

## NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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### HEADLINES:-

- Campaign ends for Assembly elections in Assam, Keralam and Puducherry; polling for all 126 Assembly constituencies in Assam will be held tomorrow.
- Congress President, Mallikarjun Kharge says Congress will win 72 to 73 seats in Assam; Senior BJP leader, Amit Shah says BJP's vision is to transform Assam and bring it at par with other developed regions.
- Campaign for Dharmanagar Assembly by-election in Tripura concludes, stage sets for polling tomorrow.
- Mizoram government will sign peace accord with Lalmingthanga Sanate-led faction of HPC (D) to bring definite end to insurgency in state.
- Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh says Government will hand over bomb attack case at Tronglaobi to NIA.
- Widespread protest erupt in five valley districts in Manipur after two minors were killed in bomb attack at Tronglaobi village in Bishnupur district.
- Meghalaya Board of School Education declares results of SSLC Examination 2026 with overall pass percentage of 86.84.
- Mizoram Governor, Vijay Kumar Singh completes self-enumeration for general census at Lok Bhavan in Aizawl.
- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu felicitates and hands over appointment orders to successful candidates of Arunachal Pradesh Engineering Services Examination, 2026.
- IGNOU's 39th Convocation celebrated nationwide including Agartala Regional Center in Tripura and Regional Centre Kohima in Nagaland.

### NEWS IN DETAILS:-

#### CAMPAIGN:

The campaign for Assembly elections in Assam, Keralam and Puducherry has ended yesterday evening after days of hectic political activity. Polling for all

126 Assembly constituencies in Assam, 140 in Keralam and 30 seats in Puducherry will be held in a single phase tomorrow. Authorities have tightened security and administrative measures to ensure free, fair, and peaceful polling. As the silence period came into force 48 hours prior to the close of polling, all forms of electioneering, including public meetings, rallies, processions, and canvassing through electronic and social media, are strictly prohibited. A total of 722 candidates in Assam are in the fray, including 663 men and 59 women.

#### **KHARGE-AMIT SHAH:**

Congress President & Leader of opposition in Rajya Sabha, Mallikarjun Kharge said that his party will win 72 to 73 seats in the 126-member Legislative Assembly in Assam. Addressing a press conference in Guwahati yesterday, the Congress President expressed confidence that the party will form the next government in Assam and stated that there is no need to have any fear among the public, particularly women who are beneficiaries of financial assistance schemes. Kharge stated that the Congress would continue these welfare schemes and enhance the financial support to them. On the other hand, Union Home Minister and senior BJP leader Amit Shah who addressed an election campaign at Patharkandi in Barak Valley yesterday, said that the BJP's vision is to transform Assam and bring it at par with other developed regions of the country. He stated that Assam would reach new heights of development in the coming five years.

#### **DHARMANAGAR BY-POLL:**

The campaign for the Dharmanagar Assembly by-election in Tripura concluded yesterday, setting the stage for the polling to be held tomorrow from 7:00 AM to 5:00 PM. The Election Department has finalized preparations across 55 polling stations under tight security, where six candidates, representing major parties and independent, are in the fray. Of the 46,142 registered voters, the electorate includes 23,758 women and 22,384 men, along with 91 service voters. Polling personnel are scheduled to depart with election materials today under heavy escort. To facilitate maximum turnout, the Chief Electoral Officer has declared the polling day a public holiday for the constituency and established 24-hour helplines for voter assistance.

#### **PEACE ACCORD:**

The Mizoram government will sign a peace accord with the Lalhmingthanga Sanate-led faction of the Hmar People's Convention (Democratic), or HPC (D) to bring a definite end to insurgency in the state. An official said that an agreement will be formalized between the Home Secretary, representing the state government, and Sanate at Sakawrdai village in Aizawl district, in the northeastern part of the state bordering Manipur. The signing ceremony has been tentatively fixed on the 14 of this month. The accord will focus primarily on development assurances, specifically targeting infrastructure improvements,

enhanced connectivity, the establishment of Eklavya Residential Schools, and the recognition of important Hmar festivals. Additionally, the agreement will facilitate the formal surrender of about 40 HPC (D) cadres, allowing them to transition to civilian life.

