

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia reviews the status of various projects currently underway in Manipur.
- Meghalaya's East Khasi Hills District Magistrate promulgates an Order under Section 163 BNSS that prohibits the illegal killing of fishes and environmental degradation in the Umiam River.
- Today, Christians around the world are observing the Good Friday to commemorate the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ.
- Meghalaya's Deputy Commissioner (Supply) of Eastern West Khasi Hills District issues strict directive to all government employees including Adhoc and Deficit teachers to surrender ration cards.
- The annual Shri Shri Charantala Kali Puja and Mela at Babedpara in West Garo Hills attracts devotees from across India and neighboring countries.

CONFERENCE

Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia yesterday chaired a meeting at the conference hall of Raj Bhavan in Imphal and reviewed the status of various projects currently underway in Manipur. During the meeting which was also attended by the Governor of Manipur Ajay Kumar Bhalla, Scindia highlighted several areas that require focussed attention for the development of Manipur including handicrafts and handloom, sports, tourism, international trade, agriculture- particularly palm oil farming in the region. He also directed officials present at the meeting to accelerate the pace of key infrastructure projects such as universities, Manipur IT-SEZ, mental hospital, maternity and child hospital. Later, the Governor of Manipur along with the Union Minister chaired a meeting of the High Level Task Force on Sports for the North Eastern Region. The Chief Minister of Mizoram and Nagaland along with the higher government officials of these states attended the meet via video conferencing. During the meeting various initiatives aimed at developing the region's sports sector were discussed.

ORDER

In Meghalaya, the East Khasi Hills District Magistrate has promulgated an Order under Section 163 BNSS prohibiting the illegal killing of fishes and environmental degradation in the Umiam River falling within the boundary of Umlyngka village cause through poisonous chemicals & explosive substances including bleaching powder, ammonium-sulphate, pesticides, dynamite and fishing nets by any persons. This Order is necessitated following reports that miscreants are rampantly killing fishes along Umiam River within the boundary of Umlyngka village and the adjoining areas through haphazard chemicals that can cause irreversible damage to the river and endanger the aquatic lives therein unless prevented. Any violation to this Order shall be prosecuted under Section 223 of the BNS. This order comes into force with immediate effect and remains in force till further orders.

AADHAAR

The Deputy Commissioner of Eastern West Khasi Hills District, Smti. Anita Kharpor, has urged the public to enroll for Aadhaar and link it with various government services in order to avail benefits provided by both the State and Central governments. Speaking to the media, Smti. Kharpor emphasized the importance of Aadhaar, noting that it is essential for accessing schemes such as ration distribution, nutrition programs for children and pregnant women under ICDS, and services provided through Anganwadi Centres. She also mentioned that Aadhaar is required for facilitating access to educational benefits for school children. She further stated that while some individuals remain reluctant, her office, through the respective Block Development Officers (BDOs), has been regularly visiting villages to raise awareness about the significance of Aadhaar and the necessity of linking it with government services.

GOOD FRIDAY

Today, Christians around the world are observing the Good Friday to commemorate the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ. It is a day of deep sorrow and reflection for Christians. While it is a day of mourning, it is also a day of hope, as it precedes the celebration of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday, which signifies redemption and eternal life. Good Friday is a day of solemn observance, with many Christians engaging in fasting, prayer, and church services to remember Jesus' suffering and death.

DIRECTIVE

Meghalaya's Deputy Commissioner (Supply) of Eastern West Khasi Hills District has issued a strict directive addressing all government employees including Adhoc and Deficit teachers within the district who are still availing benefits under the National Food Security Act (NFSA) as per the Social Economic Caste Census (SECC) of 2011. The directive highlights that it has been 14 years since the completion of that census, and it has come to light that some government employees are still holding ration cards under the NFSA. This is a violation of the rules, which clearly state that government employees are not eligible to possess NFSA ration cards. Therefore, all government employees, including Adhoc and Deficit staff, are strongly urged to immediately surrender their ration cards.

PUJA

In Meghalaya, the annual Shri Shri Charantala Kali Puja and Mela was held at Babedpara under Selsella C&RD Block in West Garo Hills, attracting lakhs of devotees from across India and neighboring countries. The religious fair, which has become a major site of religious tourism with massive crowds gathering to offer prayers and seek blessings from Goddess Kali. Organizers estimated that the footfall of devotees reached several lakhs during the three-day event.
