

## **NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN**

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### **HEADLINES:-**

1. Ambassador of Nepal to India Dr. Shankar Prasad Sharma, to participate in the 38th Board Meeting of the India Nepal Foundation.
2. Spearhead Gunners of the Indian Army organizes an informative lecture and plantation drive at Sigar Military Station in East Siang District of Arunachal.
3. International Nurses Day celebrated at Sir Thutob Namgyal Memorial Hospital at Sochaygang in Gangtok.
4. PA Sangma International Medical College & Hospital and the University Hospital of Ayurveda and Naturopathy celebrates International Nurses Day.
5. Koch community of Meghalaya observes the Pabuni Puja organised by Meghalaya Koch Association.

### **AMBASSADOR**

Dr. Shankar Prasad Sharma, Ambassador of Nepal to India arrived at Pakyong in Sikkim yesterday to participate in the 38th Board Meeting of the India Nepal Foundation starting from the 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> of this month. He was accompanied by his wife Kalpana Sharma. Upon his arrival at the Rangpo Facilitation Centre, the Ambassador and his wife were graciously welcomed by Thendup Lepcha, Sub-Divisional Magistrate of Rangpo; Sanjiv Khati, President of Rangpo Nagar Panchayat and Sushma Pradhan, Deputy Director, Sikkim Tourism Department along with other officials of the Department.

### **DAY**

In Arunachal Pradesh, Spearhead Gunners of the Indian Army organized a series of events including an informative lecture and plantation drive at Sigar Military Station in East Siang District commemorating the International Plant Health Day yesterday. The main objective of the event was to curb the century old farming practices being followed in the surrounding villages and to encourage the local farmers to initiate measures to conserve plant health and foster the overall ecosystem. The event witnessed participation of farmers from various villages of Mebo Tehsil in the District. The initiative by the Spearhead Gunners was instrumental in promoting plant health and biodiversity conservation.

## **NURSES**

In observance of the International Nurses Day and to commemorate the birth anniversary of the iconic Florence Nightingale, the upcoming PA Sangma International Medical College & Hospital and the University Hospital of Ayurveda and Naturopathy at the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya on Saturday came together for event on the University campus. The event was graced by Shri Mahbubul Hoque, Chancellor USTM, Prof. GD Sharma, Vice Chancellor of UST as the chief guest. Dr. RK Sharma, Advisor to USTM, and Dr. Rashna Dass Hazarika, Medical Superintendent of the upcoming PA Sangma International Medical College and Hospital, apart from other doctors and nurses attended the celebration making it a success. Addressing the gathering, Mahbubul Hoque said that nurses are the backbone of healthcare, tirelessly working to provide comfort, care, and healing to patients in need. “Their dedication, compassion, and resilience inspire us all.

## **SUPPORT**

Indian Army's Trishakti Corps empowers North Sikkim Villages with Operation Sadbhavana under Operation Sadbhavana. The Indian Army's Trishakti Corps demonstrated unwavering support for North Sikkim's remote communities in Naga and Rangrang villages. Following a devastating glacial lake outburst flood, the Corps distributed essential relief materials, benefiting villagers and symbolizing solidarity during challenging times. Additionally, a medical camp provided critical healthcare services to over 150 patients, while local youths were engaged with educational sessions under the Agniveer Scheme, promoting empowerment and a brighter future. These efforts, rooted in compassion, highlight the Army's commitment to fostering community development and strengthening bonds with border populations, ensuring sustained harmony and solidarity in the region.

## **FESTIVAL**

In Chenga Benga Gandhipara, South West Garo Hills, the Koch community observed the Pabuni Puja organised by Meghalaya Koch Association. This annual celebration is revered as one of the most joyous occasions among the Koch people. During the festivities, villagers congregated at the Pabuni shali (Shrine), where the deusi (Priest) led rituals, accompanied by the assistance of Chathung laoni. Offerings of Chokot (Rice beer) and Fap (Rice cake) were made to the goddess, symbolizing protection for both the cattle and villagers. The ritual culminated in a lively dance, with traditional instruments filling the air with music and the spirit of camaraderie. The Pabuni festival venerates

nature and love, with the belief that the deity, situated under a grand banyan tree adorned with decorated bamboo posts, is the source of all natural elements and the essence of love within human hearts.

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