

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- ✧ Ministry of Rural Development approves 88 roads and 55 bridges totalling 782.155 KMs for Meghalaya under PMGSY-III, with estimated investment of 1,056.82 crore rupees as significant step toward strengthening rural connectivity and accelerating economic development in North Eastern Region.
- ✧ Filing of nominations for bye elections to various Assembly constituencies in different states including Gambegre Assembly constituency in Meghalaya will end today.
- ✧ Union Minister for Textiles, Giriraj Singh is on two-day visit to Meghalaya from today; Minister will inaugurate permanent campus of National Institute of Fashion Technology at Umsawli and visit Eri Silk village at Umden in Ri Bhoi district.
- ✧ Government e-Marketplace signs Memorandum of Understanding with Sikkim government to increase adoption of GeM.
- ✧ 2nd edition of International Tawang Marathon held at Tawang in Arunachal Pradesh; over 4,500 runners from 27 states across India and two foreign countries participate in 42km-long marathon flagged off by Chief Minister, Pema Khandu.

PMGSY:

As a significant step toward strengthening rural connectivity and accelerating economic development in the North Eastern Region, the Ministry of Rural Development has approved 88 roads and 55 bridges totalling 782.155 KMs for Meghalaya under PMGSY-III, with an estimated investment of 1,056.82 crore rupees. Continuing this initiative, 55 roads totalling 443.26 KMs with an estimated investment of 412.34 crore rupees have already been approved under PMGSY-III in the state. The initiative will improve access to essential services such as healthcare, education, and markets and enhance connectivity in rural areas, bridging the gap between remote villages and urban centres, boost economic growth, trade, and commerce in the region, create employment opportunities and stimulate the local economy. Align with the government's vision of a prosperous Northeast and a Developed India (Viksit Bharat), projects under the PMGSY-III will have a transformative impact on the region, contribute to the development and prosperity of the North East and reinforce the government's commitment to inclusive growth.

FILING:

Filing of nominations for the bye elections to various Assembly constituencies in different states of the country including Gambegre Assembly constituency in Meghalaya will end today. Yesterday, candidate of the ruling National People's Party, Mehtab Chandee A Sangma filed her nominations for the upcoming Gambegre bye election. She was accompanied by Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma who is also her husband, besides other party leaders. The Indian National Congress candidate, Jingjang M Marak and Bhartiya Janata Party candidate, Bernard N Marak also filed their nominations yesterday. So far, five candidates have filed their nominations including All India Trinamool Congress candidate and an independent. The bye-election is required following the resignation of Congress leader, Saleng A Sangma

as the MLA of Gambegre after he was elected as Member of Parliament from Tura constituency earlier this year.

VISIT:

Union Minister for Textiles, Giriraj Singh, will be on a two-day visit to Meghalaya from today. During his visit, the Minister will inaugurate the permanent campus of the National Institute of Fashion Technology at Umsawli and participate in the convocation ceremony of the institute today. The inauguration event will also be attended by Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma and Minister of State for External Affairs and Textiles Pabitra Margherita. Later in the day, the Minister will visit Ri Bhoi district, where he will review the implementation of the Aspirational District Programme and various central government schemes. The Minister will also visit the famous Eri Silk Village at Umden to interact with local weavers, artisans, and tourism stakeholders, besides meeting the beneficiaries in the area, including the Umkon-1 Anganwadi Centre and Marngar Primary Health Centre.

GeM:

The Government e-Marketplace has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Sikkim government to increase the adoption of GeM. This is a significant milestone for GeM’s association with various state governments as a facilitator for public procurement of goods and services in an efficient, transparent, and inclusive manner. With this MoU, GeM has achieved the coverage of all states and Union Territories. GeM is the one-stop online platform for the procurement of goods and services for all central government agencies, central public sector undertakings, state governments, and all affiliated departments, including buyers from cooperatives. As on 23rd of this month, buyers from the Sikkim government have made procurements worth approximately 90 crore rupees. There are over three thousand Sikkim-based sellers currently onboarded on the GeM portal. Of these, 2,720 sellers are registered as “micro” sellers.

MARATHON:

The 2nd edition of the International Tawang Marathon was held at Tawang, coinciding with the United Nations Day yesterday. Flagged off by Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu, the marathon was jointly organized by the Arunachal Pradesh government and the Indian Army. The 42 km long marathon was participated by over 4,500 runners from 27 states across India and two foreign countries. Additionally, the marathon strengthened connections between the local population, the Indian Army, and the government.
