

## NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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### HEADLINES:-

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi launches various development projects worth 23,550 crore rupees from Silchar.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah begins two-day visit to Assam.
- Curfew relaxed from 6 am to 6 pm across West Garo Hills in Meghalaya with improvement in situation today.
- Cases involving several matters resolved under National Lok Adalat in various North Eastern states.
- Minor boy dies in accidental bomb explosion in Noney district of Manipur.
- Nagaland's Lok Sabha member, S. Supongmeren Jamir urged Centre to prioritise construction of Foothills Road Trans–Nagaland Highway.
- Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha emphasises development of tribal autonomous areas in state.
- Rare plant species *Henckelia monophylla*, endemic to Arunachal Pradesh rediscovered after 189 years.
- Weather bulletin warns of heavy rainfall and thunderstorm activities Sikkim.

### PM:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched various development projects worth 23,550 crore rupees from Silchar yesterday. Mr Modi performed the 'Bhumi Pujan' or ground breaking ceremony for three projects at Ambikapur. These are, Silchar High-Speed Corridor at a projected cost of 22 thousand 8 hundred and 64 crore rupees, Silchar Town Flyover at a projected cost of approximately 565 crore rupees, and the Patharkandi Agricultural College at a projected cost of one hundred 22 crore rupees. Mr Modi said, southern Assam's Barak Valley is emerging as a crucial bridge to connect India with Southeast Asia. Mr said that the North East is now leading India's Act East Policy.

### ASSAM

Union Home Minister Amit Shah reached Guwahati last evening for a two-day visit to Assam. He will attend an official function and address a rally of the BJP's youth wing. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma welcomed Mr. Shah, who will meet top leadership of the party and discuss strategies for the upcoming Assam assembly polls next month. The union home minister will inaugurate the Pragjyotishpur Medical College and Hospital in Guwahati today.

### MANIPUR

In Manipur, a child died while his father, retired personnel of Assam Rifles, sustained injuries when a suspected Lathod bomb blasted in Taolingpung, Namkalong Part-2 under Khoupum Police Station in Noney district.

According to police report, the incident occurred yesterday morning while the father-son duo was cutting grass in their kitchen garden and around their house campus. They incidentally hit the unexploded bomb. Police have registered a case for further investigation.

#### CURFEW:

Amidst the easing of tensions, Tura's markets were seen bustling with activity during the relaxation of curfew from 9 am to 3 pm yesterday. A palpable sense of relief was evident as residents took advantage of the brief reprieve, with shops and stalls reopening to cater to the eager crowd. Law enforcement personnel maintained visible presence keeping watchful eye on the situation in and around the market areas to ensure order and stability. Curfew has been relaxed in the West Garo Hills district from 6 am to 6 pm today. The curfew will remain in effect till 6 am tomorrow unless withdrawn earlier.

#### ORDER

In view of the prevailing situation in West Garo Hills district, deputy commissioner Vibhor Aggarwal has ordered all government employees to exercise utmost restraint while using their personal and social media accounts. Government employees are strictly prohibited from posting or forwarding messages, audio-video clips, pictures, or any content that may be incendiary or provocative in nature. The administration has warned that any violation of the order will invite legal action under relevant provisions of law in addition to disciplinary proceedings under the Meghalaya Civil Services (Discipline & Appeal) Rules, 2019.

#### MANIPUR

Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh assured the National Cadet Corps yesterday that the government is committed to creating an environment where the youth can thrive. The Chief Minister was speaking during a felicitation ceremony of NCC cadets from the State at the NCC Ground, DM College Campus in Imphal. Seven NCC cadets from Manipur were felicitated for their achievement.

#### HIGHWAY

Nagaland's lone Lok Sabha member, S. Supongmeren Jamir has urged the Central Government to prioritise construction of the proposed Foothills Road (Trans-Nagaland Highway). Raising the matter in the state assembly, Mr Jamir described the Foothills Road as crucial for improving connectivity, economic progress, administrative accessibility, and regional integration in the state. The proposed 395-kilometer road is expected to significantly reduce travel time between districts and allow citizens to travel within Nagaland without repeatedly crossing interstate boundaries. The road will connect 103 towns and villages, passing through Peren, Chumoukedima, Dimapur, Niuland, Wokha, Mokokchung, Longleng, and Mon. The MP urged the Centre to expedite approval of the project in the interest of the people of Nagaland and the overall development of the north-eastern region.

#### LEGAL

The first Quarter National Lok Adalat, conducted across Nagaland yesterday under the aegis of Nagaland State Legal Services Authority, amicably settled and disposed of 384 matters and cases.

A total of 511 cases were taken up for settlement and 11 legal service benches were set up in the district headquarters. The total settlement amounted to over four crore, seventy-five lakh, thirty-seven thousand. Cases taken up at pre-litigation stages related to bank loan recovery and telephone bills, while those at pending stages included criminal compoundable offences, Motor Accident Claims Tribunal and other civil cases.

## ADALAT

The Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority, under the guidance of Chief Justice of the High Court, Revati Mohite Dere organised National Lok Adalat across districts, excluding the Garo Hills Region yesterday. Total number of cases taken up was 496, of which 151 were settled for an amount of one crore sixty-one lakh sixty-six thousand six hundred seventy-five rupees.

## AGARTALA

The first National Lok Adalat of the year was held at the Tripura High Court and in all district and sub-divisional courts yesterday. Member Secretary of the Tripura State Legal Services Authority, Jhuma Dutta Chowdhury, said that 26,574 cases were taken up for settlement. Four cases were disposed of, related to employment and motor accident matters. She informed that cases taken up related to motor accident compensation claims, matrimonial disputes, bank loan recovery, payment of BSNL bills, compoundable criminal cases, cheque bounce cases, and employment-related disputes.

## TRIPURA

Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha has said that building Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat and Ek Tripura Shreshtha Tripura would not be possible without the development of the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council areas. He made this remark while addressing a public gathering at Dhumacherra in Dhalai district yesterday. Mr Saha stated that the development of tribal communities remains the top priority of the State government. The Chief Minister's Tribal Development Yojana was launched to enhance self-reliance among tribal families and to improve their economic condition. Through this scheme, tribal households are being engaged in various livelihood activities, including animal husbandry, to increase their income. Several development programmes are being implemented to improve the standard of living and dignity of tribal people, Mr Saha said. A significant portion of both the State and central development budgets is being spent on the development of tribal areas, the chief minister informed.

## PLANT

*Henckelia monophylla*, a rare plant species endemic to Arunachal Pradesh has been rediscovered after nearly 189 years, from Lohit district by the Botanical Survey of India. Chief Minister Pema Khandu said the rediscovery highlights the extraordinary biodiversity of Arunachal Pradesh. Such findings not only add to global botanical knowledge but also reminds of the ecological treasures that Arunachal holds, the chief minister posted in the social media.

## SIKKIM

A special weather bulletin has warned of heavy rainfall and thunderstorm activities across several districts in Sikkim from today to 17<sup>th</sup> March. Light to moderate rain is likely at most places in Gangtok, Gyalshing, Namchi, Soreng and Pakyong districts. The Mangan district may receive rain or snowfall in higher altitudes.

The Indian Meteorological Department, Gangtok has issued a Yellow Alert cautioning about heavy rain, thunderstorms with lightning and gusty winds.

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