

## **NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN**

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### **HEADLINES:-**

- Union Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region, Jyotiraditya M Scindia participates in high-level task force meeting focused on strengthening handloom and handicrafts sector in North East.
- Tripura government contemplates to convert Women's College, Agartala and Tripura Institute of Technology into two universities to expand higher education scope in state.
- Opposition Congress in Manipur submits memorandum to Governor, Ajay Kumar Bhalla, seeking public clarification on whether Assembly remains constitutionally valid or stands automatically dissolved due to procedural lapses.
- Meghalaya Government pursues ambitious strategy to position state as major agri-export hub from North East India as state implements several groundbreaking initiatives - direct export channels and multi-modal transport solutions.
- India Meteorological Department says heavy to very heavy rainfall is very likely over Assam, Meghalaya, Chhattisgarh, Konkan, Goa, Madhya Maharashtra and Telangana today.
- Akashvani North Eastern Service hosts vibrant North East Music Concert in Meghalaya's state capital, Shillong today, marking National Broadcasting Day and celebrate 90 years of Akashvani's service to the nation.

### **NEWS IN ORDER:-**

#### **HANDLOOM-NE:**

Union Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region, Jyotiraditya M Scindia yesterday participated in a high-level task force meeting focused on strengthening the handloom and handicrafts sector in the North East. The Union Minister highlighted the North East's immense potential to spearhead India's sustainable fashion revolution, echoing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of 'Fashion for Environment and Empowerment.' Union Minister for Textiles, Giriraj Singh said that the Ministry of Textiles will work on the valuable suggestions shared by the North Eastern states during the high-level task force meeting with full commitment and coordination, so that the art, culture, and artisans of the North East can get a global platform.

#### **UNIVERSITIES:**

The Tripura government is contemplating to convert Women's College, Agartala and Tripura Institute of Technology into two universities to expand higher education scope in the state. Speaking at a government programme, Tripura Chief Minister, Manik Saha informed that the higher education

department has already begun to implement the government's plan to turn the two institutes into separate universities. Founded in 1965 at the heart of the city, the college is the first institute for women, and offers two streams- Science and Arts. The erstwhile Tripura Polytechnic Institute was elevated to Tripura Institute of Technology a few years back.

#### **MANIPUR:**

In Manipur, the opposition Congress has submitted a memorandum to Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla, seeking a public clarification on whether the Assembly remains constitutionally valid or stands automatically dissolved due to procedural lapses. The Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee has raised serious constitutional concerns over the status of the 12th Manipur Legislative Assembly, following its suspended session and the imposition of President's Rule in the state. The opposition cited Article 174 of the Constitution, which mandates that a legislative assembly meet at least once every six months. With no session held since August last year, the Congress argues, the Assembly is now in constitutional default. It also referred to past Supreme Court judgments, suggesting that such lapses could lead to automatic dissolution. The last Assembly sitting was held on August 12, 2024.

#### **EXPORT-MEGHALAYA:**

The Meghalaya Government has pursued an ambitious strategy to position the state as a major agri-export hub from North East India. Under the leadership of Chief Minister, Conrad K. Sangma, the state has implemented several groundbreaking initiatives - direct export channels and multi-modal transport solutions. The state has successfully executed its first-ever sea shipment of 15 metric tons of organic ginger to Dubai in March this year facilitated by the Meghalaya State Agricultural Marketing Board in collaboration with Eastern Ri-Bhoi Organic Farmer Producer Company. Recently, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman also flagged off a 2-metric-tonne consignment of premium organic pineapples from Meghalaya to LULU Retail, Dubai. The flag-off ceremony by the Union Finance Minister represents more than a symbolic gesture it embodies Meghalaya's transformation from a traditional agricultural state to a globally competitive exporter of premium organic produce.

#### **IMD:**

The India Meteorological Department has issued an orange alert for heavy to very heavy rainfall accompanied by lightning and gusty winds over Jammu and Kashmir, Ladakh, Gilgit, Baltista and Muzaffarabad today. The IMD said that heavy to very heavy rainfall is also very likely over Assam, Meghalaya, Chhattisgarh, Konkan, Goa, Madhya Maharashtra and Telangana today.

#### **MUSIC CONCERT:**

Akashvani North Eastern Service is hosting a vibrant North East Music Concert in Meghalaya today. The event, marking the National Broadcasting Day and celebrate 90 years of Akashvani's service to the nation, will be held at U Soso Tham Auditorium, State Central Library in Shillong at 3 pm. Director General of Akashvani, Dr. Pragya Paliwal Gaur, will grace as the Chief Guest. The concert will feature dynamic performances by leading artists and bands from all eight North Eastern states. The musical

line-up includes Jayanta Jamatia from Tripura, Lungleng Trio from Mizoram, Joe’s Apartment from Sikkim, Rupam & Friends from Assam, Innocent Eyes from Manipur, AR Folk from Arunachal Pradesh, Fifth Note from Nagaland, and Summersalt from Meghalaya. Entry to the concert is free for the general public. All India Radio, Shillong, welcomes all music lovers to come and be a part of this special event.

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