

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

1. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma inaugurates new office complex of 41 NCC Battalion at Cherangre in Tura.
2. Liangmai Naga Council and Women Union urge Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh to secure immediate release of abducted persons.
3. Special Intensive Revision of Electoral Rolls commences in Mizoram.
4. Nagaland State Consultative meet on Juvenile Justice held in Kohima.
5. Integrated Counselling and Testing Centre Centre inaugurated at Gomati District Hospital, Udaipur, Tripura.
6. Arunachal Pradesh Governor KT Parnaik calls for greater augmentation of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises in state.
7. Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs invites online applications from Scheduled Tribe candidates for National Overseas Scholarship Scheme.
8. Manipuri Nata Sankirtana Guru Yumnam Jatra Singh to be posthumously conferred with Padma Shri.

NCC

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma yesterday inaugurated the new office complex of the 41 NCC Battalion at Cherangre in Tura, headquarters of West Garo Hills district. Mr Sangma described the National Cadet Corps as an important platform for shaping disciplined and patriotic youth. The new complex will strengthen administrative and operational activities of the battalion across the Garo Hills region. Addressing more than 500 NCC cadets and officials, the chief minister said Meghalaya's youth remain the state's greatest strength and stressed the importance of leadership, discipline and exposure through NCC programmes.

MANIPUR

A delegation of the Liangmai Naga Council and the Liangmai Naga Women Union called on Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh in Imphal yesterday. They demanded the immediate release of six missing men, including a pastor, who were abducted by unknown armed men on 13th May from Kangpokpi district. Mr Khemchand Singh informed the delegation that the Manipur police and CRPF personnel are conducting combing operations in suspected areas to trace the six missing men. He appealed to all communities to shun violence and help the government in bringing peace and normalcy.

FUEL

Fuel prices across Meghalaya increased again yesterday following another revision by public sector oil marketing companies. The escalation comes amid rising global crude oil prices linked to the ongoing West Asia conflict. Petrol prices rose by 74 paise, diesel by 79 paise and speed petrol by 75 paise per litre. Petrol now costs 99.63 per litre rupees, diesel 90.94 and speed petrol 107.22 in Meghalaya. Petrol price has increased to 102.16 and diesel 93.45 rupees per litre in Assam. In Delhi, petrol costs 98.64 while diesel is priced at 91.58 rupees per litre. Officials said increasing crude prices continue affecting fuel rates nationwide and burdening consumers with rising transportation expenses.

POCSO

The District Legal Services Authority, West Garo Hills, in collaboration with the Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority, organised an awareness programme under the NALSA JAGRITI Scheme at Don Bosco Higher Secondary School, Rongkhon, Tura, yesterday. The programme was aimed at sensitizing Class 12 students on the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and child protection laws. IPS officer Sahithya Pavana Sai Kasiraju, DLSA Secretary I.R. Marak and officials from the District Child Protection Unit spoke on several aspects of the POCSO Act. Legal provisions, teenage pregnancy, consensual relationships, involving minors and child abuse were discussed through interactive sessions and a street play. Officials stressed creating a safe environment where children can report abuse fearlessly and seek legal protection without fear or stigma.

CAMPAIGN

The Information, Education and Communication campaign under the 'Jan Bhagidaari - Sabse Door, Sabse Pehle' initiative has begun in several districts of Manipur to spread awareness about government welfare schemes. In Kangpokpi, the campaign was launched in Lhungtin and Island Sub-Divisions, covering remote camps and villages through awareness drives, health screenings and grievance redressal programmes. Similar campaigns were held in several districts, including Jiribam, Pherzawl and Churachandpur. District administrations organised outreach activities and public service programmes to bring government services closer to the people.

TEXTILE:

Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Textile, Commerce and Industry, Anurag Bajpai has said the Manipur government is working to promote and export the state's rich textile and handloom traditions to international markets. Speaking at a discussion on the Manipur State Export Action Plan in Imphal yesterday, Mr Bajpai said Manipur's handloom and textile products have the quality to compete globally. The handloom sector not only strengthens the economy but also empowers women weavers, improves livelihoods and helps preserve Manipur's cultural heritage.

