

# **NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN**

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## **HEADLINES:-**

1. Funeral of former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh is scheduled to take place today; Last rites will be performed with full State honours at Nigambodh Ghat in New Delhi at 11.45am.
2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will share his thoughts with people of the country and abroad in 'Mann Ki Baat' programme on Akashvani on Sunday.
3. Meghalaya emerges as one of key beneficiaries of Tourism Ministry's Swadesh Darshan initiative which aims to develop theme-based tourist circuits across India.
4. Centre comes out with new system to allow cross-border movement for people living within 10 km of Myanmar-Manipur border months after scrapping Free Movement Regime between India and Myanmar.
5. Indigenous Faith and Cultural Society of Arunachal Pradesh begins its silver jubilee this year; Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Jual Oram inaugurates month-long celebration along with Chief Minister Pema Khandu, and State's Home Minister Mama Natung.
6. Meghalaya's involvement in Senior Men's National Football Championship for Santosh Trophy 2024-25 ended after 2-1 defeat by Services in fourth and last quarterfinal in Hyderabad.

## **FUNERAL**

The funeral of former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh is scheduled to take place today. Akashvani Delhi will broadcast the Commentary of the funeral on its FM Rainbow, Indraprastha, Akashvani Live News 24x7' Channels from 11 AM onwards. All primary channels including Capital Stations and All Local Radio Stations of Akashvani will relay this broadcast. Dr. Singh's final journey will commence from Congress headquarters in New Delhi to the cremation ground at Nigambodh Ghat at 9:30 AM. Dr. Manmohan Singh will be accorded a state funeral at 11:45 AM. State mourning has been declared for seven days till 1st January. During this mourning period, the national flag is being flown at half-mast throughout the country. The national flag is also being flown at half-mast in all the Indian missions and high commissions abroad.

## **MANN**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will share his thoughts with the people of the country and abroad in the 'Mann Ki Baat' programme on Akashvani tomorrow. It will be the 117th episode of the monthly radio programme. It will be broadcast on the entire network of Akashvani and Doordarshan, the AIR News website and the Newsonair mobile app. It will also be live-streamed on YouTube channels of AIR News, DD News, PMO and I&B Ministry. Akashvani will broadcast the programme in regional languages immediately after the Hindi broadcast.

## **DARSHAN**

Meghalaya has emerged as one of the key beneficiaries of the Tourism Ministry's Swadesh Darshan initiative, which aims to develop theme-based tourist circuits across India. Meghalaya, along with Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, and Tripura, has been included in the ambitious project to boost tourism infrastructure and promote sustainable travel destinations. Launched in 2014-15, the Swadesh Darshan scheme has now evolved into Swadesh Darshan 2.0, focusing on creating responsible and eco-friendly tourist spots. Under the 2024-25 Budget announcements, the Tourism Ministry has also approved 40 projects across 23 states, including Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, and Tripura, with funding of 3,295.76 crore rupees through the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment.

## **BORDER**

Months after the scrapping of the Free Movement Regime between India and Myanmar, the Centre has come out with a new system to allow cross-border movement for people living within 10 km of the Myanmar-Manipur border. A home ministry letter to Manipur Chief Secretary said that this policy will be regulated from 43 designated border crossing points where Assam Rifles personnel will issue "border passes." The letter further stated that eight pilot entry/exit points would be made functional immediately, while 35 other points would be set up under Phase I and II.

## **SILVER JUBILEE**

The Indigenous Faith and Cultural Society of Arunachal Pradesh is celebrating its silver jubilee this year. The month-long celebration was inaugurated by Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Jual Oram, Chief Minister Pema Khandu, and State's Home Minister Mama Natung yesterday. Themed "Honoring Our Ancestors, Celebrating Our Faith, and Inspiring Future Generations," the celebration is aimed at serving as a platform to honour the traditions and values that define the state's identity. Indigenous communities from across Arunachal came together to display their unique customs, costumes, and traditions, creating a vivid tapestry of the state's heritage. In his address, Union Minister Jual Oram praised the initiatives for promoting indigenous tradition and culture. He said that the Society has set a model for other states to emulate in preserving indigenous identities. Khandu expressed his admiration for the Society's role in promoting and preserving the indigenous faith and culture over the past 25 years and appealed to all to continue to inspire the future generations to cherish their roots. The event featured a kaleidoscope of cultural activities, including traditional dances, soulful music, and sacred rituals, showcasing the state's cultural diversity.

## **SANTOSH TROPHY**

Meghalaya's involvement in the Senior Men's National Football Championship for Santosh Trophy 2024-25 came to an end after a 2-1 defeat at the hands of Services in the fourth and last quarterfinal in Hyderabad yesterday. The defending champions struck twice via Thingnam Bidhyasagar Singh in the 33<sup>rd</sup> minute and Rahul Ramakrishnan in the 46<sup>th</sup> minute but Meghalaya pulled one goal back late through an on target header by Overkindness L Mawnai in the 86<sup>th</sup> minute. The Services have won four including the last three of five meetings in the Santosh Trophy against Meghalaya. Meghalaya bow out with four wins, three draws and two defeats since the preliminary stage began back in November.

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