

# NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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## HEADLINES:-

- Over 300 families evicted from land reserved for grazing in Assam during eviction drive in Biswanath district.
- National Highway-10 in Sikkim reopened for traffic after remaining closed for six days due to continuous landslides.
- Manipur Governor, Ajay Kumar Bhalla gets additional charge as Governor of Nagaland following demise of Governor La Ganesan.
- Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly will hold special session today to mark conclusion of its Golden Jubilee celebrations.
- Women helpline under Women and Child Development Department in Mizoram receives 7,481 calls reporting cases of women being abused from April to July this year.
- Mizoram Home Minister, K. Sapdanga says importance of journalism and journalists in the world cannot be diminished.
- Heavy damage to infrastructure reported as cloudburst strikes Angrim valley in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Self-help group in Tripura becomes self-reliant with own initiative and will power along government's aid.
- Ten states including Meghalaya along with National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission record over 100 percent in consumer grievance disposal rate.
- Arunachal Pradesh Governor, KT Parnaik congratulates mountaineer Miss Kabak Yano for successfully summiting highest peak in Russia and Europe, Mount Elbrus.
- Shillong Lajong FC will face NorthEast United FC in first semi-final clash of 134<sup>th</sup> Durand Cup in Shillong tomorrow.

## NEWS IN DETAIL:-

### **EVICTIOIN:**

In Assam, the district administration carried out an eviction drive in Biswanath district yesterday displacing over 300 families from the land reserved for grazing. The eviction drive cleared nearly 175 bigha or 23 hectares of encroached land in the Village Grazing Reserve at Japariguri. Deputy Commissioner, Simanta Kumar Das said, the eviction went on peacefully. Notices were issued on the 1st of this month asking the residents to vacate within 15 days. Most families had already left the area and the remaining structures including a tea garden were demolished.

### **NH-SIKKIM:**

The National Highway-10, connecting Sikkim and Kalimpong with the rest of the country, was reopened for traffic yesterday after remaining closed for six days due to continuous landslides. The National Highways & Infrastructure Development Corporation put in a lot of efforts to clear the route, especially at 29<sup>th</sup> Mile area, where a section of the road collapsed into the Teesta river, and repeated landslides hampered the

restoration works. Another major obstruction was at Selfie Dara. After extensive debris clearance, slope stabilisation, and road widening, the NHIDCL managed to restore traffic movement, bringing much relief to the commuters and transporters in the region.

## **GOVERNOR**

Manipur Governor, Ajay Kumar Bhalla has been given additional charge where he will discharge the functions of Nagaland Governor in addition to his own duties. A Rashtrapati Bhavan Communique said, consequent upon the demise of Governor of Nagaland La. Ganesan, the President has appointed Bhalla as the Governor of the state.

## **SESSION:**

The Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly will hold a special session today to mark the conclusion of its Golden Jubilee celebrations. The Assembly has completed 50 years of its journey this year, since its inception in 1975. The month-long celebrations, which began in July, will culminate with today's special sitting, reflecting on the Assembly's five decades of legislative work and democratic evolution. The Arunachal Pradesh Assembly was first constituted in 1975 with 33 members, of which, 30 members were directly elected from single-seat constituencies and 3 members were nominated by the Union government. Following the attainment of statehood on February 20, 1987, the strength of the House was increased to 60 seats, which continues to this day. As part of the Golden Jubilee celebrations, cultural programmes, and exhibitions were organised across the state over the last five weeks, showcasing Arunachal Pradesh's legislative history.

## **WOMEN:**

In Mizoram, women helpline under the Women and Child Development Department has received 7,481 calls reporting cases of women being abused from April to the end of July this year. The highest number of reports on abuse against women was received during the 2024-2025 between April 2024 and March 2025, during which 13,994 reports were received by the women helpline. According to the reports, the high majority of women being abused are at the age group of 18 to 40 years which is around 71 percent.

## **MIZORAM:**

In Mizoram, Home Minister, K. Sapdanga said that the importance of journalism and journalists in the world cannot be diminished. Addressing a programme organised by the Mizoram Journalists' Association, Lunglei District, at the Lunglei Press Club, the Minister said, the work of gathering and disseminating news is a vital service to the nation and its people. The Minister was felicitated during the programme.

## **CLOUDBURST:**

In Arunachal Pradesh, heavy damage to infrastructure was reported after a cloudburst struck Angrim valley on Saturday night. Flooding and debris have rendered roads unnavigable, with the main route between Anini and Chigu blocked. The community hall suffered structural damage, while standing crops were destroyed, disrupting local agriculture. Water supply lines have also been affected. Villagers have appealed to the district administration for urgent restoration, including road repairs and debris clearance. Authorities have advised residents to avoid travel in the area until connectivity is restored.

## **SHG-TRIPURA:**

With their own initiative and will power, along with government aid and cooperation, a self-help group can easily become self-reliant. A true example of this is Namita Rudra Pal, a resident of Khoai LalChara in Tripura and a female potter, who formed the 'Alor Dishari' self-help group 17 years ago, and started making idols. Along with one female potter, she is working with 15 other female artists to create various idols. In an interview with Akashvani, Pal said that through the self-help group, she is not only becoming self-reliant but also providing employment opportunities to 15 other women regularly. She said that her self-help group is receiving sufficient help and cooperation from the government.

## **CONSUMERS:**

In a significant achievement for consumer grievance redressal in the country, ten states including Meghalaya along with the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission have recorded a disposal rate of over 100 percent in July. The Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution Ministry said in a statement that this indicates that the number of cases resolved exceeded the number of cases filed during this period. As per data from the Department of Consumer Affairs, the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission achieved a disposal rate of 122 percent, while Tamil Nadu recorded 277 percent, Rajasthan 214 percent, Telangana 158 percent, and Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand recorded 150 percent each. Meghalaya achieved a disposal rate of 140 percent, Kerala 122 percent, Puducherry 111 percent, Chhattisgarh 108 percent and Uttar Pradesh 101 percent.

**MOUNTAINEER:**

Arunachal Pradesh Governor, KT Parnaik has congratulated mountaineer Miss Kabak Yano for her achievement of successfully summiting Mount Elbrus, the highest peak in Russia and Europe. She reached the summit on the 16th of this month. The Governor, who had earlier flagged off the Arunachalee Mountaineer for her Seven Summits Challenge, expressed immense pride in her determination and confidence. Mount Elbrus, located in the Caucasus Mountains of southwestern Russia near the Georgian border, is a dormant stratovolcano standing 18,510 feet above sea level. It is the highest peak in Europe, the highest volcano in Eurasia, and ranks among the ten most prominent peaks in the world. Climbing Mount Elbrus is regarded as one of the significant milestones of the Seven Summits Challenge.

**DURAN:**

Shillong Lajong FC will face defending champions, NorthEast United FC in the first semi-final match of the 134<sup>th</sup> Durand Cup in Shillong tomorrow. Shillong Lajong defeated Indian Navy 2–1 in the quarter final in Shillong on Saturday to storm into the semifinals for the second successive year. Tomorrow’s encounter is a repeat of last year’s semifinal clash which is also a Shillong derby. NorthEast United FC trounced Bodoland FC 4–0 in the quarter final at SAI Stadium at Kokrajhar in Assam. In another semi final match, East Bengal will take on Diamond Harbour in Kolkata.

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