

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- ❖ Ministry of Home Affairs extends deadline for submission of report by three-member judicial inquiry commission which is investigating ongoing violence in Manipur.
- ❖ Assam government bans public consumption of beef in hotels, restaurants, festivals, and community events.
- ❖ Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma unveils foundation stone for Shillong Ropeway project, at Shillong Peak View Point and lays foundation stone for re-development of Orchid Hotel at Polo in Shillong city.
- ❖ Union Ministry of Tourism recently approves 46.48 crore rupees under Special Assistance to States and Union Territories for Capital Investment scheme for development of 'Siang Adventure & Eco-Retreat, Pasighat' in Arunachal Pradesh to make it globally recognised tourist destination.
- ❖ Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma highlights effectiveness of CM-Connect programme in addressing public concerns during outreach event at Nongstoin in West Khasi Hills district.

COMMISSION:

The Ministry of Home Affairs has again extended the deadline for submission of report by the three-member judicial inquiry commission which is investigating the ongoing violence in Manipur. According to a gazette notification issued yesterday, the MHA said, the commission shall submit its report to the Central government as soon as possible but not later than May 20, 2025. The commission was constituted on June 4, 2023 after violence erupted in Manipur on May 3, 2023. The commission is headed by former Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court, Ajai Lamba. The other members are retired IAS officer, Himanshu Shekhar Das and retired IPS officer, Aloka Prabhakar. The commission was tasked with investigating the causes and spread of the violence in Manipur.

BEEF BAN:

In Assam, the state government has banned public consumption of beef with immediate effect. This was announced by Assam Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma after the decision was taken by the state cabinet yesterday. Now the consumption of beef in hotels, restaurants, festivals, and community events has been prohibited. The Chief Minister said that there will be no serving of beef in religious, social, and other public functions, and this provision will be added to strengthen the Assam Cattle Preservation Act of 2021 that bans cattle slaughter and sale of beef in areas where Hindus, Jains, and Sikhs are in the majority, and within a 5 kilometre radius of their places of worship.

ROPEWAY:

Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma yesterday unveiled the foundation stone for the Shillong Ropeway project, at Shillong Peak View Point. This is Meghalaya's first passenger ropeway and it is considered the largest construction project of the Tourism Department, with an estimated cost of 175 crore rupees. Once completed, it will not only provide a lovely and panoramic view of Shillong city but also of the Umiam Lake and beyond. It will also reduce the travel time and traffic congestion in the city, and also boost the tourism sector. In another programme, the Chief Minister also laid the foundation stone for the re-development of Orchid Hotel, Polo, in the presence of Tourism Minister, Paul Lyngdoh.

ARUNACHAL:

Giving a thrust to the tourism infrastructure in Arunachal Pradesh, the Union Ministry of Tourism recently approved 46.48 crore rupees under the Special Assistance to States and Union Territories for Capital Investment scheme for the development of 'Siang Adventure & Eco-Retreat, Pasighat' to make it a globally recognised tourist destination. Expressing gratitude to Union Minister of Culture and Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat for sanctioning the project, Chief Minister Pema Khandu said, the initiative would transform Pasighat into a world-class sustainable tourism hub, showcasing the awesome natural beauty of the State and boosting local livelihoods. The Siang Adventure & Eco Retreat in East Siang district aims to establish a unique eco-friendly resort and adventure hub near the picturesque Abor Country River Camp, situated along the banks of the Siang River in Pasighat.

CM-CONNECT:

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma yesterday highlighted the effectiveness of the CM-Connect programme in addressing public concerns. Launched in February, the CM-Connect initiative offers citizens a platform to raise grievances, ask questions, and provide suggestions directly to the government. The programme integrates online, offline, and IVS platforms, including social media tools like WhatsApp, making it easily accessible for people to reach out. During an outreach event at Nongstoin in West Khasi Hills district, the Chief Minister also responded to specific local demands which include the request for a playground at Mawthungkper village and skill-based training for youth, demand for interest subvention on bank loans for Self-Help Groups and plans to construct the Maweit-Nongjri road, with sanctions expected in the next three months.
