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HEADLINES:-

1. Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman concludes Meghalaya sojourn with visit to Ramakrishna Mission School, Sohra.
2. Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha lays foundation stone for 51 Shaktipeethas Park at Banduar in Gomati district.
3. Meghalaya Governor CH Vijayashankar and chief minister Conrad K Sangma greet people on auspicious occasion of Behdienkhlam.
4. Shillong-based writer Bijoya to receive Aalekh Foundation Women Achievers' Award.
5. Synjuk Ki Waheh Shnong Looksi-Saphai Circle seeks promotion of tourism.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

MISSION

Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister Nirmala Sitharaman concluded her four-day visit to Meghalaya yesterday with a visit to the Ramakrishna Mission School in Sohra. The minister was received by Swami Anuragananda, secretary of the Mission and others. She paid floral tributes at the statues of Sri Ramakrishna and Swami Vivekananda. Ms Sitharaman toured the vocational training centre, where around 100 women are enrolled in a free weaving programme aimed at promoting economic independence through traditional skills. The Minister took note of the Mission's efforts to create avenues for self-reliance and livelihood among women—a theme that has been central to the Mission's outreach in the region. Ms Sitharaman's visit coincided with the school's centenary celebrations. To commemorate the occasion, she planted a sapling on the campus. She interacted with 90-year-old Lolin Lyndem, one of the oldest living alumni of the institution, who had served as a student as well as a teacher.

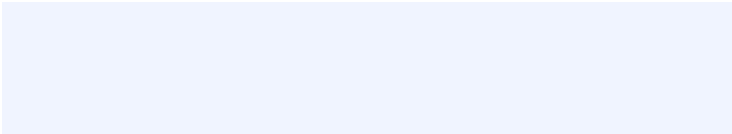
TRIPURA

Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha laid the foundation stone and performed the Bhoomi Pujan for the 51 Shaktipeethas Park at Banduar in Gomati district of the state yesterday. Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister Dr. Saha highlighted the significance of the park's location, situated just a few kilometers from the revered Mata Tripureshwari Temple (Matabari), one of the 51 Shaktipeethas. He expressed confidence that the project would provide a major boost to the state's economy and spiritual tourism. Once completed, the 51 Shaktipeethas Park will serve as a world-class cultural and spiritual tourism hub, celebrating the heritage of Shakti worship in Hinduism while incorporating modern infrastructure and community spaces.

BEHDIENKHLAM

Meghalaya Governor CH Vijayashankar and chief minister Conrad K Sangma have greeted the people on the auspicious occasion of Behdienkhlam, a spiritually significant festival of the Jaintia community in Meghalaya today. The festival,

especially the ritual to drive away plague and evil spirits, powerfully reinforces values of brotherhood, faith, and cultural heritage, the governor said in a message. Chief Minister Sangma expressed hope that the colourful festival would serve as a medium to promote social inclusion and community cohesion.



WRITER

Shillong-based writer, translator and cultural custodian Bijoya Sawian will be felicitated at the 3rd edition of the Aalekh Foundation Women Achievers’ Awards ceremony, to be held on 19th July at The Leela Palace, New Delhi. She is among 20 exceptional women selected from across the country for their transformative work and impact in diverse fields. The award recognises Bijoya Sawian’s outstanding contribution to Indian literature and indigenous cultural preservation, particularly through her evocative storytelling and deep engagement with the heritage of the Khasi people. Her writings have been lauded for bridging geographies and generations, bringing the rich cultural and socio-political history of the Northeast into the national literary consciousness.

TOURISM

The Synjuk Ki Waheh Shnong Iooksi-Saphai Circle has submitted a memorandum to Meghalaya Tourism Minister Paul Lyngdoh, highlighting the untapped tourism potential of 13 villages in the Chutwakhu–Saphai corridor. The organisation has sought urgent intervention for its development. The memorandum, handed over during an interaction at the Kupli Orchid Resort, underscored the region’s breathtaking natural beauty, rich cultural heritage, and peaceful environment. It noted that despite these strengths, the area has not seen the level of tourism growth it deserves.

SELECTION

A significant milestone has been achieved for Garo Hills' sporting aspirations with the selection of seven promising young athletes from the Tura Adventure Club for advanced training under world-class coaches. The athletes, who demonstrated outstanding discipline, enthusiasm, and adaptability, will commence their training from the 18th of this month at Whitewater Village. The selection follows a comprehensive three-day Kayaking Summer Camp hosted by the Meghalaya Canoe Association at Whitewater Village, Umtham, Ri-Bhoi district. The camp aimed to identify and nurture young talent from across Meghalaya.
