

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Meghalaya Government issues notification for setting up of Urban Warfare Training Facility and Counter Insurgency & Jungle Warfare School.
- North Tripura District Police launch special anti-narcotics operation leading to seizure of 44,000 Yaba tablets worth approximately 2.5 crore rupees.
- Sikkim Chief Minister, Prem Singh Tamang, declares two strategically significant border destinations, Cho La & Dok La open for tourists.
- General elections to Panchayati Raj institutions in Arunachal Pradesh and municipal bodies of Itanagar and Pasighat conducted peacefully.
- Nagaland government holds discussions with delegation from New Zealand to upscale kiwifruit cultivation through collaborations including technical expertise.
- Department of Vocational Studies and Skill Development of Manipur University and NSDC International Limited sign agreement to establish Japanese Language Training Centre.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K. Sangma lays foundation stone for construction of new Meghalaya House Annexe in New Delhi to cater to growing number of visitors from State for official, medical and academic purposes.

WARFARE

The Meghalaya Government has notified for the setting up of Urban Warfare Training Facility at SF-10, Mawiong, Meghalaya which will provide realistic, scalable training from basic CQB or Close Quarters Battle to advanced multi-storey buildings clearance, hostage rescue, breaching and urban surveillance integration. This facility will strengthen the State capacity, reduce operational risks and improve inter-agency response. Similarly, a notification was also issued for the setting up of Counter Insurgency & Jungle Warfare School at Baghmara in South Garo Hills District to provide specialized counter-insurgency and jungle warfare skills to State Police and Commando forces and also to train special units in jungle warfare and counter insurgency operations. Meanwhile, another notification issued through the Home (Police) Department, has notified for the creation of a new Police Station at Byrnihat in Ri-Bhoi District.

TABLETS

North Tripura District Police have achieved a major success in the special anti-narcotics operation which led to the arrest of three women and seizure of 44,000 Yaba tablets, with an estimated market value of approximately 2.5 crore rupees. District Superintendent of Police, Avinash Rai, said that based on intelligence, an operation was conducted near the Dharmanagar railway station, which led to the arrest and seizure of the tablets. Two of the arrested women are residents of Gomati district, and the third is a

resident of Sepahijala district. They have been booked under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act, and detailed interrogation is on.

CHO LA & DOK LA

Sikkim Chief Minister, Prem Singh Tamang, has officially declared Cho La & Dok La, two strategically significant border destinations, open for tourists from yesterday under the “Bharat Ranbhoomi Darshan,” a flagship initiative by the Ministry of Defence & Ministry of Tourism. Tamang said, the Government of Sikkim’s vision is to develop the last village first, in line with the Government of India’s Vibrant Villages Programme, under which border areas are witnessing rapid development. He expressed his gratitude to the Government of India, the Tourism Department, and the Indian Army for their support and assured that infrastructure development in the region would continue. The opening of Cho La and Dok La for tourists is expected to give a major boost to border tourism, connectivity, and overall development in the Sikkim’s frontier region.

PANCHAYAT ELECTION

General elections to the Panchayati Raj institutions in Arunachal Pradesh and municipal bodies of Itanagar and Pasighat concluded peacefully yesterday. The turn out of voters is expected to cross 70 percent. However, no official statement was issued by the state election commission. Long queues were witnessed in the voting centres. Out of 8,208 seats of Gram Panchayats, 6,227 candidates have been elected unopposed, and the polling was held for 1,947 seats. A total of 2171 polling stations were set up for the panchayat and municipal elections, including 79 polling stations for the Itanagar Municipal Corporation and Pasighat Municipal Council elections.

KIWI

Recognising Nagaland’s potential in kiwifruit cultivation, a coordination meeting between Nagaland government and a delegation from New Zealand was held in Kohima. The discussions focused on collaboration in areas such as technical expertise, capacity building and training, identification of market linkages, branding, and other related aspects. Secretary to the Government of Nagaland, Akumla Chuba, said that the horticulture sector is emerging as one of the most important sectors for the Naga farmers, but the production could not scale up due to gaps in logistics, research, and market linkages. Head of Global Public Affairs Zespri, Michael Fox, underlined that Nagaland holds significant potential to become part of the kiwifruit value chain, and reaffirmed Zespri’s commitment to collaborate through expertise sharing, training, innovation, and market development to create long-term benefits. The delegation also held discussions with Nagaland Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio.

LANGUAGE

The Department of Vocational Studies and Skill Development of Manipur University and NSDC International Limited signed an agreement to establish a Japanese Language Training Centre. The capacity of the training centre at the Manipur University is 250 in the first year, with a program duration of 8 to 9 months. The centre is going to start its first batch from January next year. This collaboration aims to prepare the youth from Manipur for employment in Japan's high demand sectors such as healthcare, hospitality, agriculture and manufacturing. Over the past two years, 28 alumni of the Department of Vocational Studies and Skill Development of Manipur University have been successfully employed in Japan's hospitality sector.

HOUSE

Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K. Sangma yesterday laid the foundation stone for the construction of a new Meghalaya House Annexe at 9, Dr A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Road,

New Delhi, in the presence of Deputy Chief Minister, Prestone Tynsong, and other officials. The annexe will be built in two phases, with the first phase comprising of 24 guest rooms and a meeting hall at an estimated cost of 22 crore rupees. Constructed within the existing Meghalaya House premises, the project aims to cater to the growing number of visitors from the State travelling to Delhi for official, medical and academic purposes.

SIKKIM - ST

Sikkim Chief Minister, Prem Singh Tamang yesterday attended a discussion on “Indicators of Backwardness and Demographic Laggardness among Indigenous Ethnic Communities of the Sikkim Himalayan Region,” highlighting the challenges and aspirations of the 12 left-out Indigenous Sikkimese communities at Samman Bhawan Gangtok. These communities - Bhujel, Gurung, Jogi, Khas, Rai, Kirat Yakha Dewan, Majhi, Manger, Newar, Sanyasi, Sunuwar, and Thami - have made significant contributions to Sikkim’s heritage and development, yet their recognition in the Scheduled Tribes list has long been awaited. Tamang informed that the Sikkim Government will submit a report to the Government of India and formally present the demand for the inclusion of the 12 communities in the ST list.

PROGRAM

In Tripura, a special cultural program under the project "Border Area and Bharat Ko Jano" was held yesterday at the Debendra Chowdhury Para Community Hall in Bel Chhara, a border village in Khowai district. The event was organized under the initiative of the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, in collaboration with the North East Zone Cultural Centre. The program featured performances showcasing the art, culture, and traditions of various indigenous communities from several states, including Nagaland, Assam, Manipur, Madhya Pradesh, and Tripura. The visiting cultural troupes presented their distinct cultural heritage on stage.

NIT-CONVOCATION

The National Institute of Technology, Sikkim yesterday organized its 8th Convocation at the Buddha Park, Ravangla in Namchi district. Sikkim Governor, Om Prakash Mathur, inspired the graduates to actively contribute towards building a “Viksit Bharat” by 2047 through innovation, entrepreneurship, and research, while emphasizing self-belief, integrity, and moral courage. The Institute awarded 134 B.Tech., 15 M.Tech., 7 M.Sc., and 8 Ph.D. degrees during the ceremony, while seven Departmental Gold Medals were conferred to the meritorious students for their exceptional academic performance.
