

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

1. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announces immediate financial aid of twenty-five thousand rupees for families affected by gas leak at ONGC's well at Bhatiapar village.
2. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma inaugurates Chitmang Chaiwat nature-based Glamping Project at Badri Rongdong.
3. Reconstruction of crime sequence leading to murder of Indore tourist Raja Raghuvanshi created at Wei Sawdong, Sohra in Meghalaya.
4. New dedicated tourist taxi-stand inaugurated at Anjali, Shillong.
5. Sikkim government to replace 23-seater MI-172 helicopter with 10-seater aircraft.
6. Fourteen fresh COVID-19 cases detected in Manipur.
7. Union Minister of State for Science & Technology Jitendra Singh says northeast will play key role in driving India's growth.

GAS

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma yesterday announced an immediate financial aid of twenty-five thousand rupees from the Chief Minister's Relief Fund for the families affected by the ongoing gas leak at ONGC's well at Bhatiapar village, Sivasagar district. The leak, which began on 12th June has displaced about 350 families, forcing them into temporary relief camps. The area remains hazardous due to the continuous high-pressure gas discharge.

MEGHALAYA

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma yesterday inaugurated the Chitmang Chaiwat nature-based Glamping Project at Badri Rongdong in South Garo Hills district. The chief minister emphasized the importance of balancing environment and development, highlighting the government's commitment to sustainable growth. The Chitmang Chaiwat Eco-Tourism Project has transformed 21.48-hectares of land, previously scarred by unsustainable practices, into a thriving eco-tourism destination. The project is expected to create jobs, promote local economic growth, and showcase Meghalaya's natural beauty.

SCENE

A reconstruction of the crime sequence leading to the murder of Indore tourist Raja Raghuvanshi was created at Wei Sawdong, Sohra in Meghalaya

yesterday. All the five accused persons including the victim's wife Sonam were sent to police custody for investigation into the murder. Police said that during interrogation, Sonam admitted to being part of the crime to kill her husband. Investigation to ascertain the motives behind the crime is on.

TAXI

In a significant move to promote tourism and ensure safer and more convenient travel for visitors, a new dedicated tourist taxi stand was inaugurated at Anjali, near the Jowai parking lot, Shillong, yesterday. The stand, which will cater primarily to tourists visiting the Mawkynrew region, was formally launched by local MLA Banteidor Lyngdoh in the presence of officials and members of the Jongksha Tourist Taxi Owners & Drivers Association. The Association, which operates 23 tourist vehicles across areas like Jongksha, Mawkynrew, Nongjrong, Syntung, and other scenic locations, will use the new stand as a central pickup and drop-off point for tourists exploring the hill regions of the Khasi-Jaintia Hills.

SIKKIM

The Government of Sikkim has decided to replace its large 23-seater MI-172 helicopter provided by Sky One Airways with a smaller 10-seater aircraft from some other aviation agency. The reasons behind the proposed replacement include poor passenger response, high operational costs, and limited landing access. Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Tourism and Civil Aviation, Government of Sikkim C.S. Rao said the government hopes to finalize the new service during the current off-season, so that the 10-seater helicopter can be launched by the upcoming tourist season, around Dussehra.

MANIPUR

In Manipur, 14 fresh COVID-19 cases were detected and the number of active cases increased to 33 yesterday. According to the Directorate of Health Services, Manipur, 43 samples were tested for COVID-19 yesterday, of which 14 were found positive. Imphal West is the highest Covid-19 affected district, health officials said.

NAGALAND

Union Minister of State for Science & Technology, Earth Sciences, Dr Jitendra Singh, yesterday said the northeast will play a key role in driving India's growth. Dr Singh, who is on a visit to Nagaland, lauded the resilience and contribution of the Naga people towards India's growth journey. He said that the Northeast, particularly states like Nagaland, would play a pivotal role in India's emergence as a global power. The minister made the remark after launching the nationwide Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan at Wokha Village. The Union minister urged the youth of Nagaland to embrace innovation and technology-driven agriculture.

FAITH

Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar has nominated Member of Parliament from Nagaland, S Phangnon Konyak, to attend the Second

Parliamentary Conference on Interfaith Dialogue, to be held in Rome, Italy, from 19th to 21st June. Sharing the news on X, Ms Konyak said she was looking forward to taking part at the global conference, a significant step towards embracing inclusivity, dialogue and harmony across faiths and cultures. The event is being organised by the Inter-Parliamentary Union and the Italian Parliament in cooperation with Religions for Peace.