#### MANIPUR:

Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh said that the Government has decided to hand over the case of the bomb attack at Tronglaobi, which claimed the lives of two children to the National Investigation Agency. He informed that the decision to hand over the case to NIA was taken after detailed discussions with the Home Minister and other MLAs. He condemned the incident in the strongest terms and said that the act appears to be the handiwork of individuals or groups with vested interests in disturbing the prevailing peace in the State. Meanwhile the Chief Minister, chaired an all-party meeting yesterday to review the prevailing situation. Representatives of political parties strongly condemned the cowardice act and expressed deep concern over the recent law and order situation. The meeting emphasized the need to maintain peace, unity, and communal harmony and unanimously resolved to appeal to the public to remain calm and cooperate with the authorities in maintaining law and order.

#### PROTEST:

Widespread protest erupted in five valley districts in Manipur after two minors were killed when suspected militants launched a bomb attack on a civilian house in Tronglaobi village in Bishnupur district. Large number of protesters rushed to nearby CRPF posts stationed to protect the civilians and vandalized the outpost citing lack of security measures. The security force retaliated with tear gas and live rounds and some protestors sustained bullet injuries. In five valley districts, the protestors blocked the National Highways, State Highways and Inter-District Highways. Markets, shops, private institutions remained closed and transportation service was affected. Meanwhile, the mobile data service, internet services have been banned in these five valley districts for three days with immediate effect.

#### RESULTS:

The Meghalaya Board of School Education yesterday declared the results of the SSLC Examination 2026, recording an overall pass percentage of 86.84 percent. Out of 48,623 candidates appeared, 42,228 of them passed the examination. Wangaal Lama of Gorkha Pathshala Higher Secondary School, Shillong secured the first position, followed by Vishal Kumar of Embee Rosebud Higher Secondary School, Tura. West Jaintia Hills district emerged as the best-performing district. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma congratulated the students who passed the examination and wished them a successful future. He also lauded the toppers who have done their parents, teachers and schools proud.

#### CENSUS:

Mizoram Governor, Vijay Kumar Singh, has successfully completed his self-enumeration for the general census at Lok Bhavan yesterday. Singh hailed that country's first digital census as a "landmark initiative" for the nation. He urged all census officials in the state to make all-out efforts to ensure no citizen is left behind. He also appealed to the citizens to take the exercise seriously by registering themselves in the census and to extend full cooperation to the enumerators.

#### APPOINTMENT:

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu yesterday felicitated and handed over appointment orders to the successful candidates of the Arunachal Pradesh Engineering Services Examination, 2026 at Dorjee Khandu Convention Centre in Itanagar. Addressing the newly appointed engineers, Khandu emphasized on their crucial role in the state's development and urged them to uphold the highest standards of integrity, professionalism, and public service. The Chief Minister stressed on the importance of quality execution of projects, timely delivery, and inter-departmental coordination. He also encouraged the young engineers to adopt innovative and context-specific technologies suited to Arunachal Pradesh's unique geographical and climatic conditions.

#### CONVOCATION:

The 39th Convocation of IGNOU was celebrated nationwide yesterday, with Agartala Regional Center hosting its ceremony at the Rabindra Satabarshiki Bhawan in the presence of Tripura Governor, Indra Sena Reddy Nallu. The Agartala Regional Center reported that 7,748 students have benefited from the center over the last 25 years, with 1,457 students receiving degrees and diplomas this year. In Nagaland, the IGNOU Regional Centre Kohima, also held its 39th Convocation with a total of 801 eligible candidates having conferred with degrees in various programmes, including postgraduate, undergraduate, diploma, and certificate courses.

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