

## **NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN**

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### **HEADLINES:-**

1. Nagaland records estimated 83.54 percent voters' turnout in urban local bodies' elections held in three Municipalities and 21 Town councils after a gap of 20 years with 33 per cent women reservation.
2. Customs Department observes International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking and conducts series of awareness and outreach programs as well as destruction of seized drugs to reinforce its commitment to combating drug abuse and trafficking in North East.
3. Renewed efforts are being made to get the status of Institute of National Importance to North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences 'NEIGRIHMS' in Meghalaya.
4. Manipur Governor Sushri Anusuiya Uikey calls for close coordination among scientific research institutes like Institute of Bioresource and Sustainable Development, Central Agricultural University to ensure viable research innovations towards tapping huge potential of bioresources in Manipur.
5. Press Information Bureau, Shillong in association with Meghalaya Police is organizing Vartalap-Media Workshop on three new criminal laws - Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023, Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita 2023 and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam 2023 in Shillong today.

### **NEWS IN ORDER:-**

#### **POLLS**

In Nagaland, an estimated voter turnout of 83.54 percent was recorded in the urban local bodies' elections held in three Municipalities and 21 Town councils yesterday. The election was historic for the State of Nagaland as the polling were conducted after a gap of 20 years, that too, with 33 per cent women reservation. The voting took place in 420 polling stations under 214 wards with 523 candidates in the fray, which included 198 female and 325 male candidates. The State Election Commission said, the polls went off smoothly in all polling stations except one under Dimapur Municipal Council, and a fresh polling was declared at Polling Station No. 4 under Ward 20 of Dimapur Municipal Council to be held tomorrow. Counting of votes will take place on Saturday.

#### **DRUGS**

Observing the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking and 'Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan,' the Customs Department has conducted a series of awareness and outreach programs as well as destruction of seized drugs to reinforce its commitment to combating drug abuse and trafficking in the North

East. To demonstrate zero-tolerance policy towards drug trafficking, the Customs also conducted a drug destruction campaign in Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya and Mizoram. In the drive, 12.48 kgs Heroin, 45.27 kgs Meth/Yaba Tablets, 5804.78 kgs Ganja and 66,728 bottles of Codeine-based Cough Syrups having a total seizure value of 167.47 crore rupees were destroyed. This was conducted in a secure and environmentally responsible manner, ensuring that these harmful substances are permanently removed from circulation. By conducting these awareness and outreach programmes and destroying seized drugs, the Customs aims to reduce the prevalence of drug abuse and support the global fight against illicit drug trafficking and remains steadfast in its mission to protect the society from the danger of drug abuse and trafficking.

## **NEIGRIHMS**

The demand to grant the status of Institute of National Importance to the North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences 'NEIGRIHMS' in Meghalaya has been pending for years, but renewed efforts are being made to get this for the super specialty hospital in Shillong. NEIGRIHMS Medical Superintendent, Dr C Daniela stated that the institute is continuously striving to obtain the status of Institute of National Importance. Dr Daniela said that the Health Ministry has previously agreed in principle to grant this status to NEIGRIHMS. Once accorded with this status, NEIGRIHMS will be able to independently start postgraduate and super specialty courses with permission from the National Medical Commission. AIR

## **MANIPUR**

Manipur Governor Sushri Anusuiya Uikey said that a close coordination among scientific research institutes like the Institute of Bioresource and Sustainable Development, Central Agricultural University is highly needed to ensure viable research innovations towards tapping the huge potential of bioresources in Manipur. Speaking at the consultation program held at IBSD Imphal yesterday, the Governor said, the IBSD Imphal is engaged in research activities and several outreach programs to fulfil the mission of bioresource development and their sustainable utilization through biotechnological intervention for socio-economic development of the North Eastern Region. In another program, the Governor flagged off an ambulance for the Indian Red Cross Society of Senapati district branch at Raj Bhavan, Imphal. The ambulance was donated by the Governor.

## **LAWS**

In Meghalaya, the Press Information Bureau, Shillong in association with the Meghalaya Police, is organizing a Vartalap-Media Workshop on the three new criminal laws in Shillong today. Meghalaya DGP, Idashisha Nongrang will be the chief Guest for the workshop. The three new criminal laws namely, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS) 2023, Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) 2023 and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhinyam (BSA) 2023 are coming into force in the whole country with effect from 1st July 2024.

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