

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

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2. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma has said that the State is projected to attract substantial private investment of 8000 crore rupees.
3. BSF troops intercepted a vehicle loaded with huge quantity of sugar meant for smuggling into Bangladesh and apprehended two Indian nationals near Kuliang bordering area under East Jaintia Hills district of Meghalaya yesterday.
4. The Meghalaya Human Rights Commission has asked the State Chief Secretary to submit a report into the recent eviction drive against settlers at Lum Survey in Shillong.
5. A major rhino poaching bid in the Kaziranga area was averted and poachers apprehended by the Assam forest department.
6. The North Eastern States, including Meghalaya are expected to face severe weather conditions from tonight up to 28th of May.
7. Thirteen-year-old Tamo Moko, a mixed martial arts fighter from Lower Subansiri district, has secured a gold medal for Arunachal Pradesh at the 4th MMA Championships.

ELECTION

A voter turnout of over 61 percent was recorded till late last night in the sixth phase of the ongoing Lok Sabha elections, for which polling was held yesterday. The polling in all 58 parliamentary constituencies, spread over six states and two Union Territories remained peaceful. Polling was held on 14 seats in Uttar Pradesh, all ten seats in Haryana, eight seats each in Bihar and West Bengal, all seven seats in Delhi, six in Odisha, four in Jharkhand, and one parliamentary constituency in Jammu and Kashmir.

MEGHALAYA

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma has said that the State is projected to attract substantial private investment of 8000 crore rupees that would contribute in realizing the ambitious target of 10 billion US dollar economy. The high investment in Meghalaya is an outcome of the new Industrial Policy that has created an ecosystem for ease of doing business, he said addressing a workshop on 'Human Development Leadership Programme' at Tura in the West Garo Hills on Friday. The chief minister informed that close to 4000 crore rupees investment has come through in the last one year, which includes 2500 crore thermal power plant

to generate 450 megawatt electricity, ethanol plant, beverages and five star hotel chains. On boosting IT connectivity in Meghalaya, Mr Sangma informed that the government is engaging with the Malaysian and Bangladesh telecoms to lay submarine cable lines. The optical fibre connection will further boost the IT enabled service sector in Meghalaya.

BSF

BSF troops intercepted a vehicle loaded with huge quantity of sugar meant for smuggling into Bangladesh and also apprehended two Indian nationals near Kuliang bordering area under East Jaintia Hills district of Meghalaya on Saturday. The seized 24,000 kilograms of sugar and both the apprehended persons were handed over to the Customs office Badarpur for further legal proceedings, the BSF Meghalaya Frontier informed.

RIGHTS

The Meghalaya Human Rights Commission (MHRC) has asked the State Chief Secretary to submit a report into the recent eviction drive against settlers at Lum Survey in Shillong. In a statement issued yesterday, MHRC Secretary said the Commission has taken a suo motu cognizance regarding the evicted residents seeking help. The Commission asked the chief secretary to submit a detailed report on or before 30th May. Police had registered a case on 23rd May against leaders of the Hynniewtrep Youth Council (HYC) hours after they had carried out the eviction drive.

POACHING

A major rhino poaching bid in the Kaziranga area was averted, and poachers were apprehended by the Assam forest department. Authorities of the Kaziranga National Park conducted a joint operation with Bokakhat Police, Jorhat Forest Division and Jorhat Police and apprehended the poachers in the Golaghat and Jorhat districts of Upper Assam. The significant achievement stemmed from a series of coordinated actions, following credible information regarding illicit activities related to the trade of rhino horns within the areas surrounding the Kaziranga National Park.

CYCLONE

The North Eastern States, including Meghalaya are expected to face particularly severe weather conditions, with isolated extremely heavy rainfall likely from tonight up to 28th of May. The heavy downpours could lead to flooding in low-lying areas and disrupt daily activities. India Meteorological Department yesterday said that the "Deep Depression" over the East-central Bay of Bengal is likely to intensify into a cyclonic storm.

GOLD

Thirteen-year-old Tamo Moko, a mixed martial arts (MMA) fighter from Lower Subansiri district, has secured a gold medal for Arunachal Pradesh at the 4th MMA and Striking MMA Championships-2024. This feat potentially makes him the youngest MMA fighter from Arunachal to achieve this milestone. Competing in

the 51 kilogram weight category, Moko displayed exceptional talent at the event held in Calicut, Kerala, from the 17th to 18th of this month. A student of Class 8 at Government TPD Middle School in Ziro, Moko's victory shines a spotlight on the burgeoning talent and determination of young athletes in the north-eastern region of the country.
