

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- ✓ Counting of votes for polling in bye-elections in Gambegre Assembly constituency in Meghalaya and five Assembly constituencies in Assam is in progress today.
- ✓ Security Advisor to Manipur Government, Kuldeep Singh, chairs review meeting on current conditions of Manipur and informs that another 70 companies of CAPF will arrive shortly.
- ✓ Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Prof SP Singh Baghel visits Mindrolling Monastery in Mangan District in Sikkim.
- ✓ Meghalaya government will come up with Standard Operating Procedure on use of sirens, tinted glasses, and flickering lights by VIPs to minimise inconveniences caused to public.
- ✓ Longest theatre festival in whole North East India and first International Theatre festival of Arunachal Pradesh- Arunachal Rang Mahotsav, 2024 begins at Itanagar.
- ✓ Finished tea of Tripura Tea Development Corporation Ltd sold at average price of 213 rupees per kg at Guwahati tea auction centre.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

COUNTING:

Counting of votes for the polling in the bye-elections in Gambegre Assembly constituency in Meghalaya and five Assembly constituencies in Assam is in progress. The counting began at 8 am today, and it will determine the electoral fortunes of 34 candidates in the five Assembly seats in Assam and six candidates in Gambegre Assembly constituency in Meghalaya. The counting of votes for the Gambegre bypoll is being held at Tura. The voting for the bypolls in Gambegre and five Assembly seats in Assam - Dholai, Samaguri, Behali, Bongaigaon and Sidli was held on the 13th of this month. Similarly, counting of votes for the assembly elections in Maharashtra and Jharkhand has started at 8 am today. Maharashtra has 288 Assembly seats while Jharkhand has 81 seats. Maharashtra voted in a single phase on the 20th of this month while Jharkhand voted in two phases, on the 13th and 20th of this month.

SECURITY:

Security Advisor to the Manipur Government, Kuldeep Singh, chaired a review meeting on the current conditions of the state in Imphal yesterday. The meeting was attended by senior officials from the Army, BSF, CRPF, Assam Rifles, and other law enforcement agencies. After the review meeting, the Security Advisor informed that an additional 90 companies of CAPF had arrived in the state and another 70 companies of CAPF are expected to arrive shortly. He said that 198 companies of CAPF have already been deployed, and with the assistance of the new CAPF companies arriving in the state, a strict SOP has been formulated to control the law-and-order situation. He added that the security personnel deployed are working hard to bring peace and restore normalcy, and adequate security measures have been implemented in the vulnerable districts to protect lives and property. He said that all arrangements and SOPs for deploying the forces have been completed.

VISIT:

Union Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Prof SP Singh Baghel visited Mindrolling Monastery in Mangan District in Sikkim yesterday, the second day of his three-day visit to the state. The Minister offered prayers and sought blessings from Kyabje Khochhen Rimpoche. Thereafter, he visited the Primary Health Centre at Phodong and reviewed the medical facilities available at the centre. The Minister of State advised the Primary Health Centre staff to maintain a detailed record of the total population served by the centre, along with updated data on various illnesses, Nikshay Mitras and Ayushman Card holders. He also suggested that instead of District headquarters, the medicines should be available in the PHC itself.

SOP:

In Meghalaya, the state government will come up with a Standard Operating Procedure on the use of sirens, tinted glasses, and flickering lights by VIPs, and the same will be strictly implemented

to minimise inconveniences caused to the public. This was announced yesterday by Chief Minister, Conrad K. Sangma. He said that he has received a large number of complaints from citizens about what people are calling VIP culture and the Government will have to look at it from multiple angles. He also said that security and safety of the citizens should not be mixed with the aspect of culture. The SOP will be brought before the Cabinet for approval.

ARUNACHAL RANG:

The second edition of the Arunachal Rang Mahotsav began at Itanagar yesterday. It is the biggest and the longest theatre festival in the whole North East India and also the first International Theatre festival of Arunachal Pradesh. Speaking at the inaugural function, Chief Minister Pema Khandu said, Arunachal Pradesh has got talented youth in every field and the only need is to provide a platform for them. In order to promote these talented youth, the government has made various policies and is sponsoring various youth related initiatives in the state. This year's Arunachal Rang Mahotsav ambassador, Actor Pankaj Tripathi was also present on the occasion. Tripathi appreciated the state government's effort and involvement in the promotion of arts and culture. Spread over 14 days, this edition of Arunachal Rang Mahotsav will encompass a wide variety of performing arts including proscenium performance, street theatre and theatre in intimate spaces, showcasing both national and international performances.

TEA:

Finished tea of Tripura Tea Development Corporation Ltd was sold at an average price of 213 rupees per kg at the Guwahati tea auction centre, the highest-ever price earned by the government-run public sector undertaking. The Tripura Tea Development Corporation Ltd for the first time sold the finished tea at an average price. Tripura Tea Development Corporation Ltd Chairman, Samir Ranjan Ghosh said, this is a big achievement not only for corporation but also for hundreds of small tea growers.
