

## NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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### HEADLINES:-

- Union Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya assures of strengthening food security in Mizoram.
- Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh chief Mohan Bhagwat calls on Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sharma.
- Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha stresses importance of regular blood donation.
- Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region delegation, fashion designers and weavers, meet Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to discuss fusion of northeastern and Rajasthani fabric.
- First consignment of Refuse Derived Fuel waste from Kohima Municipal Council Dumpsite Legacy Waste Remediation Project commissioned.
- Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh reviews progress of ongoing improvement work of Imphal-Saikul road.
- Narcotics Control Bureau arrest key Myanmar-based drug trafficker from Delhi.
- International AIDS candlelight memorial observed in Kohima.
- Tributes paid on death anniversary of architect of modern Tripura, Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya Bahadur.
- Hanging footbridge over Umyurem River at Shangpung in West Jaiñtia Hills district of Meghalaya inaugurated.
- Number of tourists visiting Manas National Park in Assam increases significantly.

### **MIZORAM:**

Union Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya has remarked that Mizoram is home to many unique indigenous products and a vibrant cultural heritage. These include the GI-tagged Mizo ginger and Mizo chilli, besides the world-famous Cheraw dance. During an interaction programme in Aizawl yesterday, she referred to the Prime Minister's commitment to the vision of 'Food for All'. The minister assured that every possible effort would be made to ensure that all people in Mizoram continue to receive sufficient and quality food. Acknowledging that heavy monsoon rains frequently disrupt road connectivity in the Northeastern region, the minister expressed willingness to assist the states by ensuring advance allocation of ration

for up to three months before the onset of monsoon. Mizoram's Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister, B. Lalchhanzova expressed gratitude to the Central government and the Food Corporation of India for their continued support in ensuring steady food supply to the state. The minister said that the Mizoram government would continue to strengthen cooperation with the Central government to ensure that no citizen is deprived of their rightful entitlements. He also requested the Union Minister to consider the enhancement of Mizoram's National Food Security Act quota to further strengthen food supply to the state.

#### **ASSAM:**

Mohan Bhagwat, the chief of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh, called on Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sharma during his ongoing visit to the state. Mr Bhagwat, who is on a three-day tour of Assam, attended an RSS training camp held in Hojai from 14th to 16th May. The visit is part of the organisation's regular activities aimed at strengthening its grassroots engagement. The RSS chief visited Surdasanalaya in Guwahati, where he interacted with members and reviewed ongoing initiatives. The visit underscores the continued organisational outreach of the RSS in the northeastern region.

#### **BLOOD:**

Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha has stressed the importance of regular blood donation. The Chief Minister said that blood, equivalent to at least one percent of the total population should be collected and kept in reserve on a regular basis. In Tripura's case, the requirement stands at around 40,000 units. He informed that the state collected 44,309 units of blood during the last financial year, of which 23,895 units were collected through voluntary blood donation camps. Prof. Manik Saha praised the role of the Tripura State Nursing Council for encouraging people to participate in voluntary blood donation drives.

#### **FABRIC:**

A delegation comprising Secretary of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, Sanjay Jaju, along with fashion designers and weavers, met Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla in Kota, Rajasthan yesterday. The meeting was regarding the development of a new premium fabric by blending Rajasthan's traditional Kota Doria with the famous Eri Silk of Northeast India. Mr. Birla said that Kota Doria is not merely a fabric, but a symbol of the Hadoti region's identity and the hard work of its weavers. The new fabric would give fresh recognition to two rich handloom traditions of the country and also create new opportunities for artisans. This initiative aligns with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 5F Vision, which is Farm to Fibre, Fibre to Fabric, Fabric to Fashion, Fashion to Foreign. The delegation stated that this initiative would open up new opportunities for weavers and artisans from both Rajasthan and the Northeastern region.

#### **NAGALAND:**

In Nagaland, the first consignment of Refuse Derived Fuel waste material from the Kohima Municipal Council Dumpsite Legacy Waste Remediation Project was commissioned yesterday. This marked a significant milestone in sustainable waste management and environmental restoration. A total of 11 tonnes of waste material was dispatched to UMSO Mootang, Thangskai, Khelerihat, East Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya, under the free-of-cost material category for scientific processing and utilisation. The initiative was taken with the objective of remediating 40,250 metric tons of accumulated legacy waste and reclaiming approximately 1.4 acres of dumpsite land. The project now stands in its final stage of completion, reflecting

Kohima Municipal Council's continued commitment towards scientific waste management, environmental protection, and public health.

#### **MANIPUR:**

Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh reviewed the progress of the ongoing improvement work of Imphal-Saikul road yesterday. The Chief Minister had flagged off the road improvement project on 14th March this year. Mr Khemchand instructed officials of the Public Works Department to ensure timely completion of the road while strictly adhering to the quality and standard. Residents of Pangei and Khundrakpam areas apprised the chief minister of the grievances and hardships faced by the locals. They drew his attention to the need for improvement of basic amenities in these areas. The Chief Minister assured of all efforts for development of the areas and welfare of the local people.

#### **DRUGS:**

In a major crackdown on transnational drug trafficking networks operating along the India-Myanmar border, the Narcotics Control Bureau has arrested a key Myanmar-based drug trafficker from Delhi. The accused, identified as Thancintuang alias Chintuang alias Tluanga, was allegedly operating as a major supplier of methamphetamine tablets and heroin smuggled from Myanmar into India through the Northeast region. The arrested accused had emerged as one of the most significant traffickers operating along the Myanmar-Mizoram-Manipur-Assam-Tripura corridor. He allegedly organised cross-border trafficking networks routing narcotic consignments through Mizoram, Manipur, Assam and Tripura to different parts of India and Bangladesh. The Narcotics Control Bureau said that Chintuang was wanted in multiple cases registered under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act.

#### **CANDLE:**

In Nagaland, the International AIDS Candlelight Memorial was observed yesterday at the College of Nursing, Naga Hospital Authority, Kohima, in remembering lives lost to HIV and AIDS. District AIDS Control Officer, Dr. Chibenthung Kithan said the event symbolises solidarity, compassion, and hope. It also recognizes the contributions of activists, healthcare workers, caregivers, and community leaders in transforming the global HIV response. Highlighting the need for action, he stressed that governments, communities, educational institutions, families, and civil society organisations must work together to end stigma and ensure accessible healthcare and support services for all.

#### **TRIBUTE:**

Tributes were paid yesterday on the death anniversary of the architect of modern Tripura, Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya Bahadur. The Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council chief executive member Runiel Debbarma offered floral tributes at the royal cremation ground located at Battala in Agartala. The late Maharaja's immense contribution towards the modernization of Tripura, expansion of education, and protection of tribal land rights were highlighted. The Maharaja played a vital role in shaping Tripura through his visionary leadership and development-oriented initiatives, which continue to be remembered.

#### **MEGHALAYA:**

A new hanging footbridge constructed over the Umyurem River at Shangpung in West Jaiñtia Hills district in Meghalaya was inaugurated by local MLA Comingone Ymbon on Saturday. The bridge is expected to significantly ease movement for

farmers and residents by improving access to agricultural paddies in the area. The bridge, built under the District Rural Development Agency through the office of the Deputy Commissioner, serves as a vital link connecting farmlands separated by the river.

**PARK:**

The number of tourists visiting Manas National Park in Assam has increased a lot this year. According to officials, the park has earned around 15 million rupees from tourism in the last seven months of the current season (2025–26). Banhbari Range Forest Officer Pranjali Talukdar said that about 61,000 domestic tourists and 1,600 foreign tourists have visited the park so far. The Manas National Park will remain open for visitors till June.

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