

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Mizoram Governor, Vijay Kumar Singh summons monsoon session of State Legislative Assembly from August 27.
- Tripura Tea Planters Association holds meeting with Chief Minister, Dr Manik Saha to boost Tripura's tea industry.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma inaugurates largest bottling plant - Varun Beverages Limited (PepsiCo) - in North East at Mendipathar in North Garo Hills district.
- Nagaland's lone Lok Sabha MP, S Supongmeren Jamir calls for dedicated policy to preserve India's vital mountain ecosystems, including Himalayan range.
- Third edition of Meghalaya Pineapple Fest will take centre stage in national capital, New Delhi, at iconic Dilli Haat, INA from August 1 to 3.
- Arunachal Pradesh Governor, KT Parnaik hands over Grant-in-Aid cheque of 10 lakh rupees to Deepak Nabam Living Home, Itanagar and 5 lakh rupees to Mother's Home, Lekhi Village.
- Government says 585 Akashvani FM stations and 388 Private FM radio stations are operational in the country; fee for North Eastern states and Jammu and Kashmir will be charged two per cent of gross revenue.
- 134th edition of Durand Cup kicks off in Manipur with 1-1 draw derby match between two football clubs - TRAU FC and NEROCA FC at Khuman Lampak Main Stadium in Imphal.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

SESSION:

Mizoram Governor, Vijay Kumar Singh has summoned the monsoon session of the state legislative assembly which will commence from August 27. A notification in this regard was issued by the additional secretary of the assembly secretariat yesterday. The monsoon session will be the fifth session of the 9th Mizoram legislative assembly. A detailed calendar for the session will be chalked out by the business advisory committee chaired by Assembly Speaker, Lalbiakzama.

TEA-TRIPURA:

A meeting of the Tripura Tea Planters Association was held at the Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha's official residence in Agartala yesterday, where stakeholders from the state's tea industry came together to discuss its development. During the meeting, government officials highlighted a range

of initiatives already implemented to support tea growers and expand the industry. Members of the association appreciated the government's efforts and also put forward several suggestions to further boost the sector which include improving access to modern agricultural techniques, strengthening supply chains, and ensuring better market linkages for small tea growers.

BOTTLING PLANT:

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma yesterday inaugurated the largest bottling plant in the North East at Mendipathar in North Garo Hills district. The bottling plant of Varun Beverages Limited (PepsiCo) has been set up in a 37-acre area in the Mendipathar Industrial Area, with an investment of 340 crore rupees. The bottling plant will engage close to 500 staff members for production and distribution of different PepsiCo products, including fruit-based juices. The Chief Minister termed this project a blessing for the state, as it will open up job opportunities and benefit the people of the region directly and indirectly.

NAGALAND MP:

Nagaland's lone Lok Sabha MP, S Supongmeren Jamir has called for a dedicated policy to preserve India's vital mountain ecosystems, including the Himalayan range. Speaking during Zero Hour in the Lok Sabha, the MP highlighted the urgent need to address environmental degradation, climate change, and the unequal development of hilly regions. Jamir also highlighted a key concern regarding national funding, urging the upcoming 16th Finance Commission to revise the current population-based allocation model. He pointed out that hilly regions with low population densities often receive inadequate financial support despite facing greater environmental and developmental challenges.

PINEAPPLE FEST:

The third edition of the Meghalaya Pineapple Fest will take centre stage in the national capital, New Delhi, at the iconic Dilli Haat, INA from tomorrow and will conclude on Sunday. The pineapple festival is set to offer Delhiites a vibrant blend of tropical sweetness, cultural heritage, and soulful music straight from the hills of Meghalaya. Over 30,000 farmers across the districts of Ri-Bhoi and Garo Hills grow pineapples naturally, through the intervention of self-help groups that ensure quality and traceability. Over 757 metric tonnes processed pineapples have been exported to the European Union's baby food industry, besides Dubai.

GRANT-IN-AID:

Arunachal Pradesh Governor, KT Parnaik yesterday handed over a Grant-in-Aid cheque of 10 lakh rupees to Deepak Nabam Living Home, Itanagar and 5 lakh rupees to Mother's Home, Lekhi Village. The Governor appreciated the selfless dedication of to Deepak Nabam Living Home and Mother's Home, noting that such efforts not only heal lives but also restore hope, dignity, and a sense of belonging to those who need it the most.

AKASHVANI-FM:

The Government has said that at present, 585 Akashvani FM stations and 388 Private FM radio stations are operational in the country. Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting Dr L Murugan said this in a written reply to a question in Lok Sabha yesterday. He said, the annual license fees

for FM channels in 234 new uncovered cities will be charged at four per cent of gross revenue. But the fee for North Eastern states and Jammu and Kashmir will be charged two per cent of gross revenue, for an initial period of three years from the date of operationalization of the channel.

DURAND:

The 134th edition of the Durand Cup kicked off in Manipur yesterday with a derby match played between two football clubs from the state - TRAU FC and NEROCA FC at Khuman Lampak Main Stadium in Imphal. The ended in a 1-1 draw as NEROCA FC came from behind to snatch victory from 10-man TRAU FC in the Group-E opening encounter. Manipur Governor, Ajay Kumar Bhalla inaugurated the Imphal leg of the Asia's oldest football tournament. The grand opening featured vibrant cultural performances and military displays, showcasing the spirit of unity and peace. The Manipur Government also announced a half holiday to facilitate the public to enjoy the match.
