

**NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN**  
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**HEADLINES:-**

- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi to address rallies in Assam today as part of BJP's campaign for assembly elections on 9<sup>th</sup> April.**
- **Sixty-eight candidates, including 28 women, in fray for Aizawl Municipal Corporation polls to be held on 21st April.**
- **Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma launches 127-crore rupees 'Mission 1,000 Days', to improve nutrition, reducing stunting.**
- **Second randomisation of Electronic Voting Machines and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trails completed in poll-bound Assam.**
- **Agartala Government Medical College & GBP Hospital of Tripura successfully conduct kidney transplants over two consecutive days.**
- **Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu chairs sixth Governing Body Meeting of State Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority.**
- **Official process for by-election in 56-Dharmanagar Assembly constituency of North Tripura begins.**
- **Tibetan spiritual leader, Dalai Lama's freedom train flagged off in Arunachal Pradesh.**
- **Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein inspects Centre for Tai Khamti Language in Namsai district.**
- **Arunachal Pradesh University Outreach Cell conductd field visit to assess progress of adopted Anganwadi Centres in East Siang district.**
- **Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma says state has disbursed 258.92 crore rupees in General Provident Fund payments.**
- **Bharatiya Janata Party releass manifesto for Assam Assembly Elections.**
- **Assam Rifles and Cachar district Police seize heroin valued at seven crore rupees.**

**PM:**

**Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Dibrugarh last evening. Mr Modi is scheduled to address two key election rallies today as part of the BJP's campaign push. His first rally will be held at Gogamukh in Dhemaji district at 11 AM, followed by a second rally at Behali in Biswanath district at 1 PM. The rallies are aimed at bolstering support for party candidates in the Dhemaji, Lakhimpur, and Biswanath constituencies. According to official information, the Prime Minister will return to Delhi after concluding his engagements.**

**AIZAWL:**

A total of 68 candidates, including 28 women, are in the fray for the Aizawl Municipal Corporation polls, a senior official said. Polling for the 19-member urban body will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> April and counting of votes will take place on the 27<sup>th</sup>. Mizoram State Election Commissioner H. Lalthlangliana told Akashvani News that none of the candidates withdrew their papers till the withdrawal deadline ended on Monday. The ruling Zoram People's Movement, main opposition Mizo National Front and Congress have fielded 19 candidates each, while the BJP has nominated 11 candidates. Over 2.37 lakh electors, including 1.28 lakh female voters, are eligible to exercise their franchise in the Aizawl Municipal Corporation polls. There are 19 wards under the municipal corporation and six of them are specifically reserved for women. Both men and women are eligible to contest the remaining 13 seats.

**MISSION:**

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma on yesterday launched 127-crore rupees 'Mission 1,000 Days', aimed at improving nutrition, reducing stunting, and enhancing early childhood development. The initiative will support mothers and children during the critical period from conception to two years. It will focus on strengthening maternal care, promoting proper feeding practices, and ensuring early stimulation for holistic child development. Chief Minister Sangma said the Meghalaya government is adopting a focused and evidence-based approach to tackle key human development challenges, particularly maternal and child health needs.

**EVM:**

The second randomisation of Electronic Voting Machines and Voter Verifiable Paper Audit Trails has been completed in Assam for the upcoming Legislative Assembly elections. The process was carried out by the Returning Officers through the EVM Management System in the presence of contesting candidates, ensuring transparency in the allocation of machines to polling stations. The Election Commission of India stated that the lists of randomly allocated EVMs and VVPATs will be shared with all candidates. The exercise follows the first-stage randomisation, where machines were allocated from district warehouses to Assembly constituencies. The second randomisation has also been completed in Kerala and Puducherry, as well as for bye-elections in Goa, Karnataka, Nagaland and Tripura. Polling in these states and Assam will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> April.

**HOSPITAL:**

The Agartala Government Medical College & GBP Hospital of Tripura successfully conducted its sixth and seventh kidney transplants over two consecutive days, marking a significant achievement in the State's healthcare sector. Deputy Medical Superintendent Dr. Kanak Chowdhury confirmed that in both cases, the donors and recipients are stable and currently under medical observation. The initiative of Chief Minister Manik Saha, marks the first time in Tripura that two kidney transplants were performed within a span of two days. The first kidney transplant in the State was conducted on 8<sup>th</sup> July, 2024.

**CM:**

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu chaired the sixth Governing Body Meeting of State CAMPA (Compensatory Afforestation Fund Management and Planning Authority) in Itanagar yesterday. In a social media post, he said, the state government has reaffirmed its commitment to ensure that development and conservation go hand in hand, in the true spirit of the Compensatory Afforestation Fund Act, 2016.

