

**NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN**  
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**HEADLINES:-**

1. Rescue operations continue to locate trapped miners inside illegal rat-hole coal mine at Umrangso.
2. Opposition parties in Assam demand judicial probe for strict action against culprits.\
3. Meghalaya ‘Cabinet Retreat’ at Sohra (Cherrapunjee) to conclude today.
4. Meghalaya Cabinet announces revision of minimum wages across all categories of workers.
5. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma says climate change will substantially decrease if 30 per cent of transport is done through inland waterways
6. Five distinguished individuals from Meghalaya selected to attend Republic Day Parade in New Delhi.
7. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma opens Centenary Jubilee Celebration of Chutwakhu locality, West Jaiñtia Hills.
8. Prime Minister Narendra Modi to participate in Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue in New Delhi tomorrow on occasion of National Youth Day.

**RESCUE**

In Assam, rescue operations by multiple Central and State agencies continue to locate trapped miners inside an illegal rat-hole coal mine at Umrangso in Dima Hasao district. On Monday early morning, the coal miners were trapped inside the 3-kilo Coal Quarry, after a sudden gush of water. The body of a miner was retrieved on Wednesday and eight miners are still missing. An expert rescue team of Western Coalfields Limited from Nagpur arrived at the accident site with a massive submersible pump. The Navy, Army, NDRF, SDRF, ONGC and district administration are trying to trace and rescue the miners trapped inside.

**OPPOSITION**

The Opposition parties in Assam have slammed the State government over the mining tragedy and demanded a judicial probe for strict action against the culprits. Police have already arrested one individual, Punish Nunisa, in connection with the case. The National Green Tribunal had banned rat-hole mining in 2014. However, coal is still extracted by this dangerous method in the Northeast.

**CABINET**

A two-day Meghalaya ‘Cabinet Retreat’ begun at Sohra (Cherrapunjee) yesterday with the objective of providing a platform to government departments to highlight their programs and initiatives. In a step to enhance the stability of agricultural incomes, the cabinet approved the CM-ASSURE scheme. It is a targeted market intervention initiative focused exclusively on non-perishable commodities.

The scheme will address the challenges of price volatility that small and marginal farmers in Meghalaya face, particularly during periods of market downturns.

## **WAGE**

The Meghalaya Cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma, yesterday announced revision of minimum wages across all categories of workers in the state. For unskilled workers, the wages have risen from 419 rupees to 525 rupees, while semi-skilled workers will now receive 565 rupees, up from 474 rupees. Skilled workers' wages have been increased from 530 rupees to 605 rupees, and highly skilled workers will see an increase from 586 rupees to 645 rupees. The cabinet also amended the Meghalaya Building and Other Construction Workers Regulation of Employment and Conditions Rules, 2008. The amendment enhances benefits for the approximately 80,000 to 85,000 registered construction labourers in the state.

## **ASSAM**

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has said that the issue of climate change will substantially decrease if 30 per cent of the transport in the country is done through inland waterways. The Chief Minister was addressing the 2nd Inland Waterways Development Council Meeting in Kaziranga yesterday. He urged all Chief Ministers to take steps to see how much of road and rail transport can be converted to inland waterways. The Chief Minister said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the inland waterways are being reinvented to suit the changing times.

## **DAY**

Five distinguished individuals from Meghalaya have been selected to attend the Republic Day Parade at Kartavya Path, New Delhi. They are part of a special group of 35 representatives from the Northeast, showcasing the region's contributions to the vision of 'Swarnim Bharat'. These special guests include women entrepreneurs, National Award-winners, and beneficiaries of flagship government schemes. Priority has been accorded to those who have not visited Delhi before.

## **CENTENARY**

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma yesterday opened the Centenary Jubilee Celebration of Chutwakhu locality, West Jaiñtia Hills District. He congratulated the Dorbar Chnong (village council) for fostering growth and prosperity in the locality. The chief minister termed them as progressive for leading the way in encouraging women leadership and participation in community welfare as early as 1931. He said that Chutwakhu also gave space for youth organizations to thrive since 1934.

## **PM**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate in the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue 2025 at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi tomorrow on the occasion of National Youth Day, commemorating the birth anniversary of youth icon and one of

the greatest spiritual leaders of India, Swami Vivekananda. Mr. Modi will engage with three thousand dynamic young leaders from across the country.

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