

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Union Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman says government is committed to get Manipur back to normalcy while replying to discussion on bills related to Manipur Budget in Rajya Sabha.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma directs for comprehensive audit and inspection of all industrial units in Byrnihat area which has been ranked as most polluted town in the world.
- Election Commission will soon initiate technical consultations with regard to linking voter ID with Aadhaar.
- Arrests have been made in connection with food poisoning incident in Karnataka where two minor students from Meghalaya have died; Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma informs that state government officials are in Karnataka to assist affected families and coordinate with local authorities.
- Directorate of Youth Affairs of Meghalaya sends 82 youth to participate in North East Youth Festival 2025, being held at Gangtok in Sikkim from 17th to 20th of this month.
- India's senior men football team will play their first-ever international match in Meghalaya facing Maldives in FIFA International Friendly at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Shillong today.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

NIRMALA-MANIPUR

Union Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman said that the government is committed to get Manipur back to normalcy. Replying to a discussion on the bills related to Manipur Budget in the Rajya Sabha yesterday, she said, everyone wants the state to prosper and grow like other states. The Minister said, Manipur is a border state and since many decades it has gone through a crisis. The Union Minister said, every government has handled it with sensitivity.

POLLUTION

Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma has directed for a comprehensive audit and inspection of all industrial units in Byrnihat area which has been ranked as the most polluted area in the world. The Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board will undertake the comprehensive audit and inspection of all industrial units on Meghalaya side while Assam will initiate action and steps for audit and inspection of their industrial units in Byrnihat area on the Assam side. The

Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board, Shillong will submit its action taken report within seven days to the Meghalaya Forest and Environment Department. In fact, there are 20 industries in Byrnihat on the side of Assam under "Red category" as compared to 5 such industries in Byrnihat on the side of Meghalaya. Earlier, Meghalaya has also urged Assam for collaborative action as most of the polluting industries of red category are in Assam side.

VOTER ID-AADHAAR

The Election Commission yesterday said that it will soon initiate the technical consultations with regard to linking voter ID with Aadhaar. The technical consultations will take place between UIDAI and experts of the Election Commission. This decision was taken during the meeting chaired by the Chief Election Commissioner, Gyanesh Kumar with secretaries from the Home Ministry, Legislative Department, and the CEO of UIDAI in New Delhi. The Commission will take action as per provisions of Article 326, Representation of the People's Act, 1950 and relevant Supreme Court judgements, for linking EPIC with Aadhaar. As per Article 326 of the constitution of India, voting rights can only be given to a citizen of India, while an Aadhaar card only establishes the identity of a person.

FOOD POISONING

Arrests have been made in connection with the food poisoning incident in Karnataka where two minor students from Meghalaya have died. Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma yesterday informed that the Commissioner and Secretary (Home) Cyril V Diengdoh, along with other government officials, is in Karnataka to assist the affected families and coordinate with local authorities. Both boys were among the 23 students from Meghalaya who were residing in a hostel where the tragedy occurred. The affected students have been hospitalized by the local district administration. The Meghalaya government has announced an ex-gratia of 3 lakh rupees for the families of the deceased and has assured full medical support for those undergoing treatment.

YOUTH

The Directorate of Youth Affairs of Meghalaya has sent 82 youth to participate in the North East Youth Festival 2025, being held at Gangtok in Sikkim from the 17th to 20th of this month. The selected participants will showcase their talents in various competitions, including traditional singing and dancing, quiz competition, rock band, one-act plays, guitar competitions, and other cultural events. The festival promises to be an exciting celebration of North Eastern talent, with the Meghalaya team comprises of youth from Khasi Jaintia and Garo Hills.

FOOTBALL MATCH

India's senior men football team are making history as they play their first-ever international match in Meghalaya facing Maldives in a FIFA International Friendly at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, in Shillong today. The match serves as

crucial preparation for both teams ahead of their AFC Asian Cup 2027 Qualifiers. The crowd will be able to witness Sunil Chhetri in his form playing in international football. Traffic regulations and arrangements in Shillong have been made in view of today's match.
