

# NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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## HEADLINES:-

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will share his thoughts with people of the country and abroad in 'Mann Ki Baat' program on Akashvani at 11 AM today.
2. Mortal remains of former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh consigned to flames with full state honours at Nigam Bodh Ghat in New Delhi.
3. Meghalaya Education Department proposes ambitious plan to introduce 5,000 additional smart classrooms in schools to make education more interactive and accessible to students.
4. Dean of College of Post Graduate Studies in Agricultural Sciences, Umiam, approves relocation of examination center from Guwahati to Umiam in Meghalaya.
5. Manipur Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh condemns indiscriminate firing by militants in Thamnepokpi and Sanasabi areas of Imphal East district.
6. Bodoland Territorial Council in Assam will unveil Vision Document aims at fostering peace, promoting development, and preserving the cultural heritage of the region's 26 ethnic and tribal communities.
7. Strict winter safety protocols are being implemented at Sherathang Check Post in Sikkim requiring all vehicles to carry snow removal equipment and chains to prevent tourists from being stranded in deteriorating conditions after nightfall.

## **MANN**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will share his thoughts with the people of the country and abroad in the 'Mann Ki Baat' program on Akashvani at 11 AM today. It will be the 117th episode of the monthly radio program. The program 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 the YouTube channels of AIR News, DD News, PMO, and Information and Broadcasting Ministry. Akashvani will broadcast the program in regional languages immediately after the Hindi broadcast.

## **LAST RITES**

The mortal remains of former Prime Minister Dr Manmohan Singh were consigned to flames with full state honours at Nigam Bodh Ghat in New Delhi yesterday. Sikh priests and family members of the former Prime Minister recited verses from Gurbani before the last rites. The funeral pyre

was lit by his eldest daughter, Upinder Singh. After the ceremonial guard of honour, President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Minister Rajnath Singh, Amit Shah, Jagat Prakash Nadda, and Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla paid their last respects to the former Prime Minister. Several Congress leaders, including party president Mallikarjun Kharge, Sonia Gandhi, and Rahul Gandhi, offered their tributes. Chief of Army Staff, General Upendra Dwivedi, Chief of Naval Staff Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi, Chief of Air Staff Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh, King of Bhutan Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, and Foreign Minister of Mauritius Dhananjay Ramful also paid tributes to Dr Manmohan Singh.

## **CLASSROOMS**

In Meghalaya, the State Education Department has proposed an ambitious plan to introduce 5,000 additional smart classrooms in schools to make education more interactive and accessible to students across the state. This proposal has been submitted to the Central government, and the state is waiting for approval. Additionally, the state plans to introduce QR code-enabled textbooks for Classes 10 to 12 in key subjects such as Science, Mathematics, and Social Science from the next academic session. This dual initiative is expected to significantly improve educational outcomes and bring innovative tools into the learning process for students in Meghalaya.

## **EXAM**

The Dean of College of Post Graduate Studies in Agricultural Sciences, Umiam, has approved the relocation of the examination center from Guwahati to Umiam in Meghalaya. This decision came after the Employment Monitoring Cell of the Khasi Students' Union met the Dean of and pressed for the relocation of the examination center. In an official statement issued by Dean of the College, Dr. Dwipendra Thakuria, it was announced that candidates who have applied for posts such as Lower Division Clerk, Upper Division Clerk, and Field-cum-Lab Assistant, can now appear for their exams at the College of Post Graduate Studies in Agricultural Sciences, Umiam. The exams are scheduled to take place on January 3 and 4, 2025. PTC NONGPOH = 12

## **MANIPUR**

Manipur Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh yesterday condemned the indiscriminate firing by militants in Thamnepokpi and Sanasabi areas of Imphal East district in which four persons were injured including a video journalist of a television channel. Following the incident, combined security forces conducted search operations in the area, including the Uyok hill range. Additional security forces have been rushed to the affected areas and called for calm and unity in the wake of such challenges.

## **BODOLAND**

In Assam, the Bodoland Territorial Council will unveil a Vision Document aimed at fostering peace, promoting development, and preserving the cultural heritage of the region's 26 ethnic and tribal communities. According to Pramod Boro, Chief of the BTC and President of the United People's Party Liberal, the document will serve as a comprehensive roadmap for addressing critical issues and driving progress in Bodoland. He described the Vision Document as a "New Year gift" for the people of Bodoland. The document will be released tomorrow. Boro hopes that the Vision Document will provide a sustainable development framework for Bodoland, benefiting its diverse communities and contributing to the overall progress of Assam in the coming years.

## **SAFETY**

In Sikkim, strict winter safety protocols are being implemented at the Sherathang Check Post, requiring all vehicles to carry snow removal equipment and chains. The mandatory measures include carrying shovels for emergency snow clearance and installing tyre chains to prevent dangerous skids on icy mountain roads. Officials have set rigid entry and exit timelines, with vehicles required to pass through the 3rd Mile Check Post before 10:30 am and depart by 5:00 pm. The strict schedule aims to prevent tourists from being stranded in deteriorating conditions after nightfall. Vehicle permits must be secured in advance, marking a shift from previous more flexible arrangements.

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