

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi praises Tripura for its successful community-driven initiatives in water conservation in his monthly Mann Ki Baat Programme.
2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi to interact with people and party workers in Assam today through the NaMo App.
3. Union Finance Ministry creates new component under SASCI for 2026-27 to provide additional funds to Hilly States.
4. Supply of LPG, petrol, and diesel remains normal in Tripura remains normal with no reports of shortage.
5. Palm Sunday celebrated with religious fervour in different North Eastern states.
6. Assam launches SVEEP Campaigns to boost voter awareness ahead of April 9 Polls.
7. 3rd edition of Culinary Cascade, a premier celebration of Meghalaya's diverse culinary heritage concludes in Shillong

NEWS IN ORDER:-

MODI

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday expressed concern over the situation in West Asia, saying that a crisis is emerging around the world regarding petrol and diesel. Addressing the nation in his Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani, Modi said these are challenging times as the region is a major centre of India's energy needs. Meanwhile, Prime Minister also praised Tripura for its successful community-driven initiatives in water conservation and sustainable development. He highlighted Vangmun village in the Jampui Hills, located at an altitude of around 3,000 feet. Once facing severe water scarcity, especially during summer, the village has transformed through widespread adoption of rooftop rainwater harvesting systems. In Tripura, Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha heard the 132nd episode of Mann Ki Baat at Booth No. 22 under the BJP Barjala Mandal. Addressing party workers and attendees on the occasion, Chief Minister said that the references made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to various developmental initiatives in Tripura would inspire further progress towards building a "developed Tripura" in future.

NAMO

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to interact with people and party workers in both Assam and Puducherry today through the NaMo App as part of the outreach programme "Mera Booth Sabse Mazboot Samvaad." The Prime Minister will address participants from Assam at 1 P.M., focusing on key issues related to the upcoming Assembly elections. Later in the day, he will engage with party workers from Puducherry at 5:30 P.M. In a series of posts on the social media platform X, PM Modi highlighted the developmental progress achieved in Assam over the past decade. He stated that the state has witnessed significant growth across sectors and expressed confidence that voters will support another term for the "double-engine" NDA government.

CONRAD

Union Finance Ministry has created a new component under SASCI for 2026-27 called 'Pride of Hills' through which additional funds are provided to Hilly States. In a tweet, Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad Sangma thanked the Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman for creating a new component under SASCI for 2026-27. He said that the move is a special recognition of the unique challenges and the transformative development being undertaken in States like Meghalaya.

SVEEP

To promote informed electoral participation for the April 9 General Assembly Elections in Assam, District Administrations are conducting Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation initiatives across the state. District administrations are implementing people-centric activities targeting both urban and rural populations, with a special focus on new voters. In Tinsukia, voter information slips were distributed in tea gardens. The Chirang district administration organised interaction sessions and plantation drive for young voters, while the Nagaon administration conducted campaigns under the theme "Your Vote, Your Right – Do Not Waste It." In Morigaon, youth were engaged through creative formats like theatre, while the Sonitpur administration is promoting awareness through wall paintings and street plays. Unique mascots inspired by local culture and biodiversity have also been introduced to attract public attention and encourage voter participation across the state.

VIOLENCE

Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh has appealed to the Tangkhul Naga brothers and sisters of Ukhrul district to diffuse the tension and help the state government in maintaining law and order. The Ukhrul District witnessed violence on Sunday and the situation in the border district is tense. The Chief Minister said that he is saddened by the unfortunate incident. He said that the violence cannot bring any solution and appealed all to shun any forms of violence. The government has taken the development seriously and the law should take its own course, he added.

LPG

The supply of LPG, petrol, and diesel in Tripura remains normal with no shortages reported, Food Department Secretary Debapriya Bardhan said at a press conference in Gorkhabasti. He said LPG bottling at R.K. Nagar is functioning smoothly, supplying LPG in five districts, while cylinders from Silchar are being distributed in three others districts. PNG and CNG supply is also uninterrupted, with around 70,000 domestic PNG connections currently in the state. He said that the government is closely monitoring the situation, with control rooms set up at state and district levels. Steps have also been taken to prevent black marketing and ensure uninterrupted fuel supply amid the West Asia situation.

PALM

Palm Sunday was celebrated in different North Eastern states with religious fervour to commemorate the triumphal entry of Jesus Christ to Jerusalem ahead of his crucifixion. In Mizoram, Children in different churches held Palm Sunday processions in the early morning as they came out in streets in carrying palm leaves, chanting 'Hosanna' and singing songs to remember and celebrate Jesus's triumphal entry to the holy city. Special church service and prayer services were held in churches of different Christian denominations across the state. Meanwhile, Christians across Nagaland also observed Palm Sunday as Various Churches across the state held special Palm Sunday services. In Kohima, hundreds gathered at Mary Help of Christians Cathedral, where the celebration began with a procession from PHQ Junction, accompanied by hymns and prayers. Governor Nand Kishore Yadav and Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio also extended greetings to the Christian community on the occasion.

ELECTION

The Secretary of the Tripura State Election Commission, Anurag Sen, on Sunday informed reporters in Agartala that deployment of central forces for the upcoming Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council elections has not yet been confirmed. He said that a request has been sent to the Union Ministry of Home Affairs seeking paramilitary forces. However, no

response has been received so far due to ongoing Assembly elections in several states. Sen assured that the law and order situation in the state remains stable, and election campaigning is being conducted peacefully. Representatives of all political parties have been able to file their nominations safely, and no untoward incidents have been reported. He further stated that postal ballots will be issued on April 5, while voting through postal ballots will take place on April 7 and 8.

CULINARY

The 3rd edition of Culinary Cascade, a premier celebration of Meghalaya's diverse culinary heritage and creative ecosystem, drew to a close at Shillong's iconic Ward's Lake. Over two days, the flagship event presented a curated lineup of insightful discussions, live cooking demonstrations, product launches, and hands-on experiences, effectively uniting food, culture, and community to spotlight the state's evolving gastronomy. The festival attracted approximately 4,000 visitors, connecting traditional methods with contemporary culinary innovation. Speaking on the occasion, Tourism Minister. Timothy D. Shira asserted that Meghalaya is a land of extraordinary abundance. He noted that over the past two years, through this event, Meghalaya's farmers, restaurateurs, and winemakers are playing a key role in carrying the State's flavours beyond its borders.

APPREHEND

Shillong police have apprehended 16 people including 4 pimps engaging in activities indicative of prostitution and related immoral practices during a raid in different locations of the city. The raid came following several complaints received from various concern citizens and local stake holders that sex workers are operating from different locations which are in close proximity to religious places likes Church/ Gurudwara and also due to the rise in cases of HIV in Shillong in particular. Following the complaint, a coordinated operation was conducted on March 28 at various locations. In addition, one Swift Dzire and 2 scooties used in the commission of the offence have been seized from the possession of the accused.
