

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- The Phase I of Census 2027 begun yesterday.
- Prime Minister and senior BJP leader Narendra Modi campaigns in poll-bound Assam, saying welfare of poor and middle-class top priority for party.
- Senior Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra addresses series of public meetings in Assam.
- Satellite-based internet services to ensure last-mile connectivity in Meghalaya, Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma says.
- Door-to-door voting process for Dharmanagar assembly by-election in Tripura successfully completed.
- Mizoram Police seize heroin and arrest drug peddlers, including Myanmar national.
- Mizoram, first state in Northeast to begin preliminary census exercise.
- The Meghalaya Police conferred with President of India's Police Colour for exemplary service.
- Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh discusses security challenges in state with Union Home Minister Amit Shah.
- Lok Sabha MP Indra Hang Subba discusses important issues concerning Sikkim with Union Home Minister Amit Shah.
- Nagaland records GST collections of 845 crore rupees.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

CENSUS:

The Government of India has commenced Phase I of Census 2027 – House-listing and Housing Census from yesterday. This is India's first ever digital data capture and Self-Enumeration. The census exercise was initiated with self-enumeration by President Droupadi Murmu. Vice-President C.P. Radhakrishnan and Prime Minister Narendra Modi also completed their self-enumeration. Self-Enumeration process has commenced in eight States and Union Territories including Mizoram and Sikkim in the North East. The House-listing and Housing Census will begin from 16th April and continue till 15th May. For Self-Enumeration, respondents can log in to the portal se.census.gov.in using their mobile number.

MODI:

Prime Minister and senior BJP leader Narendra Modi yesterday said that the welfare of the poor and middle class remains a top priority for the party. Addressing an election rally at Gogamukh in Assam, he said the BJP has consistently focused on infrastructure, education and healthcare to achieve inclusive development. In the last ten years of NDA rule, Assam has witnessed significant progress, Mr Modi said. The 'double engine' government has helped

bring lasting peace to Assam, with many youths moving away from violence towards a more secure future. The BJP will work towards implementing a Uniform Civil Code to safeguard tribal culture and traditions of Assam, the PM said.

CONGRESS:

Senior Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra yesterday addressed a series of public meetings in key constituencies in Assam ahead of the 9th April assembly elections in the state. Ms. Vadra criticised the BJP-led government over issues such as high inflation, alleged corruption, and unemployment across the state. The Congress leader said that common citizens are struggling due to the rising cost of living. She announced five major guarantees focusing on welfare and security.

SHAH:

Union Home Minister and senior BJP leader Amit Shah will arrive in Assam this afternoon on a two-day visit to campaign for Bharatiya Janata Party and other NDA candidates. During his two-day visit on 28th and 29th March, Mr Shah had highlighted a terror-free Assam under BJP rule and held meetings in Guwahati.

TRIPURA:

The door-to-door voting process for the Dharmanagar assembly by-election in Tripura commenced yesterday and has already been successfully completed ahead of schedule. Sub-Divisional Magistrate and Returning Officer Debjani Chowdhury informed that a total of 185 voters-comprising 116 elderly citizens and 69 specially abled voters-cast their votes, achieving 100 percent voting. The initiative was carried out in accordance with the guidelines of the Election Commission to ensure that every eligible voter can exercise their franchise. Postal ballot voting for the election duty personnel will be held on 3rd and 4th April at Bir Bikram Institution in Dharmanagar. Polling for the Dharmanagar by-election will be held on 9th April and counting of votes is scheduled for 4th May.

MIZORAM:

In a series of intensified crackdowns against drug trafficking and illegal activities, the Mizoram Police seized heroin and highly addictive methamphetamine tablets, valued at around 25 crore rupees. Police arrested seven drug peddlers, including two Myanmar nationals, three individuals from Manipur, and one each from Assam and Mizoram. Mizoram shares a 510-kilometer-long unfenced international border with Myanmar and a 318-kilometer stretch of porous and mountainous border with Bangladesh, making the region particularly vulnerable to cross-border smuggling of drugs and other illegal activities.

MEGHALAYA:

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma yesterday said that satellite-based internet services through Starlink will have a 'transformative impact' on last-mile connectivity in the state, particularly in remote and underserved regions. He was speaking after witnessing the signing of a Letter of Intent between the Meghalaya government and Starlink India via video conference. Mr Sangma emphasised that connectivity remains a key challenge despite sustained efforts to expand optical fibre networks. He expressed confidence that the partnership would significantly improve access to essential services. Highlighting the state's ambitions in the technology sector, Chief Minister Sangma said the Meghalaya government aims to develop Shillong as a hub for IT and IT-enabled services in the Northeast. Given Meghalaya's hilly terrain and scattered habitations, satellite-based connectivity is seen as a practical alternative to conventional infrastructure like fibre networks and

mobile towers, enabling reliable high-speed internet access across difficult geographies.

MIZORAM:

Mizoram is the first state in the Northeast to begin preliminary work for the Census of India, 2027, with the process officially starting yesterday. Chief Minister Lalduhoma successfully completed his self-enumeration under Phase-I (House Listing and Housing Census) at his official residence. The self-enumeration was carried out through a newly-introduced online portal and was facilitated by personnel from the Aizawl Municipal Corporation, the General Administration Department, and the Directorate of Census Operations. The Self-Enumeration period in Mizoram, along with a few other states and Union Territories, will continue till 15th April.

POLICE:

The Meghalaya Police has been conferred with the President of India's Police Colour in recognition of its exemplary service, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to duty. The President's Colour is one of the highest honours bestowed upon a police force, symbolising national recognition of sustained dedication, courage, and integrity displayed by its personnel in the line of duty. Over the years, Meghalaya Police has played a pivotal role in maintaining peace and public order, effectively combating crime, and addressing challenges related to militancy with resilience and professionalism. The force has also made notable progress in promoting gender inclusion and has earned several gallantry, meritorious, and distinguished service medals. Director General of Meghalaya Police, Idashisha Nongrang expressed gratitude to the government for its continued support and acknowledged the trust and cooperation of the people, which remain vital for maintaining peace and security in the state.

MANIPUR:

Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh discussed various security challenges in the state with Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Delhi yesterday. The Chief Minister highlighted the various peace building measures taken up under his leadership. Mr Shah lauded the efforts and urged the new government to further help develop the nascent bonhomie developing between the various communities in Manipur. Shri Shah also agreed in principle to Mr Khemchand's proposal for setting up an all-women's Mahila Indian Reserve Battalion in Manipur to ensure maintenance of law & order in the state.

SIKKIM:

Lok Sabha MP from Sikkim, Indra Hang Subba discussed a range of important issues concerning the state with Union Home Minister Amit Shah in New Delhi yesterday. He raised the long-pending issue of reservation of seats for the Limboo and Tamang Scheduled Tribes in the Sikkim Legislative Assembly. Mr Subba also raised the issue of inclusion of the 12 left-out communities of Sikkim in the Scheduled Tribes list.

NAGALAND:

Nagaland has recorded Goods and Services Tax collections of 845 crore rupees during the financial year 2025-26. This marked a 28.4 percent increase over the previous financial year, achieving the highest growth rate among all states in the country, an official statement said. The total collection includes 312 crore rupees in Central GST, 388 crore rupees in State GST, and 145 crore rupees in Integrated GST.
