

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- 72nd plenary of North Eastern Council will commence with pre-plenary technical session at Agartala in Tripura from today.
- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister, Pema Khandu says there will be no hydro power projects if people do not desire it, as he reacts to reported protest against Siang Upper Multipurpose Project in Siang district.
- Security forces in Manipur arrest 18 cadres belonging to different banned militant groups during mass combing operation conducted at different places of valley districts.
- Sikkim Governor, Om Prakash Mathur attends flag-in ceremony of National Integration Tour, 2024 at Raj Bhavan in Gangtok.
- Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh inaugurates Good Governance Week Program in Imphal.
- Centre allocates 398 crore rupees for road development projects in Arunachal Pradesh under Central Road and Infrastructure Fund during 2024-25.

NEC:

The 72nd plenary of the North Eastern Council is set to unfold in a series of high-stakes sessions starting from today. Anticipation mounts as this year's second gathering will commence with a pre-plenary technical session at Agartala in Tripura. The city hosts the plenary for the second time since 2008. In the Pre-Plenary Thematic and Technical sessions, Central ministries will showcase their developmental agendas, illuminating the path forward for the North Eastern Region. The main plenary, slated for tomorrow, will be presided over by Union Home Minister and NEC Chairman, Amit Shah, alongside DoNER Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia and Minister of State Dr. Sukanta Majumdar. This session promises a confluence of strategic discussions, with the participation of two NEC members, the Governors, Chief Ministers, Chief Secretaries, and Planning Secretaries of the eight North Eastern states, as well as high-ranking officials. The NEC was established in 1971 and subsequent inauguration in Shillong in 1972 by the then Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi.

KHANDU-PROJECT:

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister, Pema Khandu yesterday said that there will be no hydro power projects, if the people do not desire it. The Chief Minister was reacting to the reported protest against Siang Upper Multipurpose Project in Siang district. Speaking at a function at Boleng in Siang District, Khandu said that 'misinformation' is being circulated to brainwash innocent

villagers against the project, which is still in its pre-initial stage. He said the real objective of the project is to save Ane Siang and the Adi society which is connected with the river since time immemorial. Only after survey and investigation, the location, height and area of the project will be known. Khandu assured that confidence of the last man will be taken for its implementation.

ARREST:

In Manipur, security forces have arrested 18 cadres belonging to different banned militant groups based in the State during the mass combing operation conducted from Wednesday at different places of valley districts. Three belong to KCP (MFL), nine KCP (People's War Group), and six cadres belong to PREPAK groups. A number of arms and ammunition were recovered from the arrested cadres and they are involved in extortion from the general public and business men. In another incident, the security forces busted two camps of banned militant groups set up in Imphal East district and recovered a number of arms and ammunition. Mass combing operations are also continuing in the hill districts.

GOOD GOVERNANCE:

In Manipur, Chief Minister N. Biren Singh inaugurated the Good Governance Week Program in Imphal yesterday. The nationwide campaign "Prashasan Gaon Ki Ore" under Good Governance Week will continue till the 24th of this month. Addressing the inaugural function, Biren said that Good Governance Day is celebrated to commemorate the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee on 25th of December for his statesmanship and visionary leadership. He said that good governance is the delivery of services to the people with transparency and accountability. During the program, laptops were distributed to newly appointed Civil Service Officers of the state.

NATIONAL INTEGRATION TOUR:

Sikkim Governor, Om Prakash Mathur attended the flag-in ceremony of the National Integration Tour, 2024 held at Raj Bhavan in Gangtok yesterday. The National Integration Tour was organized by the Indian Army, Trishakti Corps. This initiative aims to inspire and empower the youth to contribute meaningfully to the nation's growth and development. The Governor presented mementoes to students, acknowledging their enthusiasm and participation in the program and unveiled a photo album documenting the tour.

ROAD-ARUNACHAL:

The Centre has allocated 398 crore rupees for road development projects in Arunachal Pradesh. In a social media post, Road, Transport and Highways Minister, Nitin Gadkari said, the fund has been allocated for 19 State District Road Development projects under the Central Road and Infrastructure Fund during 2024-25. He said, these initiatives aim to enhance last-mile connectivity in border regions, facilitating seamless access and fostering socio-economic growth across the state.
