

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

1. President Droupadi Murmu congratulates Indian Council of Agricultural Research for North Eastern Hill Region on its golden jubilee.
2. Farmer's Expo inaugurated by Meghalaya Governor CH Vijayashankar in presence of chief minister Conrad K Sangma and Union minister of agriculture and farmers' welfare Shivraj Singh Chouhan at ICAR Research Complex, Umiam.
3. In Assam, specialized Indian Navy divers continue their rescue efforts to evacuate workers trapped in a coal mine at Umrangso in Dima Hasao.
4. In a Griha Pravesh ceremony in Guwahati, 50,000 families allotted new homes under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.
5. Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh expresses concern about lack of records and documentation on state's history.
6. Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council to convene special meeting on 18th January.
7. Government of Meghalaya to hold Cabinet Retreat at Sohra today and tomorrow.

ICAR

President Droupadi Murmu congratulated the Indian Council of Agricultural Research for North Eastern Hill Region on its golden jubilee yesterday through a recorded speech. She congratulated the Institute for its "unparalleled service and dedication". The president commented that ICAR has developed hundreds of varieties of crops, livestock, and climate-resilient technologies suited to the agro-climatic conditions of the northeast that help enhance food security and livelihood security in the region. There is a need for documentation and validation of indigenous resources, germplasm conservation, and pairing local knowledge with modern technologies, the president underscored.

FARMERS

On the occasion of the golden jubilee of the ICAR at Umiam, Ri-Bhoi district yesterday, a Farmer's Expo was inaugurated by Meghalaya Governor CH Vijayashankar, in the presence of chief minister Conrad K Sangma, Union minister of agriculture and farmers' welfare, Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Director General, ICAR, Himanshu Pathak. Chief Minister Sangma said that the ICAR has been a

“torchbearer for innovation”, which has been addressing numerous issues and efforts to enhance food security and empower farmers with global edge technology. Union agriculture minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan mentioned that Meghalaya’s biodiversity is a “wealth to the region” and added that a roadmap needed to be worked out tirelessly. Governor Vijayashankar emphasized that India is an agrarian country where “agriculture lies in the heart of the people and economy”.

MINE

In Assam, specialised Indian Navy divers continue their rescue efforts with advanced technology to evacuate at least eight workers trapped at the coal mine at Umrangso in Dima Hasao. The divers retrieved the body of a trapped coal miner from the flooded mine on Thursday. On Monday, water entered the illegal rat-hole coal mine with the water level reaching up to 100 feet.

HOUSING

In a Griha Pravesh ceremony at Sarusajai Stadium in Guwahati yesterday, 50,000 families were allotted new homes under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana by Union Minister of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, Shivraj Singh Chouhan. Mr Chouhan said that the Centre has approved over 3 lakh additional houses for the current financial year. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma praised the progress made under the PMAY scheme.

MANIPUR

Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh has expressed concern about lack of records and documentation on the state’s history. He said that historical records could help preserve the culture and traditions of the state and educate the youth with the knowledge of history. Speaking at the film screening of ‘Chahi Taret Khuntakpa’ (Seven Years’ Devastation) at the Kangla hall yesterday, the Chief Minister expressed the need to imbibe the sense of nationalism among the youth. They should be reminded on how the forefathers of Manipur fought hard to regain the freedom and sovereignty of the state, he emphasized. The film screening programme was organized by Manipur State Archaeology under the department of Art and Culture.

MEET

The Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council will convene a special meeting to discuss the implementation of the Administration of Elaka Amendment Act 2023 and the Khasi Social Custom of Lineage Amendment Act 2023. The meeting will be held at Polo Ground in Shillong on the 18th of this month. Spokesperson of the assembly of clan leaders, Erwin K Syiem Sutnga said that the special meeting has been convened for the Hima, Dorbar Shnong, Rangbah, Seng/Dorbar Kur, Seng Kynthei, and Seng Samla of the Khasi Hills districts. This meeting is crucial and definitive in clarifying the implementation of the new laws introduced by the KHADC that aim to expand and uphold the traditions and heritage of the Khasi-Jaintia community.

RETREAT

The Government of Meghalaya will be holding a Cabinet Retreat at Sohra (Cherrapunjee) today and tomorrow, which will be attended by the Chief Minister and his Cabinet and Senior Officials of the State Government. The objective of the

retreat is to provide a platform to Government Departments wherein they can highlight their programs and initiatives and also to discuss the gaps through which collaborative effort can be taken to achieve the desired goals and objectives.
