

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

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- Assam Congress president Gaurav Gogoi and his ally AJP chief Lurinjyoti Gogoi on Friday participated in a roadshow in support of the opposition alliance's candidates in two assembly seats in Guwahati.
- Senior BJP leader and Union Home Minister Amit Shah says Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma have prepared roadmap for tribal development in Assam.
- Review meeting held in Khowai Sub-Divisional Magistrate's office to discuss conduct of Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council elections.
- Postal ballot voting for by-election to Dharmanagar Assembly constituency in North Tripura held.
- Security forces arrest four valley-based insurgents from Manipur's Tengenoupal district.
- Good Friday observed through prayers and penance across North East.
- Arunachal Minister PD Sona attends Business Conference & Investors' Summit.
- Northeast Frontier Railway's protection force demonstrating sustained commitment to passenger safety.
- New species of beetles discovered in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh announces review of state sports policy.
- Nagaland clinches seven medals at 1st Khelo India Tribal Games.
- First Khelo India Tribal Games concludes in Chattisgarh.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

CAMPAIGN:

Campaigning has picked up for Assembly elections in Assam, Puducherry, Keralam, Tamil Nadu and West Bengal. Senior BJP leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union home minister Amit Shah, Congress leaders Rahul Gandhi and Priyanka Vadra have been campaigning for their respective party candidates. Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal has intensified the BJP's campaign in Upper Assam. At a public rally in Majuli on Friday, he asserted that the outcome of the assembly polls will determine the future of Assam and protection of the identity and rights of the Assamese people. Highlighting the

achievements of the BJP-led NDA government, the Union minister said decisive steps have been taken to secure land rights for indigenous people, reclaim encroached land and preserve Assam's cultural heritage.

CONGRESS:

Assam Congress president Gaurav Gogoi and his ally AJP chief Lurinjyoti Gogoi on Friday participated in a roadshow in support of the opposition alliance's candidates in two assembly seats in Guwahati. Accompanied by Congress' New Guwahati candidate Santanu Bora, Gaurav and Lurinjyoti stood atop a vehicle and greeted people along the route. AJP's Guwahati Central nominee is Kunki Chowdhury. The Congress and the AJP are part of a six-party opposition alliance for the Assam assembly polls. Elections for the 126-member Assam assembly will be held on 9th April and votes will be counted on 4th May.

SHAH:

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday said Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma have prepared a roadmap for tribal development, and the BJP's return to power in the state would ensure its implementation. Addressing a rally at Dudhnoi in Goalpara district, Mr Shah said that Congress never made an Adivasi woman the country's President, but Modi changed that, and Droupadi Murmu became the nation's first citizen. He said that the BJP's policy for the state was 'Approach Assam, Aspire Assam and Inspire Assam'. The Union minister termed Goalpara 'Mini Assam' as several tribes, including the Rabha, Bodo, Hajong, and Koch, along with Adivasi tea garden workers, reside in the district. Only the BJP can ensure their development, he claimed. The Union home minister also asserted that tribal areas will not come under the ambit of the Uniform Civil Code (UCC).

COUNCIL:

A high-level review meeting was held yesterday at the Khowai Sub-Divisional Magistrate's office to discuss peaceful and smooth conduct of the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council elections. District Magistrate Rajat Panth informed that comprehensive security arrangements are being put in place across all polling stations. Measures are being taken to ensure that voters do not face any inconvenience while exercising their franchise on 12th April.

BY-POLL:

Postal ballot voting for polling personnel appointed for the by-election to the 56-Dharmanagar Assembly constituency in North Tripura began yesterday. The postal voting process is also scheduled for today. Yesterday, 99 out of a total 152 eligible voters pressed the EVM buttons. District Magistrate Chandni Chandran informed that all necessary arrangements including security measures have been finalized to ensure free and fair voting for the Dharmanagar assembly by-poll on 9th April. The election will be conducted across 55 polling stations, of which 40 percent will be managed entirely by women.

MANIPUR:

Security forces on Friday arrested four valley-based insurgents from Manipur's Tengenoupal district, which shares an unfenced border with Myanmar. The militants belong to the National Revolutionary Front of Manipur, People's Liberation Army, and the Kangleipak Communist Party, all of which are banned outfits. Police said the militants were involved in abduction and forcible collection of money from various sections of society, including traders, contractors, government employees, and even common citizens. Security forces, comprising both central and state agencies, have intensified crackdowns on militant groups.

GOOD FRIDAY:

Good Friday was observed across North East India along with the rest of the world yesterday. Christian faithful of all denominations in Mizoram, Nagaland, Meghalaya, Manipur, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam and Sikkim gathered in churches to commemorate the crucifixion of Jesus Christ. Prayers and penance marked the Holy Friday. Churches in Mizoram organized Zaikhawm, a tradition of congregational singing that remains an integral part of Mizo Christian culture during important Christian festivals and New Year. Churches across Nagaland and Meghalaya held special services with the faithful offering prayers, singing hymns, and taking part in Bible readings, reflecting on the sacrifice and suffering of Jesus Christ. The governors and chief ministers of the various states in the region conveyed their Good Friday messages to the people.

SUMMIT:

Arunachal Minister for Education and Tourism, PD Sona attended the Business Conference & Arunachal Investors' Summit at the Arunachal University of Studies, Namsai, yesterday. It was organised by the Indian Industries Association in Collaboration with the University. Minister Sona emphasized on the need to welcome and promote green industries - investments that generate livelihoods while protecting the environment and strengthening sustainable growth in Arunachal.

RAIL:

The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has demonstrated a strong and sustained commitment to passenger safety, security, and public service through the performance of its Railway Protection Force, officials said. During the year (2025–26), the RPF carried out targeted drives against theft, touting, and other unauthorised activities, leading to multiple detections, arrests, and the seizure of illegal tickets. The force also acted decisively against incidents of stone pelting and undertook large-scale removal of encroachments to safeguard railway property. The RPF continued its humanitarian initiatives by rescuing trafficking victims and extending assistance to persons in distress, including women and children.

BEETLE:

A new species of rove beetles has been discovered in Arunachal's forest ecosystems, adding to its remarkable biodiversity. Belonging to the staphylinidae family, these beetles play an important role in maintaining ecological balance as natural predators and decomposers. Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein said such discoveries highlight how much of Arunachal's rich wildlife remains unexplored. Every new finding is a reminder of the urgent need to preserve the state's pristine forests, which are home to countless rare and unique species waiting to be documented, he said.

POLICY:

Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh has announced a review of the state's sports policy to support better emerging athletes. The announcement came during a felicitation programme for the Sub-Junior Sepak Takraw teams at the Imphal Secretariat, following their strong performance at the national championship in Ranchi. The Chief Minister said the current policy needs to be aligned with the aspirations and capabilities of young sportspersons to ensure improved support and development.

NAGALAND:

Nagaland delivered an impressive performance at the 1st Khelo India Tribal Games, clinching a total of seven medals. The medal haul includes two gold, two silver, and three bronze, with athletes excelling in both athletics and archery events. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said their success on the national stage sets a strong example for aspiring sportspersons across Nagaland. The first Khelo India Tribal Games was held in Chhattisgarh from 25th of March and concluded on 3rd April. More than three thousand athletes from 30 states and Union Territories participated in the Games.

GAMES:

In the recently concluded First Khelo India Tribal Games, Arunachal Pradesh Contingent ranked 5th nationally with six gold, one silver and four bronze medals. Arunachal also ranked first among the northeastern states.
