

**NORTH EAST
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HEADLINES

- BJP President Amit Shah says NDA government at Centre always acknowledged contributions of North East.
- General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Army's Eastern Command, Lieutenant General Abhay Krishna visits forward areas along Indo-Myanmar border.
- GST Council asks Centre and States to expedite setting up of appellate authorities for aggrieved entities to appeal against orders of Authority for Advance Rulings.
- Union Tourism Ministry proposes lifting restrictions on foreigners travelling to Arunachal Pradesh and parts of Sikkim.
- Directorate of Employment, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Nagaland, launches first ever India Skills Competition, Nagaland Chapter, in partnership with Synergy Group Enterprise in Kohima.
- World Honeybee Day organised by Horticulture department in Guwahati.

NEWS IN ORDER

AMIT SHAH:

BJP President Amit Shah has said that the NDA government at the Centre always acknowledged the contributions of the North East. Addressing the third conclave of the North East Democratic Alliance (NEDA) in Guwahati yesterday, Mr Shah said the NEDA must represent all the tribes of the North East. Addressing the gathering, Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has given emphasis to the development of the North East. He said the Prime Minister has described the North East as the growth engine of the country. Six Chief Ministers of the North East took part in the conclave. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma said that the NEDA would help in fulfilling the hope and aspiration of the youth of the North East region.

VISIT:

The General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of the Army's Eastern Command, Lieutenant General Abhay Krishna visited the forward areas along the Indo-Myanmar border and assessed the Assam Rifles' operations there yesterday. Lieutenant General Krishna visited the forward post at Lungwa along the international border in Nagaland and the Assam Rifles sector headquarters at Tuensang. The commander, who was accompanied by General Officer Commanding of Spear Corps, Lieutenant General Gopal R, expressed satisfaction with the work being done by the Assam Rifles troops.

GST:

The GST Council has asked the Centre and States to expedite setting up of appellate authorities for aggrieved entities to appeal against orders of the Authority for Advance Rulings. The Secretariat of the GST Council has issued letters to the states, Central Board of Indirect Taxes and Customs to nominate members to the Authority for Advance Rulings on an urgent basis. As per the State GST law, the appellate authority will have two members, the Chief Commissioner of Central tax

and the Commissioner of State tax. The appellate authority has been mandated to pass order within 90 days of the filing of appeal.

MISSION:

The District Medical and Health Officer, East Khasi Hills District has informed that the Department of Health and Family Welfare, East Khasi Hills will conduct Special Intensified Mission Indradhanush Programme from today to the 25th of this month. The goal of the Programme is to provide Immunization to children below 2 years of age and also for pregnant women. Parents have been requested to bring their children who are due for immunization to the session sites in their respective localities for vaccination. Headmen, NGOs, Church leaders have also been requested to join hands with the Department of Health and Family Welfare to ensure that the children are fully immunized.

RESTRICTION:

The Union Tourism Ministry has proposed lifting restrictions on foreigners travelling to Arunachal Pradesh and parts of Sikkim, Minister K J Alphons has said. Foreigners now need special permits such as Protected Areas Permit and Restricted Areas Permit to travel in these areas.

SKILL DEVELOPMENT:

Directorate of Employment, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Nagaland, launched the first ever India Skills Competition, Nagaland Chapter, in partnership with Synergy Group Enterprise in Kohima yesterday. Joint Secretary for Labour and Employment, Skill Development and Entrepreneurship, Nagaland, Anthony Ngully said the event was organized to promote and advocate vocational trades. He said the competition will inspire excellence in skills and create a transparent and organized system to showcase the talents of the local youth.

HONEYBEE DAY:

World Honeybee Day was organised yesterday by the Horticulture department in Guwahati. Several senior officials including Agriculture Director M.S. Manivannan and farmers took part in the program. An exhibition and a seminar were organized as part of the event. One of the bee keepers, Chandrajit Bodo from Kokhrajjar explained his success story. He is a person with disabilities but is doing extraordinarily well in honey production. He produced 27 metric tonnes honey last year, a remarkable and record achievement.
