### **NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN**

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## **HEADLINES:-**

- 1. Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh passes away at the age of 92.
- 2. President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and Prime Minister Narendra Modi grieve over the passing away of former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.
- 3. Governors and chief ministers pay tributes to memories of Manmohan Singh.
- 4. Central Government declares seven-day national mourning following passing away of Manmohan Singh.
- 5. President Droupadi Murmu confers Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar on 17 children for exceptional achievements.
- 6. Chief Minister Conrad Sangma congratulates Kisen Wanniang of Meghalaya on receiving Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar for extraordinary bravery.
- 7. Prime Minister Narendra Modi says government's biggest focus in policy is empowering youth.
- 8. Boxing Day observed yesterday, when boxes full of Christmas gifts are opened.

## **NEWS IN ORDER:-**

#### **SINGH**

Former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh passed away in New Delhi last night at the age of 92. He breathed his last at All India Institute of Medical Sciences. Dr Singh, who was finance minister under the then prime minister PV Narasimha Rao, is considered the architect of economic reforms in 1991 that ushered in an era of economic liberalization. Manmohan Singh was prime minister for two terms in the Congress-led UPA government from 2004 to 2014. Born on 26th September 1932, in a village in the Punjab province of undivided India, he served as India's 13th Prime Minister from 2004 to 2014.

#### **CONDOLENCE**

President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and Prime Minister Narendra Modi have expressed grief over the passing of former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. In her message, the President said, that Dr Singh was one of those rare politicians who also straddled the worlds of academia and administration with equal ease. Prime Minister Modi said that India mourns the loss of one of its most distinguished leaders. He also praised Dr Singh's insightful interventions in Parliament and his extensive efforts to improve the lives of people during his tenure as Prime Minister.

#### **CONRAD**

Governors and chief ministers of various states have paid tributes to the memories of former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh who passed away yesterday. In his condolence message, Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma said that Dr Singh's life was a testament to humility, integrity, and unwavering dedication to the nation. His statesmanship and visionary leadership had transformed India's economic landscape, Mr Sangma noted.

### **MOURN**

The Central Government has declared a seven-day national mourning following the passing away of former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh. The national flag will fly at half-mast and all government programmes have been cancelled. Dr Manmohan Singh's last rites will be conducted with full state honours. A meeting of the Union Cabinet is scheduled to be held at 11 AM today to pay tributes to the memories of Dr Manmohan Singh.

#### **CHILDREN**

President Droupadi Murmu conferred the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar on 17 children for their exceptional achievements at a ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan yesterday. From Meghalaya, Kisen Wanniang received the award for his exemplary bravery. Fifteen-year-old Kisen from Mawlangwir village, South West Khasi Hills rescued four children from the Maweitksar River during heavy rains. The son of a single mother, working as a domestic labourer, Kisen was washing clothes by the river when he heard the children's cries for help. Without hesitation and disregarding his own safety, he plunged into the river and courageously saved each child.

#### **CM**

Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma has congratulated Kisen Wanniang from Mawlangwir, South West Khasi Hills, on receiving the Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar for his extraordinary bravery. At just 15, his selfless act of heroism is an inspiration to all and Meghalaya is proud of Kisen, the chief minister said.

## **PM**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said, the government's biggest focus in policy is empowering the youth. Addressing Veer Baal Diwas function at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi yesterday, Mr. Modi highlighted that the world looks at India with hope and expectations because of the power of the youth. The Prime Minister remarked that today, from start-ups to science, sports to entrepreneurship, youth power is driving new revolutions.

## **BOX**

Boxing Day was observed yesterday, when boxes full of Christmas gifts are opened even as Christmas feasts begin. The day after Christmas, the Feast of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr, is better known as Boxing Day. 'Alms boxes' are placed in every church on Christmas Day, into which worshippers place gifts for the poor of the parish, which are opened on Boxing Day. Churches of various denominations are organizing community feasts, which will continue up to the New Year.

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