

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

1. Assam Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma informs Assam is one of the three fastest developing states in India.
2. Mizoram Chief Minister unveils sweeping reforms in his Independence Day address
3. Animal welfare advocates, NGOs, and concerned citizens stage coordinated demonstrations across Assam to protest the Supreme Court's recent directive on community dogs.
4. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma launches sixth edition of the Chief Minister's E-Championship Challenge across the state.
5. Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla presented award during the 79th Independence Day celebrations.
6. Nagaland Governor and veteran BJP leader L. Ganesan passed away in Chennai yesterday at the age of 80.
7. President Droupadi Murmu extends greetings and wishes to Indians living in the country and abroad on the occasion of Shri Krishna Janmashtami.

NEWS IN DETAIL:-

ASSAM

Assam Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biswa Sarma said that Assam is one of the three fastest developing states in India. While addressing the gathering at the Independence Day celebration program yesterday he said that law and order situation significantly improved in the State as there is no violence during the 4.5 years of his government and the youths now are working for the development of the State. The CM informed that more than 11 thousand surrendered militants have been rehabilitated and provided government jobs to over 1 lakh 24 thousand youths in a transparent manner. Mr. Sarma thanked Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for all round support to his government. He said that several major development projects materialised in the State including bridges over river Brahmaputra, semiconductor park, ethanol production unit and Guwahati ring road. More than 1500 km of rail road has been electrified

and new terminal of Gopinath Bordoloi Airport of Guwahati will be inaugurated in December. The recognition of Chraideo Moidams by UNESCO as a World Heritage site and recognition of Assamese as Classical language are big achievements of his government.

COURT

Animal welfare advocates, NGOs, and concerned citizens staged coordinated demonstrations across Assam yesterday to protest the Supreme Court's recent directive on community dogs. The protests, held in cities including Guwahati, Dibrugarh, Nagaon, Lakhimpur, and Nalbari, drew a diverse crowd of teachers, students, lawyers, veterinarians, and animal caregivers. Organizers urged the court to reconsider its suo motu order, which was issued on 11th of this month. Protesters argued that relocating or displacing community dogs would harm both the animals and the local ecosystem. "This ruling ignores decades of proven science on humane population management," said Anita Das, coordinator of a Guwahati-based animal rights NGO.

HUNT

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma yesterday launched the sixth edition of the Chief Minister's E-Championship Challenge, a state-wide hunt for the most promising entrepreneurs who can scale innovations, tackle real-world challenges, and transform the state's economy. Organised under the PRIME (Promotion and Incubation of Market-driven Enterprises) initiative, the challenge will shortlist 75 entrepreneurs from an initial pool of 150 applicants after a rigorous pitching process before industry experts, successful founders, government officials, and academic leaders. The selected entrepreneurs will enter PRIME's nine-month intensive incubation programme, gaining mentorship, funding access, business resources, and national-level visibility.

INAUGURATION

The Governor of Meghalaya, C.H Vijayashankar inaugurated an exhibition by various co-operative societies at Raj Bhavan in Shillong yesterday. This marks

the first time such an event has been hosted within the Raj Bhavan premises, aimed at showcasing the achievements and entrepreneurial spirit of the state's co-operative sector. In his address, Governor expressed appreciation for the initiative, noting the wide range of stalls presented by the co-operative societies. He remarked that this is the first time so many stalls have been set up at Raj Bhavan, and emphasized the importance of continuing such activities to encourage local entrepreneurship. He observed that some of the products displayed had already sold out, and requested the participants to replenish their stocks for the Independence Day celebration. The Governor added that there is strong consideration for making this exhibition an annual event, with a decision expected to be taken soon.

AWARDS

Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla presented the awards on the occasion of 79th Independence Day celebrations yesterday. During the ceremony, officials presented Elangbam Bhubaneshwor Singh, MPS (Retd.), with the prestigious President's Medal for Distinguished Service. The government also conferred the Police Medal for Meritorious Service to Kabib K. IPS, Inspector General of Police and Oinam Premananda Singh, Inspector, CID as declared on the same occasion.

TRIPURA

In Tripura, the 79th Independence Day was celebrated with great patriotic fervour. Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha led the state-level celebrations at the Assam Rifles ground in Agartala, hoisting the tricolour and taking the salute from marching contingents of State Police, TSR, BSF, CRPF, Assam Rifles, and NCC cadets. Addressing the gathering, Dr. Saha said new opportunities are opening for Tripura under a transparent administration. He congratulated soldiers for their role in Operation Sindoor, and reiterated Prime Minister Modi's call for an Atmanirbhar Bharat, urging people to support the Vocal for Local initiative and achieve self-reliance in sectors like AI, renewable energy, and biotechnology.

REFORMS

Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma, while addressing the 79th Independence Day at Lammual outlined sweeping reforms under his 'New System' policy. He informed the key steps include granting CBI general consent, expanding Right to Public Services from 51 to 140 services, launching an upgraded Mipui Aw public grievance portal, biometric attendance for staff, and a revived State Vigilance Committee. He said departmental assets are now catalogued, and an Integrity Pact is mandatory for government contracts. The state rolled out e-Office, e-Ram for land records, digitized ration cards, e-POS at fair price shops, online OPD registration, ILP renewal alerts, a Mizo Diaspora Hub, AI-based services, a citizens' incident-reporting app, and GPay electricity bill payment, he informed. Measures include gender budgeting, direct factory purchases, timely salaries, clearing healthcare and power bill backlogs, and earning 61 crore rupees profit from power trading. Old-age pensions have been raised to one thousand rupees.

HOMAGE

Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid homage to Sri Aurobindo on his birth anniversary yesterday. In a social media post, Mr. Modi said that Sri Aurobindo showed the countrymen how philosophy, spirituality and nation-building come together in service of a higher purpose. The Prime Minister added that the thoughts of the philosopher inspire the citizens' to strive for an India that realizes its fullest potential. Union Home Minister Amit Shah also paid homage to Sri Aurobindo on his Birth Anniversary. In a social media post, Mr Shah said, his unwavering spirit in the freedom struggle and his profound contributions to spirituality and philosophy will continue to inspire and enlighten the nation for generations to come.

GREETINGS

President Droupadi Murmu has extended warm greetings and wished Indians living in the country and abroad on the occasion of Shri Krishna Janmashtami. In her message on the eve of Janmashtami, the President called it a festival filled with joy and enthusiasm. She said that the life and teachings of Bhagwan Shri Krishna inspires people towards self-development and self-realisation. She added that Bhagwan Shri Krishna enlightened humanity about attainment of ultimate truth by following the path of Dharma. President Murmu highlighted that the festival inspires people to adopt eternal values embodied by Yogeshwar Shri Krishna. She urged everyone to take a pledge to follow the teachings of Bhagwan Shri Krishna and make the society and nation stronger.

DEMISE

Nagaland Governor and veteran BJP leader from Tamil Nadu, L. Ganesan passed away in Chennai yesterday at the age of 80. Ganesan, who had been unwell, travelled to Chennai last week for a medical check-up. A few days ago, he suffered a fall in the bathroom and sustained severe head injuries, which proved fatal. A seasoned politician, he had earlier served as Governor of Manipur and held additional charge as Governor of West Bengal. Meanwhile, the Nagaland government has declared a seven-day state mourning as a mark of respect to Governor La Ganesan. The state mourning is being observed across the state from today till 22nd of this month. During the period of the state mourning, the National Flag will be flown at half-mast on all buildings where the National Flag is flown regularly, and there will be no official entertainment.
