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HEADLINES:-

- Prime Minister, Narendra Modi highlights unique Eri Silk of Meghalaya in 123rd episode of Mann Ki Baat broadcast to celebrate India's rich diversity of arts, crafts and traditional skill.
- Rail services to southern Assam, Tripura and other states partially restored after one week of Lumding-Badarpur hill section affected by multiple landslides.
- Tripura government sets target for branding GI-tagged Queen variety of pineapples for global fruit markets.
- Package-1 of Shillong-Dawki road in Meghalaya that links with Bangladesh will be completed by December this year.
- Sikkim gets another national highway after ministry of road transport and highways officially designates 23-kilometre stretch from Melli to Singtam as national highway 210.
- Death of pigs due to African Swine Fever continues in Mizoram with 17 pigs succumbing to the disease across five places in Siaha district.
- Kailash Mansarovar Yatra begins today after five years via Nathula Pass in Sikkim and Lipulekh Pass in Uttarakhand.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

MANN KI BAAT

Prime Minister, Narendra Modi highlighted the unique Eri Silk of Meghalaya, which has recently received the prestigious Geographical Indication (GI) Tag. The Prime Minister highlighted this in the 123rd episode of Mann Ki Baat broadcast yesterday celebrating India's rich diversity of arts, crafts and traditional skill. Recognising India's rich tradition of arts, crafts, and indigenous skills, Modi emphasised how each region of the country carries its own identity and legacy through local products. Among these, Eri Silk from Meghalaya stands out as a symbol of sustainability, tradition, and craftsmanship. He said that Eri Silk is not just a fabric; it is a heritage of Meghalaya, lovingly preserved and enriched over generations, especially by the Khasi community. Modi lauded the women of Meghalaya who are leading the way by forming Self Help Groups to scale up production, preserve the craft, and generate sustainable livelihoods. He also congratulated the people of Meghalaya on this remarkable achievement and encouraged citizens across India to support such indigenous products. Calling upon the nation to embrace Khadi, handlooms, and handicrafts, the Prime Minister reiterated the spirit of Vocal for Local and Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan.

RAIL

Rail services to southern Assam, Tripura and other states have been partially restored yesterday, almost a week after the Lumding-Badarpur hill section was affected by multiple landslides. Northeast Frontier Railway officials said that limited train operations are being allowed for the time being, with normalisation of movement expected by today. The first goods train and first passenger train (Kanchenjunga Express) crossed the landslide-affected location at Jatinga Lampur after restoration. Goods trains carrying petroleum products and food grains to Tripura and the Barak Valley will be prioritised for movement along the section.

PINEAPPLES

The Tripura government has set a target for branding GI-tagged Queen variety of pineapples for global fruit markets. Tripura agriculture minister, Ratan Lal Nath said that branding and strategic marketing will be done as part of a 132 crore rupees project promised by the Union Ministry of DoNER. Nath said that Tripura produced approximately 1,74,016 metric tonnes of pineapples annually. Out of this, around 10,000 metric tonnes constitute the marketable surplus that meets quality and size standards for sale and export. The Tripura government had earlier exported the pineapples to Dubai, Holland and some other markets.

ROAD

In Meghalaya, package-1 of the Shillong-Dawki road that links with Bangladesh will be completed by December this year. The package-1 which is a four-lane, starts from Rilbong to Upper Shillong. Deputy Chief Minister, in charge PWD, Prestone Tynsong has informed that work is progressing well and if everything goes as per plan, the road would be completed by December. The NHIDCL is implementing the road project and once completed, it would provide a major sigh of relief to from the increasing traffic in the area.

ASF

In Mizoram, the death of pigs due to African Swine Fever continued with 17 pigs succumbing to the disease across five places in Siaha district yesterday. According to the state Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Department data, the number of pigs casualty linked to the African Swine Fever outbreak now stands at 5,044. The authorities have officially declared 73 localities and villages across four districts- Siaha, Lawngtlai, Lunglei and Mamit as infected zones.

NH

Sikkim has got another national highway The decision, after a gazette notification was formalised by the ministry of road transport and highways officially designating the 23-kilometre stretch from Melli to Singtam as national highway 210 (NH-210). The newly declared NH-210 originates at the Teesta Bridge junction in Melli—where it intersects with NH-710—and passes through Mamring and Samardong before joining NH-510 near Singtam.

YATRA

The Kailash Mansarovar Yatra is beginning today, after a gap of five years. This year, the yatra will be conducted via the Nathula Pass in Sikkim and the Lipulekh Pass in

Uttarakhand. The pilgrimage holds deep spiritual significance for Hindus, Jains, and Buddhists, as Mount Kailash is considered the abode of Lord Shiva. The Sikkim government has been enhancing infrastructure, including acclimatisation centres, to ensure pilgrims’ safety.
