

# MORNING NEWS BULLETIN

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## HEADLINES:-

1. First phase of assembly elections in Bihar being held today.
2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi to inaugurate year-long commemoration of 150 years of national song 'Vande Mataram' in New Delhi tomorrow.
3. Meghalaya Deputy Chief Minister and Home Minister Prestone Tynsong assures Government will take stringent action against attempts to regroup banned Garo National Liberation Army.
4. East Khasi Hills district administration in Meghalaya prohibits demonstrations and rallies in Mawryngkneng area.
5. Minister for Science, Technology and Environment of Tripura, Animesh Debbarma, urges students to utilize science and technology to address social issues.
6. Completion of new Meghalaya Legislative Assembly building expected by May or June next year, Speaker Thomas A. Sangma says.
7. Hundred Drums Wangala Festival, Meghalaya's post-harvest celebration of the Garo community, to mark its Golden Jubilee from today to the 8th of this month.

## NEWS IN ORDER:-

### **BIHAR**

The first phase of the assembly elections in Bihar is being held today. Altogether 3.75 crore voters are eligible to decide the electoral fate of 1,314 candidates in 121 seats. Top contestants include INDIA bloc's chief ministerial face Tejashwi Yadav of the RJD and Deputy CM Samrat Choudhary of the BJP. Several ministers in the Nitish Kumar government will also have their electoral fates decided in the first phase of polls. Elaborate security arrangements have been made for smooth conduct of the assembly election in Bihar.

### **GOVERNANCE**

Meghalaya Deputy Chief Minister and Home Minister Prestone Tynsong has assured that the Government will take stringent action against any attempt to regroup the banned Garo National Liberation Army (GNLA). He said no concrete inputs have been received so far, but the Government remains alert to prevent any revival attempt. His statement follows the arrest of four persons, including a minor, in an extortion case linked to GNLA-Regroup. On the ongoing truckers' agitation, Mr Tynsong reiterated that the Government's door is always open for dialogue. He expressed disappointment that, despite multiple meetings with district officials, truckers proceeded with protests and

questioned their decision to shift the agitation from Jaintia Hills to Khasi Hills, calling for constructive engagement instead.

## **ORDER**

The East Khasi Hills district administration in Meghalaya has issued an order prohibiting demonstrations and rallies in the Mawryngkneng area, citing concerns over public peace and traffic congestion. The order by the district magistrate Rosetta Mary Kurbah under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, was issued following gatherings organized by the Meghalaya Commercial Truck Owners and Drivers Association, which has been protesting transportation rate disparities. The order prohibits any person or group of persons from holding demonstration/rally within Mawryngkneng C&RD Block. It also prohibits carrying of arms and lethal weapons. Violations will attract penal provisions under Section 223 of the BNS and other relevant sections.

## **SCIENCE**

Minister for Science, Technology and Environment of Tripura, Animesh Debbarma, has urged students to take science and technology as a challenge to address various social issues. He made this call after inaugurating the two-day 8<sup>th</sup> Student Project Programme organized at Pragya Bhavan in Agartala yesterday. The Minister said that the aim of the event is to encourage students from postgraduate, undergraduate, diploma, and other higher and technical education institutions to apply technology in solving real-life social problems. Organized by the Tripura State Council for Science and Technology, the event showcased 36 selected science models from 20 educational and technical institutions. Among the exhibits were projects on drones, solar power, bio-fertilizers, mushroom cultivation, and water harvesting. The theme of this year's programme is 'Indigenous Technology for Sustainable Development'.

## **BUILDING**

The completion of the new Meghalaya Legislative Assembly building at Mawdiangdiang in New Shillong township is expected by May or June next year, Speaker Thomas A. Sangma said yesterday. He clarified that despite the delay, there has been no cost escalation and the new dome design is both lighter and safer. The revised dome weighs 300 metric tonnes compared to the earlier 3,000-tonne structure that had collapsed. Mr Sangma added that a thorough safety audit of the new dome has been completed to ensure structural integrity.

## **HEALTH**

In a continued effort to support tuberculosis patients, the Ri Bhoi District Tuberculosis Office, under the PM TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyaan, distributed nutritional food baskets to 47 TB patients under Byrnihat Primary Health Centre in Meghalaya yesterday. The initiative was supported by petrol pump owners along with local wine store proprietors, following efforts by Deputy Commissioner Abhilash Baranwal. The programme, attended by officials and fuel company representatives, marked the second phase of the initiative after a similar drive in Umsning. The campaign was aimed at improving patients' recovery and strengthen community participation in health care.

