

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

1. Notification for by-polls to various assembly seats will be issued today; Congress President, Mallikarjun Kharge names Jingjang M Marak as party candidate from Gambegre Assembly constituency in Meghalaya.
2. Political activities are gradually gaining momentum in Assam for by-polls in five Assembly seats - Behali, Dholai, Bongaigaon, Sidli and Samaguri.
3. Prime Minister, Narendra Modi chairs conclave of Chief Ministers of National Democratic Alliance and their deputies in Chandigarh and passes six resolutions.
4. Agartala–Lokmanya Tilak Terminus Express derailed at Dibalong station under Lumding division in Lumding-Bardarpur Hill section in Assam; no casualty or major injuries was reported.
5. Vice President, Jagdeep Dhankar lays foundation stone at Raj Bhavan in Shillong for construction of All Faith Prayer Hall in presence of Meghalaya Governor, CH Vijayashankar along with officials of state government.
6. Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Textiles, Pabitra Margherita reviews various central and state government schemes, including education, healthcare, connectivity, and others being implemented in Khowai district of Tripura.
7. Festival to strengthen cordial bond between indigenous communities living in hills and valley “Mera Hou Chongba Festival 2024” was observed in Manipur.

CANDIDATES

A notification for the by-polls to various assembly seats will be issued today. Nominations can be filed till 25th of this month. Meanwhile Congress President, Mallikarjun Kharge, has approved the proposal to nominate party candidates for the upcoming bye-elections to the Lok Sabha and State Legislative Assembly. The names of the candidates are Ravindra Vasantrao Chavan for Nanded Lok Sabha seat in Maharashtra constituency and Jingjang M. Marak for Gambegre Assembly constituency in Meghalaya. The polling for the bypoll in Gambegre constituency will be held on November 13 and counting of votes on November 23.

BY-POLL

In Assam, political activities are gradually gaining momentum for the by-polls in five Assembly seats - Behali, Dholai, Bongaigaon, Sidli and Samaguri, the polling of which will be held on the 13th of next month. The by-polls in these five seats are required following the resignation of sitting MLAs who got elected to the Lower House in the Lok Sabha polls this year. The ruling BJP will contest three seats, while one seat each is to be given to allies, Asom Gana Parishad and UPPL. They are, however yet to declare their candidates. The opposition Congress and other parties are also putting up candidates in the bye-elections.

NDA CMs

Prime Minister, Narendra Modi chaired a conclave of Chief Ministers of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and their deputies in Chandigarh yesterday. BJP President, JP Nadda, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, and Home Minister Amit Shah also attended the meeting. The meeting focused on national development issues. It also included discussions on the observance of the Samvidhan Ka Amrut Mahotsav. Around 17 chief ministers and 18 deputy chief ministers of the NDA alliance attended the meeting. Chief Ministers from the North Eastern states - Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland Meghalaya, Manipur, Sikkim and Tripura also attended the meeting. BJP National President, J.P. Nadda said, this is the first meeting of the non-Congress governments which was attended by all parties and the meeting has passed a total of six resolutions.

DERAIL

In Assam, the Agartala–Lokmanya Tilak Terminus Express got derailed at Dibalong station under Lumding division in the Lumding-Bardarpur Hill section yesterday. Official sources said that eight coaches including the power car and engine of the train got derailed. However, no casualty or major injuries have been reported. Running of trains over the Lumding–Badarpur single line section has been suspended. Helpline numbers at Lumding are, 03674 263120, 03674 263126.

PRAYER HALL

In Meghalaya, Vice President, Jagdeep Dhankar yesterday laid the foundation stone at the Raj Bhavan in Shillong for the construction of an All Faith Prayer Hall. Meghalaya Governor, CH Vijayashankar was present along with officials of the state government. The Vice President also planted saplings in the compound of the Raj Bhavan before leaving Shillong for New Delhi. The Vice President was on a two-day visit to Meghalaya since Wednesday. During his visit on the first day, the Vice President has laid the foundation stone for the Meghalaya Skill and Innovation Hub in New Shillong Township at the cost of 77.5 crore rupees. He also launched the CM Business Catalyst: Student B-Plan Challenge with IIM Shillong. The Vice President also visited the IT Park at Umsawli and interacted with entrepreneurs, self help groups and cooperative societies.

MINISTER

Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Textiles, Pabitra Margherita, today reviewed various central and state government schemes, including education, healthcare, connectivity, and others being implemented in the Khowai district of Tripura. Speaking to reporters after the review meeting, the minister said that earlier, the North East was on the periphery, but now the NDA government has brought the region, including Tripura to the centre stage. The Minister also inaugurated the upgraded Anganwadi Centre at Champa Cherra under the Tulashikhar block of Khowai district.

FESTIVAL

In Manipur, the festival to strengthen cordial bond between the indigenous communities living in the hills and valley of the state, Mera Hou Chongba Festival 2024, was observed in Imphal yesterday. The main event was held at the holy site, Kangla, in Imphal, where leaders of indigenous communities from various hill districts joined the valley people in observing the festival, which symbolizes harmony and cultural exchange. The Mera Hou Chongba is the only festival where both hill and valley indigenous communities are observed together in the state.
