

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

1. Customs NER foils major drugs smuggling attempts in three separate operations leading to seizures of Methamphetamine tablets and Heroin valued at 30.17 crore rupees.
2. Narcotics worth 15 crore rupees seized in recent operations in Nagaland; five individuals arrested in connection with these cases.
3. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma lays foundation for 156 crore rupees Additional Secretariat Complex at Dakopgre in Tura, West Garo Hills district.
4. Sikkim Governor, Om Prakash Mathur flags off Kailash Mansarovar Yatra from Nathula pass today; first batch consists of 36 pilgrims along with two officials of Ministry of External Affairs.
5. People living near gas well in Assam's Sivasagar district fear of possible disaster as gas leak continues from ONGC crude oil well; experts from US will arrive to control the blow out.
6. Manipur records 16 fresh COVID-19 cases as active cases increase to 51 till date.

NEWS IN ORDER:- **CUSTOMS**

In a crackdown against illicit drugs trafficking, officers of the Customs Preventive, North Eastern Region have successfully intercepted three smuggling attempts and seized substantial quantities of Methamphetamine and Heroin worth 30.17 crore rupees and one person has been arrested. The first operation carried out at Panibhora on the Mizoram–Silchar road led to the seizure of 79 soap cases containing 885.56 grams of suspected heroin and 15 boxes containing 15 kg of suspected methamphetamine tablets from an abandoned Mahindra Bolero. The total seizure valued at 22.15 crore rupees. In another operation near Bachaibari, Kamalpur-Khowai road in Tripura, the rider of a two-wheeler was found carrying 4 big packets containing 4 kgs of reddish pink tablets in his backpack to be delivered in Agartala. The total seizure valued at 4.02 crore rupees. The third operation by Customs officers of Singerbil CPF, Agartala led to the seizure of a consignment suspected to be Amphetamine (Yaba) Tablets weighing 4 kgs. These operations underscore the Customs department's unwavering commitment to combating the menace of drugs smuggling and protecting the nation from illegal narcotics.

NAGALAND

In a major breakthrough in the fight against drugs, Nagaland Police seized narcotics worth 15 crore rupees in recent operations. Five individuals were also arrested in connection with these cases. In a statement, Nagaland Deputy Chief Minister Y Patton congratulated the Nagaland Police on the remarkable achievement under the leadership of DGP Rupin Sharma. Patton, who is also in-charge of Home said, these achievements reflect the commitment, vigilance, and teamwork of the police force in tackling drug-related offences.

ADDITIONAL SECRETARIAT

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma yesterday laid the foundation for the Additional Secretariat Complex at Dakopgre in Tura, West Garo Hills district. The 156 crore rupees project, is an outcome of the long felt aspiration of the people of Garo Hills. Terming the project as ‘historic’ for the people of the state and particularly Garo Hills, Sangma said, the Additional Secretariat Complex is not just a building but a testament to the fulfilment of the aspirations of our people. The Chief Minister also informed the gathering on the progress of the new Secretariat building in Shillong with an estimated amount of 1,800 crore rupees. In another programme, the Chief Minister attended the Education Conclave at Tura, where he engaged with stakeholders and government officials on interventions to upscale the standard of education in the state. During the conclave, an MoU was signed with Mothers’ Union Tura for management of 20 government LP schools.

YATRA

In Sikkim, the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra will be flagged off by Governor Om Prakash Mathur from Nathula pass at 8.45 am today. The yattris will go by bus mostly but at some places, they have to also walk. They will do Kailash parikrama first at nearly 17 thousand feet altitude and then Mansarovar parikrama at 15 thousand altitude. Before going for the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra, all the pilgrims have spent 5 days at three different places in Sikkim for acclimitisation. The first batch consists of 36 pilgrims along with two officials of the Ministry of External Affairs. A total of 10 batches will visit Kailash Mansarovar from Nathula this year. Each batch will take 11 to 12 days to complete the pious journey.

GAS

In Assam, people living near a gas well in Sivasagar district feared of a possible disaster as gas leak continues from a well of the Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Limited (ONGC). The ONGC yesterday said that it was awaiting for experts from the US to control the gas leak. Assam Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma has urged Union Petroleum Minister Hardeep S. Puri to direct the ONGC to step up efforts to contain the blowout. At least 330 villagers have been provided shelter in a nearby school as soon as the gas well blew out on the 12th of this month.

RAINS

In Sikkim, many parts of the state witnessed a downpour yesterday. Rains, along with landslides, have also been reported in a few places. Vehicle movement was affected on the Namchi -Jorethang road due to landslides. A low-pressure area over southwest Bangladesh and adjoining Gangetic West Bengal had been reported by the Indian Meteorological Department.

COVID-19

In Manipur, 16 fresh COVID-19 cases have been detected and the active case has increased to 51 till date. The first case of COVID-19 positive was found on the 8 of this month and the number of positive cases has been increasing day by day. Out of these 16 cases, eight were from Imphal East district, seven from Imphal West district and one from Tengnoupal district. So far, 185 samples have been tested since the beginning of this month and the positive rate is 42.1 percent as on date.
