

**HEADLINES:-**

- National People's Party withdraws its support to N. Biren Singh led Manipur Government.
- The discovery of the bodies of six missing women and children in Manipur's violence-hit Jiribam district ignites widespread unrest.
- Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport, Guwahati, processes over 1.74 lakh passengers since November 6, 2024.
- Union Minister of Development of North East region Jyotiraditya Scindia and Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma formally announce the skywalk project in Mawkdok.
- Meghalaya increases the ex-gratia payment for death of journalists to ₹5 lakh, among other measures for welfare of the journalist fraternity.
- Barak Festival Media Conclave with five distinct activities as part of the 'Barak Festival 2025' will held in Silchar from January 10-12 next year.

**NEWS IN ORDER:-****SUPPORT:**

The National People's Party (NPP) withdrew its support to N. Biren Singh led Manipur Government. The National President of NPP Conrad K. Sangma has informed the president of BJP Jagat Prakash Nadda of the decision taken by the NPP. NPP has seven MLAs in present Manipur Legislative Assembly and support the BJP led government in Manipur. BJP has thirty two MLAs and presently N. Biren Singh led government supported by NPF, JD (U), Independent MLAs. The letter written by Conrad K. Sangma said that the NPP is concerned over the prevailing law and order situation in Manipur and in the last few days, the situation further deteriorated where many more innocent lives have been lost. The party felt that the Manipur Government under the leadership of Biren Singh had completely failed to resolve the crisis and restore normalcy and NPP decided to withdraw its support to the State Government with immediate effect, the letter to the BJP said.

**DISCOVERY:**

The discovery of the bodies of six missing women and children in Manipur's violence-hit Jiribam district has ignited widespread unrest, with angry mobs targeting the residences of multiple ministers and legislators, predominantly from the ruling BJP. According to police, the homes of ministers Sapam Ranjan Singh, Leishangthem Susindro Meitei, and Yumnam Khemchand Singh were attacked in different locations. Among the targeted legislators was Rajkumar Imo Singh, son-in-law of Chief Minister N. Biren Singh. Protesters also gathered outside the residences of Janata Dal (United) MLA T. Arun (Wangkhei constituency) and BJP MLA Karam Shyam (Langthabal constituency), while one vehicle parked outside an MLA's residence in Imphal was set ablaze.

**AIRPORT:**

Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International (LGBI) Airport, Guwahati, processed over 1.74 lakh passengers since November 6, 2024. The airport successfully

managed 1,202 flights, ensuring smooth operations for passengers. On November 14, LGBI Airport recorded its highest passenger count of the year, with over 20,413 passengers passing through the terminal and 146 Aircraft Traffic Movements (ATMs). In the same festive week, the airport witnessed the second-highest passenger movement on November 10, when the airport served 20,016 passengers with 131 flight movements.

**SKYWALK:**

Union Minister of Development of North East region (DoNER) Jyotiraditya Scindia and Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma formally announced the skywalk project in Mawkdok. Tourists can brace themselves for a once-in-a-lifetime, nerve-wracking walk over a skywalk (possibly glass) across the gorge in Mawkdok once the project is completed. The skywalk, which has been conceptualised by the Meghalaya Infrastructure Development Finance Corporation (MIDFC), will be implemented under the Prime Minister’s Development Initiative for the North East Region (PM-DevINE) Scheme at a total cost of Rs. 42.17 crore.

**EX-GRATIA:**

Meghalaya has increased the ex-gratia payment for death of journalists to ₹5 lakh, among other measures for welfare of the journalist fraternity. Announcing the government’s decision while addressing the National Press Day celebration in Shillong, Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma said the next of kin of deceased journalists will now be provided financial assistance of ₹5 lakh, a five-fold increase from earlier ₹1 lakh. Journalists, who have suffered permanent disability or faced extreme hardship due to illness, will now get ₹3 lakh as one-time assistance from the government. Earlier the amount was ₹50,000. Meanwhile, the government has decided to create a corpus of ₹35 lakh to be used for welfare of journalists.

**CONVLAVE:**

Barak Festival Media Conclave with five distinct activities relating to Media Awards, Workshop, Welfare Fund, Talks and Outreach as part of the ‘Barak Festival 2025’ will held in Silchar from January 10-12 next year. This is organised by the KRC Foundation Media Welfare Group. The Conclave is scheduled on 10th January and the award ceremony will be held on 12th January 2025. The festival's first edition will have awards, namely the 'Barak Festival Life Time Achievement Award' to be given to a veteran journalist of the region acknowledging their long work in journalism. ‘Barak Festival Young Journalist Award’ is constituted to encourage young journalists in the region.

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