

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi urges people to celebrate festive season with Swadeshi products.
- Assam Police gun down four criminals close to Assam–Meghalaya boundary in Goalpara district.
- Drug peddlers with contraband from Manipur held by West Jaintia Hills Police in Meghalaya.
- Durga Puja being celebrated with people visiting various community puja pandals.
- Tripura Power Minister Ratan Lal Nath says BSNL 4G Saturation Mobile Towers will strengthen digital connectivity in rural areas.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi pays tribute to late Assamese singer Zubeen Garg on Mann ki Baat.
- India beat Pakistan to win their ninth Asia Cup at Dubai International Cricket Stadium.
- Meghalaya hosts 3rd Indian Responsible Tourism State Summit.
- Soldiers of Army's Spear Corps summit Mount Gorichen in Arunachal Pradesh.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

MODI:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has urged people to celebrate this festive season with Swadeshi products and make Vocal for Local their 'mantra'. Sharing thoughts in his Mann Ki Baat Programme on Akashvani yesterday, Mr Modi referred to the ongoing GST Bachat Utsav. He called upon people to make a resolution to buy products that are produced in the country. Doing so will bring hope to a family, honor the hard work of an artisan, and give wings to the dreams of young entrepreneurs. Mr Modi also emphasised that cleanliness during the festive season should not be limited to homes, but extend to streets, neighbourhoods, markets, and villages.

CRIMINALS:

Assam Police gunned down four dreaded criminals in an encounter near Ghiladubi, close to the Assam–Meghalaya boundary in Goalpara district, on Saturday night. The deceased have been identified as Mukunda Rabha, Subur Ali, Zahidul Islam, and Chengbat Marak. Police said the gang was preparing to abduct a local businessman when the operation was launched based on specific intelligence under Goalpara SP Navaneet Mahanta and South Salmara-Mankachar SP Abhilash Barua. As the police team closed in, the gang members allegedly opened fire. Two were killed on the spot, while the other two sustained critical injuries and later succumbed in hospital.

ARMS:

Acting on credible source information that a group of suspects from Manipur was planning to bring illegal consignments into Meghalaya, a joint operation led by Jason Mairom, additional superintendent of police, West Jaintia Hills District, was launched by the police and the Anti-Narcotic Task Force. The team intercepted a TATA vehicle near Phramer Police Traffic Cell, which was coming from Khliehriat and proceeding towards Jowai. Two occupants were taken into custody. The arrested individuals have been identified as Chuchung Serto, resident of Nakhunjang, Kangpokpi, and Thanggin

Towthang, of Songpehh, Churachandpur, Manipur. A search of both the suspects and the vehicle was carried out. During the search, a concealed compartment in the vehicle's running board was uncovered, containing 50 soap boxes weighing 512.63 grams which tested positive for heroine with the market value of 2.5 crore rupees. A case under the relevant sections of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act was registered and follow-up investigations are in progress.

NEIGRIHMS:

The North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (NEIGRIHMS), Shillong, is working to establish a Positron Emission Tomography (PET) and Computed Tomography (CT) facility at the institute under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) mode. Stating that many cancer patients currently have to travel to Guwahati for PET-CT scans, NEIGRIHMS Director Dr Nalin Mehta said that various facilities, including radiation oncology, are already functional at the Regional Cancer Centre in the institute. He stated that the wards are ready and operation theatres will be made functional soon.

TRIPURA:

Tripura Power Minister Ratan Lal Nath yesterday underlined the importance of indigenous products, stating that the commissioning of 108 BSNL 4G Saturation Mobile Towers will play a significant role in strengthening digital connectivity in rural areas. He described the initiative as a historic step in building the nation's digital infrastructure. The Minister attended the programme organized at the 4G Saturation BTS site in Noagaon, Mohanpur. The site was specially selected from Tripura for the nationwide inauguration of 108 BSNL 4G Saturation Mobile Towers by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Highlighting the importance of fast internet, Mr Nath said the government is rolling out 4G networks and preparing to integrate 5G services soon.

ZUBEEN:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi while addressing the nation in the 126th episode of Mann Ki Baat yesterday, paid an emotional tribute to late Assamese singer Zubeen Garg, calling him a "Kohinoor of Assamese culture" whose music will continue to live in the hearts of people for generations. The Prime Minister's remarks came while recalling the cultural contributions of iconic figures like Bhagat Singh, Lata Mangeshkar, and Bhupen Hazarika.

CRICKET:

India beat Pakistan by five wickets to win their ninth Asia Cup at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium in Dubai, United Arab Emirates yesterday. Indian batsman Tilak Varma scored an unbeaten innings that proved decisive in the tournament's dramatic conclusion. The victory extended India's perfect record against Pakistan in this tournament, having defeated them in all three encounters, including group stage and Super Four matches. President Droupadi Murmu has congratulated Team India on winning the Asia Cup cricket tournament and wished for its sustained glory in the future. Prime Minister Narendra Modi likened the India-Pakistan final in the Asia Cup to Operation Sindoor and said the outcome remained the same, and India won.

PUJA:

Durga Puja, marking the eternal victory of good over evil, is being celebrated with the ceremonial installation of idols amid the rhythmic beats of the 'dhak', heritage drums, at various puja pandals since yesterday. On occasion of Maha Saptami, the first day of the puja today, people in large numbers are visiting various pandals, offering obeisance to mother goddess Devi Durga and her entourage, including Lakshmi, Saraswati, Kartik and Ganesh. Elaborate traffic and security arrangements have been made to ensure smooth conduct of the pujas. Cultural programmes are being held, besides the distribution of traditional 'prasad' to mark the festivities. One of the oldest Durga temples in Eastern India, located at Nartiang in the Jaintia Hills of Meghalaya, is drawing people on occasion of Durga Puja. Goddess Jainteswari is worshipped with indigenous rituals at the Nartiang Durga Bari, which is considered one of the 51 Shakti Peethas. Durga Puja is being celebrated across the North Eastern Region along with the rest of the country. Governors and chief ministers of the various states have greeted the people on occasion of the pujas.

TOURISM:

Meghalaya hosted the 3rd Indian Responsible Tourism State Summit 2025 on the World Tourism Day at the State Convention Centre in Shillong. Tourism pioneers, passionate about bringing a different tourism experience to travellers and tourists, were awarded on the occasion. The event showcased sustainable practices, cultural promotion, and environmentally responsible tourism initiatives, positioning Meghalaya as a model for India’s tourism sector. In her address, Brenda Lee Pakyntein, Joint Secretary & Tourism Director, Government of Meghalaya, emphasised the growing visibility of responsible tourism in the state.

ARMY:

Soldiers of the Army’s Spear Corps summited Mount Gorichen (6,488 metres), the highest scalable peak in Arunachal Pradesh, on 19th September. A Defence spokesperson said that this remarkable achievement stands as a testament to their discipline, endurance, and indomitable spirit in one of the most challenging terrains of the Eastern Himalayas. The expedition, launched with the twin objectives of fostering adventure and reinforcing resilience, also reflected the Army’s commitment to environmental stewardship. Despite battling harsh winds, icy ridges, and extreme altitude conditions, the team showcased exemplary discipline, teamwork, and unwavering determination to triumph atop the ‘Roof of Arunachal’.