## **SANCTION**

The Office of the Deputy Commissioner, East Jaintia Hills District, Meghalaya, yesterday distributed sanction orders under the Chief Minister Youth Development Scheme 2024–25. The function, held in the DC's Office, Khliehriat, was attended by Santa Mary Shylla, MLA of Sutnga–Saipung Constituency. The scheme aims to support and empower youth-led initiatives by providing financial assistance for skill development, livelihood promotion, sports, entrepreneurship, and community-based activities. Beneficiaries from different parts of the district received approval letters and support under the scheme. The initiative is part of the Government of Meghalaya's continued efforts to uplift youth and encourage productive engagement and self-sustenance.

## **ENCROACHMENT**

The Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Council Chief Executive Member Thombor Shiwat has raised concern over the encroachment of District Council forest land in Saitsama and Mynthring villages. Following complaints, the Executive Committee conducted a

surprise inspection led by Mr Shiwat, which confirmed illegal occupation. Villagers, however, claimed to possess mining leases issued by the Assam Government. The JHADC has summoned village authorities to present official documents supporting their land claims at a meeting scheduled for 10<sup>th</sup> November.

## **NONGKREM**

The annual Nongkrem Dance Festival of Hima Khyrim is being celebrated at Smit today. A cherished thanksgiving festival of the indigenous Khasi religion, it showcases traditional rituals, music, and dance, rooted in ancient administration, symbolizing the unity of spiritual and political life. Recognized as one of India's national festivals, the Nongkrem Dance reflects the community's rich cultural heritage. The festival is also a major tourist attraction, drawing visitors from across Meghalaya, the country, and abroad, celebrating the enduring pride and identity of the Khasi people.

## **CULTURE**

The Seng Khasi Kmie will celebrate its 125th anniversary on 9<sup>th</sup> November at Lum Sohpetbneng, one of the Khasi community's most sacred sites, with the erection of over 40 monoliths symbolizing unity and ancestral faith. Founded in 1899, the Seng Khasi has played a vital role in preserving Khasi culture and traditions. The ceremony, featuring participation from over 40 units, will include rituals, addresses, and the simultaneous installation of monoliths. Meghalaya Governor CH Vijayashankar will attend the closing ceremony.

## **HERITAGE**

The 100 Drums Wangala Festival, Meghalaya's grand post-harvest celebration of the Garo community, will mark its Golden Jubilee from today to the 8<sup>th</sup> of this month at Wangala A'dam, Chibragre, West Garo Hills district. Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma will inaugurate the festival, joined by Union Ministers. Over 300 drummers and 3,000 dancers from across Garo Hills will perform at the Wangala Festival. Committee Chairman Rikman M. Sangma said the festival celebrates unity and gratitude to "Misi Saljong," the Great Giver. Events include indigenous games, folk contests, and cultural exhibitions, showcasing Garo heritage and community spirit.

## **TRAINING**

In a unique initiative aimed at skill development and rehabilitation, the Accentuate Makeup and Hair Academy conducted a two-day workshop on beauty, hair-styling, and makeup for inmates of the District Jail, Shillong on November 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>. The workshop, organized by the Office of the Deputy Commissioner, East Khasi Hills District, and the Meghalaya State Skill Development Society, provided hands-on training to 30 inmates, both male and female, in beauty techniques, makeup artistry, and hair-styling. Deputy Commissioner Rosetta Mary Kurbah appreciated the effort, stating that the initiative aims to empower inmates with valuable vocational skills, enabling them to explore new career opportunities during and after their release from jail.

## **VANDE**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the year-long commemoration of 150 years of the national song 'Vande Mataram' in New Delhi tomorrow. The event will mark the formal launch of a year-long nationwide commemoration till 7th November, next year. The year-long commemoration will celebrate 150 years of the timeless composition of Vande Mataram, meaning 'hail mother' by Rishi Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay in his celebrated novel 'Anandamath', which inspired India's freedom movement and continues to evoke national pride and unity. There will also be a screening of a short documentary film and the release of a commemorative stamp and coin.

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