

HEADLINES:-

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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Rising North East Investors Summit in New Delhi today.
- Central Government announces a four percent reservation in the allotment of Central Government housing to persons with disabilities.
- Justice Kempaiha Somashekar sworn-in as the ninth Chief Justice of the High Court of Manipur.
- Normal affected badly in Manipur due to the 48 hours general strike called on by the Co-ordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity.
- NEHU Teachers' Association announces that the Union Ministry of Education is actively working to resolve the ongoing deadlock at North-Eastern Hill University.

PRESIDENT

President Droupadi Murmu has conferred six Kirti Chakras, including four posthumous, and 33 Shaurya Chakras, including seven posthumous, to the personnel of the Armed Forces, Central Armed Police Forces and State and Union Territory Police during Phase-I of the Defence Investiture Ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhawan. The Gallantry awards were given to the personnel for displaying raw courage, unparalleled bravery and total disregard to personal safety in the line of duty. The awardees showed exceptional courage during various operations, including counter-terrorism and counter-insurgency operations in Jammu & Kashmir and the North-East, anti-piracy operations, and fire-fighting operations. The Kirti Chakra is awarded for acts of bravery, self-sacrifice, and conspicuous gallantry that are not directly in the face of the enemy. The Shaurya Chakra is awarded to individuals who demonstrate exceptional courage and bravery in situations where they are not directly facing an enemy.

SUMMIT

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Rising North East Investors Summit in New Delhi today. The two-day summit aims to highlight the North East Region as a land of opportunity and attract global and domestic investment. The summit will include ministerial sessions, Business-to-Government sessions and meetings, startups and exhibitions of policy, and related initiatives taken by the State Government and Central ministries for investment promotion. The main focus sectors of investment promotion include Tourism and Hospitality, Agro-Food Processing and allied sectors; Textiles, Handloom, and Handicrafts, Healthcare, Education and Skill Development, Information Technology and its enabled Services, Infrastructure and Logistics, Energy, and Entertainment and Sports. The two-day event also marks the culmination of various pre-summit activities, such as series of roadshows, and states' roundtables including Ambassador's Meet and Bilateral Chambers Meet organized by the central government with support from the state governments of the North Eastern Region.

SCHEME

The Central government yesterday announced a four percent reservation in the allotment of central government housing to persons with disabilities, marking a substantial move towards equity, dignity, and accessibility in public services. The Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry, in a statement, informed that it issued an office memorandum to ensure fair access to central government residential accommodations for persons with disabilities. It added that the initiative reflects the government’s dedication to the empowerment of every citizen and also strengthens the foundation of an inclusive and accessible India.

JUSTICE

Justice Kempaiha Somashekar was sworn in as the ninth Chief Justice of the High Court of Manipur. The swearing-in ceremony was held at the Darbar Hall of Raj Bhavan in Imphal. The Governor of Manipur- Ajay Kumar Bhalla administered the oath of office to Justice Kempaiah Somashekar. The President of India on 20th May, 2025 appointed Justice Kempaiah Somashekar of Karnataka High Court as the Chief Justice of the High Court of Manipur. He replaced the Chief Justice, Justice D Krishnakumar who retired yesterday.

BANDH

In Manipur, normal life has been affected badly in the valley district due to the 48 hours general strike called on by the Co-ordinating Committee on Manipur Integrity (COCOMI), an apex body of civil society organisations based in the valley district of the State. The general strike was called in protest against the act of central security forces who asked a team of journalists to hide the word Manipur from the signage of Manipur State Transport bus in which the journalists were travelling to Shirui Lily Festival in Ukhrul district. Large number of protestors came on the street supporting the general strike yesterday. The transportation has been badly hampered and shops and business establishments remained shut in the day. Additional security arrangements have been put in place to prevent any untoward incident.

NEHU

The NEHU Teachers' Association (NEHUTA) announced yesterday that the Union Ministry of Education is actively working to resolve the ongoing deadlock at North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU). The ministry is currently reviewing the report submitted by a two-member inquiry committee. NEHUTA held a meeting with Additional Secretary Sunil Kumar Barnwal and Director Subrat Kumar Pradhan from the Department of Higher Education to assess and discuss the prevailing situation at the university. Following the meeting, NEHUTA President Lakhon Kma emphasized the association’s commitment to restoring normalcy on campus. He informed reporters that the ministry has been working on certain measures to address the crisis.
