

## NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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### NEWS IN ORDER:-

#### BSNL

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday inaugurated India's fully indigenous 4G stack and one lakh BSNL indigenous 4G towers from Jharsuguda, Odisha. Union Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia joined the programme virtually from Guwahati alongside Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and highlighted the historic significance of this achievement. Lauding the landmark achievement, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia stated that BSNL had made the commitment of developing its own indigenous 4G stack and they have successfully accomplished the dream within 22 months. He said that this is a moment of pride for the entire nation as India advances towards becoming a global leader in the telecommunications sector. Meanwhile, Tripura Power Minister Ratan Lal Nath has underlined the importance of indigenous products, stating that the commissioning of BSNL 4G Saturation Mobile Towers will play a significant role in strengthening digital connectivity in rural areas.

#### AFSPA

Assam government has extended the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA), 1958 in three districts of the state for another six months, effective from 1st October . A notification issued by the Assam government stated that the 'Disturbed Area' tag under the AFSPA has been extended in areas covering Tinsukia, Charaideo and Sivasagar districts. The AFSPA gives unbridled powers to security forces while operating in areas declared as disturbed.

## JUSTICE

The President of India, Droupadi Murmu has cleared the appointment of Soumen Sen as Chief Justice of the Meghalaya High Court. A notification issued by the Central Government stated that in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (1) of Article 217 of the Constitution of India, the President is pleased to appoint Justice Soumen Sen, Judge, Calcutta High Court, to be the Chief Justice of the Meghalaya High Court with effect from the date he assumes charge of his office. The Supreme Court collegium had proposed Sen's name earlier this month. Justice Sen had enrolled as an advocate with the Bar Council of West Bengal in January 1991 and practiced for over two decades at the Calcutta High Court, both on the original and appellate sides, as well as before various other courts and tribunals. Justice Sen was elevated as a judge of the Calcutta High Court on April 13, 2011.

## SOHRA

The 4th Sohra International Half Marathon 2025, culminated with national and international runners from across the country and the globe converged at Sohra to be part of the annual event. Besides the athletes, the marathon witnessed the active participation of fitness enthusiasts, first-time runners, senior citizens, youths and children. The 4th Sohra International Marathon in Meghalaya saw the record participation with 10,576 runners registered across categories. Participation has risen sharply from about 7,000 last year, with 13 international athletes and 337 runners from other states confirming. Organized by the Meghalaya State Olympics Association in collaboration with the Directorate of Sports and Youth Affairs, the event was flagged off by the Olympic medallist and six-time world champion, MC Mary Kom. Speaking on the occasion, Mary Kom said that with the National Games on the horizon, the event marks a significant milestone in their journey to bring recognition to their state. She stated that she was proud to support the cause and hoped that the athletes would strive for excellence, bringing medals to their state and country.

## PUJA

Tripura Government has made elaborate security arrangements in the state to ensure smooth and peaceful Durga Puja celebrations. Director General of Police Anurag informed that this year the number of community Durga Puja pandals has increased to 2,965, compared to 2,750 last year. For security arrangements, 7,750 additional personnel will be deployed, including 6,550 TSR jawans. In addition, 400 women police personnel and plainclothes officers will also be on patrol duty. The DGP further stated that

from Saptami to Vijaya Dashami, vehicle entry in Agartala city will be restricted daily from 5 PM to 1 AM. Special surveillance will be in place at Agartala Railway Station, while joint patrols will be conducted by police and the BSF along the India-Bangladesh border.

## ROB

Assam Chief Minister of Assam, Himanta Biswa Sarma on Saturday inaugurated a 290-metre-long Road Over Bridge (ROB) at Panbazar in Guwahati .Constructed by the Northeast Frontier Railway at a cost of 47 crore rupees, the ROB is a significant infrastructure milestone aimed at easing traffic congestion in the city. The Chief Minister stated that the new Road Over Bridge will ease traffic congestion, enable faster movement of electric trains and support ongoing development work at Guwahati Railway Station. He also highlighted key railway initiatives in the region, including the redevelopment of 50 stations under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme in Assam, rapid progress in electrification and the construction of a new double line along with a bridge at Saraighat. The Chief Minister also stated that the Ministry of Railways has sanctioned the double line projects between Lumding - Furkating and Furkating- New Tinsukia.

## DRUGS

Manipur Police on Saturday disposed of over 332 kilograms of narcotics including six kilograms of Heroin powder at Shija Common Bio-Medical Waste Treatment Facility at Lamdeng in Imphal West District. These narcotics were recovered during the War on Drug campaign conducted by the Manipur Government. DGP Manipur, Rajeev Singh and other top police officers attended the ceremony to dispose narcotics by burning the seized substances including 6 Kilograms of Heroin, 86 kilograms of Brown Sugar, 22 kilogram of WY, 36 kilogram of Pseudoephedrine tablet, 181 kilogram of Ganja and SP capsules. Speaking to media persons, Manipur DGP said that police have intensified drives to seize contraband and arrest offenders even as he added that most seizures were made in four hill districts and one valley districts of the State with Senapati district recording major recoveries. He also said that efforts are underway to trace wider networks, financiers and kingpins of drug smugglers.

## TOURISM

Joining the global community, Nagaland on Saturday observed the World Tourism Day with a special programme organized by the State Tourism Department in Kohima. This year's celebrations centred around the theme "Tourism and Sustainable Transformation." Addressing the gathering, Commissioner and Secretary of Tourism, Arenla Jamir, highlighted the immense potential tourism holds for Nagaland. She described the state as the "Land of Festivals," blessed with rich cultural heritage, breathtaking landscapes, and abundant biodiversity, offering a unique blend of nature and culture. Ms. Jamir emphasized that events like the Hornbill Festival have brought global recognition for Nagaland as the festival showcases the vibrant tribal heritage of the state. She however, warned against the risks of

unregulated tourism, such as environmental degradation, cultural dilution, and economic disparity.

FESTIVAL

The four-day long Ziro Festival of Music in Lower Subansiri district of Arunachal Pradesh continues to draw impressive crowd. This is the 12th edition of the Festival which celebrates music, community, and conscious living. Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister, Pema Khandu said that over the years, the festival has emerged as one of India’s most popular music festivals, providing a vibrant platform for countless artists to showcase their talent in singing and music. This year, the opening day of the festival was dedicated to the legendary Zubeen Garg – a fiercely independent artist whose music and spirit inspired generations across the Northeast and beyond.

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