**Chief Minister Khandu reaffirmed full support of the Arunachal Pradesh Government to the State CAMPA Authority.**

#### **TRIPURA:**

The voting process for the by-election in the 56-Dharmanagar Assembly constituency of North Tripura began yesterday, with special focus on ensuring participation of elderly and specially-abled voters. Sub-Divisional Magistrate and Returning Officer, Debjani Chowdhury, informed that the home voting facility for senior citizens aged above 85 and persons with disabilities will continue till 2<sup>nd</sup> April. The Dharmanagar assembly constituency has 116 voters aged above 85 years and 69 specially-abled voters, making it 185 voters to cast their votes from home. This initiative has been taken in line with the guidelines of the Election Commission of India to ensure that all eligible voters can exercise their democratic rights. Postal ballot voting for polling personnel will be conducted on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> April at Bir Bikram Institution, which has been designated as the postal ballot centre. Polling for the Dharmanagar by-election will be held on 9<sup>th</sup> April and counting of votes is scheduled for 4<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **DALAI:**

Tibetan spiritual leader, the 14<sup>th</sup> Dalai Lama had come to India on 31<sup>st</sup> March 1959, through Kenzamani. Marking this legacy, the second edition of freedom trail was flagged off yesterday, retracing this path through a six-day foot march from Kenzamani to Tawang. The march will culminate at Pungteng Tse on 5<sup>th</sup> April. Chief Minister Pema Khandu said, Arunachal Pradesh, particularly Tawang and Bomdila, became a sacred passage in this historic journey. This day is remembered with reverence, reflecting on the values of compassion, resilience and peace that the Dalai Lama has shared with the world.

#### **INSPECTION:**

Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein on Monday inspected the Centre for Tai Khamti Language and Folk Culture in Namsai district. The Centre will have a recording studio, a multipurpose hall, a dormitory and a guest house. He was accompanied by departmental officers & officials, and members of Tai Khamti Heritage & Literature Society. The centre will play a crucial role in preserving and documenting the rich language, traditions, and cultural heritage of the Tai Khamti community.

#### **TEAM:**

The Arunachal Pradesh University Outreach Cell conducted a field visit yesterday to assess the progress of its adopted five tuberculosis patients and three Anganwadi Centres in East Siang district. With all five adopted patients now recovered, university will request allocation of five new TB patients for similar support to District Health Society under National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme. The team visited three adopted Anganwadi Centres at Mirbuk, Mongku and Boying villages. Workers and helpers reported, the support provided by the University including nutritional items, play-based learning materials and stationery. This initiative has resulted in visible improvements in both attendance and concentration among children in the zero to five years age group.

#### **FUNDS:**

Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma has stated that the present government, since it assumed power in December 2023, has disbursed 258.92 crore rupees in General Provident Fund payments.

He noted that while Mizoram was once ranked as one of India's most indebted states, the ruling Zoram People's Movement's prudent financial management has earned confidence from New Delhi. The state recently secured 350 crore rupees from the Central Government. It has also been the 5<sup>th</sup> highest recipient in the projected allocations by the 16<sup>th</sup> Finance Commission over the next five years, he said. The Chief Minister said the government also gives priority to development of rural regions in the state.

**BJP:**

The Bharatiya Janata Party yesterday released its manifesto for the 2026 Assam Assembly Elections in Guwahati. It was unveiled by Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman in presence of Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal and Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma. The manifesto lists 31 commitments under the theme 'Surakshita Asom, Viksita Asom'. It includes measures to clear illegal encroachment from government land, implementation of the Immigrants (Expulsion from Assam) Act, 1950 and land rights to all genuine citizens. The manifesto includes a proposal for a Uniform Civil Code, excluding Sixth Schedule areas and tribal communities. The ruling BJP has also proposed investment in expressways and Vande Bharat train projects in Assam.

**DRUGS:**

In a joint operation yesterday, the Assam Rifles and Cachar district Police seized heroin valued at seven crore rupees. Two drug peddlers were also arrested. Police said the operation was launched based on intelligence inputs regarding the movement of drugs in the Cachar district, which shares inter-state boundaries with Mizoram and Manipur. Preliminary investigations suggest that the drugs were smuggled from Myanmar, with plans to ferry the consignment to Bangladesh or other parts of India through Assam or Meghalaya. Police said that efforts were underway to uncover the larger network behind the trafficking attempt.

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