

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma congratulates renowned artist, Kong Silbi Passah who was honoured with prestigious Padma Shri Award in the field of art.
- Manipur Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh visits hail storm affected areas in Bishnupur district and assures to provide compensation to affected families.
- Meghalaya government waits for approval of Election Commission of India before appointing new Director General of Police.
- Police continuously seize drugs in last 10 days especially in East Jaiñtia Hills district of Meghalaya bordering Assam; total value of seized contraband worths 15 crore rupees.
- Meghalaya government requests National Testing Agency to conduct re-examination of National Eligibility cum Entrance 'NEET' following anomalies during recent examination.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

PADMA SHRI:

Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma has congratulated renowned artist, Kong Silbi Passah who was honoured with the prestigious Padma Shri Award. Sangma himself attended the ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi yesterday where the President of India Droupadi Murmu has conferred the Padma Shri Award to Kong Silbi Passah and other recipients. Passah had been bestowed various awards including the Meghalaya State Award in 2005, National Award for Teachers in 2006, Lady of Hope (Cape Town South Africa) in 2012, U Tirot Sing Award for Arts and Literature in 2014 and Sangeet Natak Academic Award in 2021. Meanwhile Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang Goley also extended his congratulations and best wishes to Jordan Lepcha for being honored with the prestigious Padma Shri Award. The Chief Minister said, Lepcha has been conferred with the prestigious Padma Shri Award for his diligent efforts in preserving the cultural heritage of the Lepcha tribe through weaving traditional hats and crafting bamboo for the past 25 years.

BIREN:

Manipur Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh yesterday visited the hail storm affected areas of Bishnupur district and assured to provide compensation to the affected families. Biren along with his cabinet colleagues, MLAs and senior officials visited Phubala, Sunu Siphai, Naranseina and Thamnapokpi villages which have been severely affected by the hail storm accompanied by rain and strong winds last Sunday. The Chief Minister also held a meeting there and announced that financial and material assistance has already started being provided to those families whose houses had been damaged in the hail storm. Moreover, a survey is going on for crops damage and immediate aid will be given to the identified farmers. Meanwhile, moderate rainfall was witnessed in Thoubal and Kakching districts yesterday afternoon.

DGP:

The Meghalaya government is waiting for the approval of the Election Commission of India before appointing a new Director General of Police of the state. Though the preference of the government is for senior IPS officer, Idashisha Nongrang, but the appointment needs the approval of the Election Commission as the model code of conduct is still applicable in view of the ongoing Lok Sabha elections across the country. The current DGP LR Bishnoi will retire on the 19th of this month.

HEROIN:

In Meghalaya, the state police have continuously seized drugs in the past few days especially in East Jaiñtia Hills district bordering Assam. Police personnel deployed at Lumshnong area conducted checking of buses and seized a consignment of 40 soap boxes filled with heroin valued around 3.6 crore rupees. In addition, police also seized around 9 kgs of cannabis and four mobile phones. The contraband was found from three passengers travelling in two separate night buses from Silchar to Guwahati via Meghalaya. In the last 10 days, this was the fifth major drugs haul in East Jaiñtia Hills district bringing the total value of seized contraband to 15 crore rupees.

NTA:

The Meghalaya government has requested the National Testing Agency to conduct re-examination of the National Eligibility cum Entrance 'NEET' following anomalies during the recent examination held in the state last Sunday. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma and Education Minister, Rakkam A Sangma have taken up the matter and he has also spoken to the chairman of the NTA. The chairman of the NTA had informed the Education Minister that the NTA has sought a report from the exam centre to know the ground reality on what had actually happened during the exams. He also said that the Chief Minister has also taken up the matter with the concerned authority in Delhi.
