

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES

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- In Arunachal Pradesh, seven people lost their lives in a devastating landslide on the National Highway-13 between Bana and Seppa in East Kameng district.
- In Mizoram, at least 5 people died in multiple landslides across the state.
- In Nagaland, all seven legislators of the Nationalist Congress Party merged with the ruling Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party in the 60-member State Assembly.
- Nagaland joins the rest of the world in observing World No Tobacco Day.
- Meghalaya's West Garo Hills District Magistrate issues an order under Section 163 BNSS for protecting the environment and water pollution in the district.

WOMEN

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that operation Sindoor has become a symbol of India's women power. Addressing a public rally in Bhopal yesterday, he said that India will not tolerate any form of proxy war and is determined to respond firmly to such acts of terror. The Prime Minister was addressing the Women Empowerment Maha Sammelan organized on the 300th birth anniversary of Lokmata Devi Ahilya Bai at Jamboori Maidan in Bhopal. He said that Operation Sindoor has become a symbol of India's bravery. The terrorists had challenged the power of women. Referring to the public welfare schemes of the government, the Prime Minister highlighted the public welfare schemes inspired by the ideals of Lokmata Devi Ahilyabai Holkar. He said the government is following her mantra of "Nagarik Devo Bhava" in its governance and has made Women-Led Development the foundation of national progress.

RAIN

In Arunachal Pradesh, seven people have lost their lives in a devastating landslide triggered by heavy rainfall on the National Highway-13 between Bana and Seppa in East Kameng district on Friday night. Sources said the vehicle was en route to Seppa when the rain-triggered landslide struck, causing it to plunge off the road. All seven occupants were killed. Rescue teams have recovered the bodies, but their identities are yet to be confirmed. Arunachal Pradesh Home Minister, Mama Natung in a social media post expressed deep sorrow over the loss of lives in the incident. The Minister has urged citizens to remain cautious during the monsoon season and avoid travel during nights, especially in landslide-prone areas.

LANDSLIDE

In Mizoram, at least 5 people died in multiple landslides across the state. Mizoram has witnessed incessant rain for the last three days, causing landslides in various parts of the state. In Champhai District, at least 3 people were killed in a landslide that took place at Vaphai village near Indo-Myanmar border yesterday morning. In Serchhip District, one person died and several houses were destroyed due to a landslide that took place this morning. Report said that National Highway 54 between Serchhip – Aizawl is being blocked due to a massive landslide on the highway. In Lawngtlai District, Several people were feared dead after seven houses, including a hotel, collapsed due to a landslide triggered by heavy rain in south Mizoram's Lawngtlai town, officials said. Official sources indicated that one person who was trapped in the debris was rescued safely and efforts are on to retrieve another person who was trapped under the debris.

MERGER

In a major political development in Nagaland, all seven legislators of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), have merged with the ruling Nationalist Democratic Progressive Party, raising the NDPP strength to 32 in the 60-member State Assembly. Minister for Parliamentary Affairs and senior NDPP leader, KG Kenye informed the media yesterday night, that the NCP MLAs had submitted their merger application to the Assembly Speaker, who formally accepted it. Mr Kenye said the move strengthens Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio's leadership and aligns the legislators with a state-centric party that is better positioned to address local issues. He cited constraints within the NCP's national structure as a key reason as a key factor behind the decision. While dismissing any immediate change in seat-sharing arrangements with coalition partners, Mr Kenye noted that future elections may require a re-evaluation of existing agreements.

TOBACCO

Nagaland joined the rest of the world in observing World No Tobacco Day, with various awareness programmes held across different schools. At an event held at Dr. Neilhouzhü Kire Government Higher Secondary School in Kohima, Dr. Reyosalu Lase Vizo, Joint Director (Dental) and State Nodal Officer of the National Oral Health Programme, Nagaland, highlighted that while the state does not cultivate tobacco commercially, it is grappling with a public health crisis due to high levels of tobacco consumption. She revealed that about 35 percent of children aged between 13 and 15 in Nagaland use tobacco in either smoked or smokeless forms. Clinical Psychologist Ruokuotuonuo Rutsa, from the District Mental Health Programme, Naga Hospital Authority Kohima, spoke about how tobacco products are deliberately designed to appeal to youth.

ORDER

In Meghalaya, the District Magistrate of West Garo Hills, Tura, has issued an order under Section 163 BNSS, which aimed at protecting the environment and preventing water pollution in the district. The order strictly prohibits all individuals and entities from disposing of waste directly into streams within the jurisdiction of West Garo Hills, as per Section 24 of the Water (Prevention and Control of Pollution) Act, 1974. This act prohibits the use of any stream or well for disposing of polluting matter, and the order ensures its strict adherence. All Market Committees under the West Garo Hills District have been directed to

comply with the Water Act and ensure that no waste is disposed of directly into streams, wells, or other water bodies. They are also tasked with closely monitoring and regulating waste disposal practices within market premises to prevent any violations.
