discovery of 'Raman Effect' by Nobel laureate C.V. Raman. It was attended by members of the advisory board of Science Society and former professor of Tripura University, Priyashankar Chowdhury, former medical officer Swapan Kumar Das and students from various schools and colleges.

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## **MIZO BILL**

Mizoram Chief Minister, Lalduhoma said that The Mizo Marriage and Inheritance of Property (Amendment) Bill, 2026 passed by the State Assembly recently is not solely a government initiative, but outcome of recommendations made by a review committee comprising representatives from ten non-governmental organisations. Lalduhoma stated that the amendment was the result of deliberations by a review committee that included representatives from various organisations including the Central Young Mizo Association, Council of Churches in Mizoram, experts from Mizoram University, and officials tasked with reviewing the Mizo cultural practices and traditions. Addressing concerns regarding inter-community marriages, the Chief Minister said, there was nothing inherently wrong with a Mizo woman choosing to marry outside her community. He, however, noted that under an existing customary understanding, a woman who marries outside the community forfeits her tribal identity, and consequently her children cannot claim tribal status.

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## **AMBULANCES**

Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh yesterday flagged off 33 ambulances for maternity services to various districts of Manipur funded by the North Eastern Council to strengthen maternal and child healthcare delivery across the State. The Chief Minister also attended the nationwide launch of the Human Papillomavirus Vaccination Campaign against Cervical Cancer at the Auditorium Hall, Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences in Imphal East. The programme was launched virtually across all States and Union Territories by Prime Minister, Narendra Modi from Ajmer in Rajasthan.

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## **GARDEN**

Tripura Minister for Agriculture, Ratanlal Nath inaugurated the newly constructed Centre for Floriculture and Landscaping at Purba Gokulpur under Gokulpur Gram Panchayat in Gomati district. To encourage floriculturists and provide hands-on training, the Minister also inaugurated a state-of-the-art Farmers' Training Centre at the site. The new flower garden has been developed over 16 kani of land at a cost of 4.5 crore rupees under the initiative of the Gomati District Horticulture Department. Speaking on the occasion, the Minister announced that a model flower garden, the only one of its kind in the North East will be developed over 65 kanis of land at Lembuchhara. He emphasized that floriculture plays a significant role in enhancing farmers' income and assured that the government is committed to promote flower cultivation across the state.

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## **ALI-AYE LIGANG FESTIVAL**

The Adi Mising Bane Kebang, a joint committee of Adi and Mising tribes residing in Arunachal and Assam, is organizing a two-day Ali-Aye Ligang festival celebration at Pasighat Gidi Notko, festival ground from tomorrow. The festival signifies the beginning of agricultural activities. Ali-Aye-Ligang stands for 'first sowing of seeds and roots of sali crops. 'Ali' stands for sali crop, 'Aye' for fruits or seeds, and 'Ligang' for the beginning of sowing. The two-day festivities will include rituals of Ali-Aye-Ligang celebration, cultural procession, display of traditional attires, and showcase traditional dances of Mising tribe.

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