

## NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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### HEADLINES:-

- Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh lauds role of church leaders in trying to defuse hostage crisis.
- Assam government will not allow unfair increase in cost of essential commodities, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma asserts.
- Pradhan Mantri Jan Bhagidari Abhiyan commences in two districts of Tripura.
- Chief Minister, Conrad K. Sangma announces postponement of Meghalaya Teacher Eligibility Test.
- Chief minister Conrad K Sangma highlights Meghalaya government's substantial investments in education sector.
- National Science Centre, Guwahati, celebrates International Museum Day.
- Arunachal Pradesh Governor, Lieutenant General KT Parnaik calls on Chief of Defence Staff, General Anil Chauhan in New Delhi to discuss border issues.
- Cluster-based Coffee Value Chain Development in Nagaland jointly launched by Union Minister of Development of North Eastern Region, Jyotiraditya Scindia and Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio.
- Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha says active contribution of Self-Help Group women strengthening rural economy.
- Assam State School Education Board extends deadline for registration of Class 9 students to 24<sup>th</sup> May.

### NEWS IN ORDER:-

#### MANIPUR:

Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh has lauded the role of church leaders in trying to defuse crisis arising out of the hostage keeping incident in the aftermath of the killing of three church leaders on 13th of May at Zero Point. A ten-member team of church leaders representing the Council for Baptist Churches in North East India and the Manipur Baptist Convention called on the Chief Minister yesterday to discuss the tense situation between the two tribal communities. The church leaders will be engaging in two teams to work for peace. While one team will travel to Kangpokpi District, another team will visit Senapati District. The church leaders strongly feel that hostages on both sides need to be released on humanitarian ground urgently.

#### ASSAM:

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma yesterday said the state government is closely monitoring market prices and will not allow any unfair increase in the cost of essential commodities. He directed officials across districts to take stringent action against violators. Officials have been asked to undertake intensive field-

level monitoring to detect and prevent unusual price escalation in local markets. Authorities are to make the display of retail and wholesale prices mandatory at all shops and wholesale outlets to maintain transparency and prevent arbitrary pricing practices. Chief Minister Sarma also asked officials to expedite Aadhaar seeding of beneficiaries under the Pradhan Mantri Ujjwala Yojana. The move is to eliminate duplicity in LPG cylinder distribution and ensure that benefits reach genuine consumers.

#### TRIPURA:

On the occasion of Janjatiya Garima Utsav 2026, the Pradhan Mantri Jan Bhagidari Abhiyan, driven by the slogan 'Sabse Door Sabse Pehle', commenced yesterday under the initiatives of the Khowai and Sepahijala districts of Tripura. The scheme is to deliver benefits of development directly to remote tribal habitations and strengthen their socio-economic foundation. In Khowai district, extensive government service delivery and awareness campaigns are scheduled across 41 villages until 25<sup>th</sup> May. A special 'Jan Sunwai' program will be conducted in Sepahijala from 21<sup>st</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup> May to allow residents to directly apply for essential administrative services. This initiative is projected to directly benefit nearly 40,000 citizens across the district's 38 designated villages.

#### MEGHALAYA:

The State Level Coordinator for Oil Industry, Meghalaya, Shillong Area, has assured the public that the availability of essential petroleum products remains normal and uninterrupted across all supply channels. These include petrol, diesel and Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG), of Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies — Indian Oil Corporation Limited, Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited and Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited. The overall supply position continues to remain stable and adequate. LPG supplies to domestic consumers are being prioritized and continue to remain normal across Meghalaya.

#### EXAM:

Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K. Sangma yesterday announced the postponement of the Meghalaya Teacher Eligibility Test (MTET), which was earlier scheduled to be held on 29<sup>th</sup> May. The postponement was made following appeals from teachers engaged in multiple national duties, including Census and SIR-related assignments. Addressing a public programme in Damas in North Garo Hills district, the Chief Minister said the government will evaluate the overall situation and reschedule a proper, suitable date to ensure they have adequate preparation time for the examination. Mr Sangma lauded teachers for their dedication and resilience despite several systemic challenges, including gaps in professional training and infrastructure limitations in some areas.

#### EDUCATION:

Chief minister Conrad K Sangma has highlighted that the Meghalaya government has made substantial investments in the education sector in recent years, focussing on improving school infrastructure and expanding access to educational institutions across the state. However, the Chief Minister admitted that while the state has made progress in expanding the number of schools, quality education remains a major challenge. In terms of quantity, the state has enough schools, but is lagging behind in quality, he said yesterday. Raising the standard will take time, but the government is fully committed to ensuring it happens, he underscored. Mr Sangma stressed that improving the education system cannot be the responsibility of the government and teachers alone. He called for active collaboration among parents, communities and all stakeholders to create an enabling environment for students.

## MUSEUM:

The National Science Centre, Guwahati, a unit of National Council of Science Museums under the Union Ministry of Culture, celebrated International Museum Day with a series of activities yesterday. A new facility, 'Orchid and Cactus Garden' was also inaugurated. The theme of this year's International Museum Day was 'Museums Uniting a Divided World', which aimed to promote awareness about the role of museums in fostering cultural exchange, education, creativity, and community engagement.

## ARUNACHAL:

Arunachal Pradesh Governor, Lieutenant General KT Parnaik called on the Chief of Defence Staff, General Anil Chauhan in New Delhi yesterday. They discussed national security issues with special focus on Arunachal Pradesh, including border security, the Vibrant Village Programme, and implementation of goodwill projects in frontier areas. Drawing from his recent visits to remote border areas of Arunachal Pradesh, the Governor expressed concern over the challenges posed by porous stretches along the eastern border and emphasized the importance of strengthening border management and infrastructure. The Governor appreciated the role of the armed forces in Arunachal Pradesh for maintaining close coordination with the State Government. He said that the strong civil-military partnership has significantly contributed to the development of frontier villages, ensuring that security and progress move forward together.

## NAGALAND:

The 'Cluster-based Coffee Value Chain Development in Nagaland' under Mission 'Coffees of Nagaland' was jointly launched by Union Minister of Development of North Eastern Region, Jyotiraditya Scindia and Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio yesterday. Addressing the virtual launch in New Delhi, Mr Scindia said the initiative is part of broader efforts to identify a Unique Selling Proposition for each state, with coffee selected for Nagaland. Chief Minister Rio said, coffee cultivation is emerging as a driver of sustainable economic growth in Nagaland. He highlighted the state's goal of expanding it to 50,000 hectares by 2047 under 'Viksit Nagaland'. The project will generate livelihoods, reduce dependence on jhum cultivation, and promote coffee tourism.

## HELP:

Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha said that the active contribution of Self-Help Group women is strengthening the rural economy of the State and contributing significantly to the growth of Tripura's Gross State Domestic Product. Speaking at the inauguration of the 'Samriddhi 2.0' programme at Rabindra Satabarshiki Bhavan in Agartala yesterday, the Chief Minister highlighted the achievements of women-led SHGs under the initiatives of the Rural Development Department and the Tripura Rural Livelihood Mission. To strengthen women financially, the state government has allocated 837.32 crore rupees under the Community Revolving Fund.

## SCHOOL:

The Assam State School Education Board has extended the deadline for registration of Class 9 students for the academic session 2026–27. The last date for registration has now been revised to 24<sup>th</sup> May, 2026. The Joint Secretary of Division-I of the Board yesterday notified that schools will be allowed to deposit the required registration fees until 30<sup>th</sup> May following the extension. The Board has directed all schools to complete the registration process of students within the stipulated timeframe. It has also made it clear that no further extension of the registration deadline will be granted under any circumstances.