TRIPURA

A new Integrated Counselling and Testing Centre (ICTC) Centre was inaugurated at the Gomati District Hospital in Udaipur, Tripura yesterday as part of efforts to strengthen modern healthcare services in the district. The centre will provide HIV-related testing, counselling and treatment services to patients. Tripura AIDS Control Society Project Director Dr. Binita Chakma said that the services would soon be expanded to rural areas through the establishment of Link ART Centres at Karbook Sub-Divisional Hospital and Amarpur. With the launch of the facility, 100 percent screening and testing services will now be available locally. The new centre is expected to benefit patients from both Gomati and South Tripura districts.

NAGALAND

Mission Vatsalya, Department of Social Welfare, Nagaland, held the Nagaland State Consultative meet on Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act 2015, Juvenile Justice Model Rules 2026 and adoption Regulations, 2022 in Kohima yesterday. Secretary, Department of Social Welfare & Mission Director Limawabang Jamir stressed the need to balance child rights with the preservation of Nagaland's customary laws and cultural identity. Senior Consultant from the Ministry of Women and Child Development, Junaid Ul Islam, informed that nearly 35 thousand crimes have been committed by children, underscoring the importance of meaningful consultations and reforms. Director, Social Welfare Department, Tosheli Zhimomi called for stronger institutional support, better interdepartmental coordination, and a more responsive and child-friendly ecosystem for orphaned, abandoned, and vulnerable children in Nagaland.

ARUNACHAL

Arunachal Pradesh Governor KT Parnaik has called for greater augmentation of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the State for socio-economic development. He was interacting with MD & CEO of Ishan International, Santanu Srivastava, who leads strategic partnerships with State and Central governments in empowering MSMEs in India, at New Delhi on Tuesday. The Governor said Arunachal Pradesh, with its rich natural resources, tribal crafts, organic farming potential, forest produce, tourism opportunities, and unique cultural heritage, offers immense scope for entrepreneurship and local enterprise development MSMEs can drive inclusive growth, strengthen rural economy, and contribute to the vision of 'Atmanirbhar Arunachal' and 'Viksit Bharat'.

SEVA

The Tawang District Administration, Arunachal Pradesh, on Tuesday organized 'Seva Aapke Dwar'-2.0 at Netaji Subash Chandra Bose Awasiya Vidyalaya, Sazo under Lungla Circle, benefiting residents from Sazo, Poito, Dugumba, Kungba, and adjoining villages. Twenty government departments participated in the camp, providing a wide range of essential public services and awareness programmes. Key services included Aadhaar enrolment, Jan Sunvai, awareness on government

welfare schemes, free health check-ups, veterinary services, registrations under AB-PMJAY and E-Shram, among others. Altogether, 380 villagers benefited from the camp.

MIZORAM

The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of Electoral Rolls, has officially commenced in Mizoram. Chief Electoral Officer Lalrozama has stressed the need for collective efforts to fulfil the expectations of both the public and the Election Commission of India. He urged the officers to work with sincerity, precision and vigilance so that genuine citizens of Mizoram are able to exercise their voting rights without difficulties arising from mistakes or omissions in the rolls.

SCHOLARSHIP

The Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs has invited online applications from Scheduled Tribe candidates for the National Overseas Scholarship Scheme for the 2026-27 selection year. The scheme supports students pursuing Masters and PhD programmes abroad and offers around 20 scholarship slots. Interested candidates can apply through the official portal until 30th June at 5:30 pm. The initiative aims to provide higher education opportunities for deserving tribal students and strengthen academic advancement among indigenous communities.

AWARD

Legendary Manipuri Nata Sankirtana Guru Yumnam Jatra Singh will be conferred the Padma Shri posthumously on 25th May at Rashtrapati Bhavan. President Droupadi Murmu will present the award during the Civil Investiture Ceremony. The honour recognises his immense contribution to preserving and promoting Manipuri Nata Sankirtana. Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh and Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla have described the recognition as a proud moment for Manipur and a tribute to the state's rich cultural heritage.
