

## **NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN**

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### **HEADLINES:-**

1. In flood affected Sikkim, as many as 158 tourists, the last remaining stranded in North Sikkim have been evacuated to safer places.
2. Heavy and incessant rains continue to lash Arunachal Pradesh for the past few days.
3. Over 1.6 lakh people are reeling under the fury of floods in 15 districts of Assam.
4. UGC-NET June 2024 Examination cancels by the Government and matter is being handed over to the Central Bureau of Investigation for thorough investigation.
5. Meghalaya Chief Minister releases three publications focused on Meghalaya's forests, alongside launches an online portal named the "Meghalaya Forest Fire Information System."
6. Meghalaya faces a big challenge in organ donation and transplantation says CEO of Zublee foundation Prinyanka Borah.

### **FLOOD**

In flood affected Sikkim, as many as 158 tourists, the last remaining stranded in North Sikkim, have been evacuated to safer places and evacuation has been successfully completed yesterday. Mangan District administration in coordination with various departments of the State Government and Border Roads Organisation, State Disaster Response Force, National Disaster Response Force and local volunteers, have tirelessly assisted the stranded tourists in reaching safer grounds for the last three days. Rescue, relief and restoration operations were on in full swing to mitigate the sufferings of the affected people particularly of the most affected parts of Lachung and Chungthang in Mangan District. Around 1300 stranded tourist have been evacuated by Tuesday from the flood affected areas to safer places.

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### **RAIN**

Heavy and incessant rains continue to lash Arunachal Pradesh for the past few days. IMD has issued a Red alert in East Kameng, Papum Pare and Lower Dibang Valley districts. It has also issued an Orange alert for 9 districts and a yellow for the rest. A portion of the NH-415 has been washed away by a flash flood in the Karsingsa area thereby completely halting the vehicular movement along the Nirjuli-Banderdewa stretch of the highway. In view of this, the Itanagar Capital District administration has ordered the closure of the highway from Nirjuli to

Banderdewa and the diversion of traffic through Gumto Road for the period till the restoration of the road.

## **NET**

The UGC-NET June 2024 Examination has been cancelled by the government. A fresh examination will be conducted later for which the information will be shared separately. The examination has been cancelled after the inputs from the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre indicated that the integrity of the examination may have been compromised. The matter is being handed over to the Central Bureau of Investigation for thorough investigation in the matter. The National Testing Agency (NTA) conducted the UGC-NET June 2024 Examination on Tuesday in two shifts across different cities of the country. Yesterday, the University Grants Commission (UGC) received certain inputs from the National Cyber Crime Threat Analytics Unit of the Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) under the Ministry of Home Affairs on the Examination.

## **KILL**

In Assam, incessant rain has thrown life out of gear in many districts. Over 1.6 lakh people are reeling under the fury of floods in 15 districts. Five persons were killed due to a landslide in Karimganj district. All schools in Karimganj district will remain closed today. month. Water logging has also been reported in many places in Guwahati city. Road communication is disrupted in several flood-affected districts.

## **PUBLICATION**

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma yesterday said close to 26 percent of the forest areas in the state are vulnerable to forest fire, while around almost 60 percent of the areas have moderate to very high vulnerability trend. The Minister yesterday released three significant publications focused on Meghalaya's forests, alongside launching an online portal named the "Meghalaya Forest Fire Information System." The Chief Minister said under the Chief Minister's Research Scholar program, various research initiatives are being undertaken. He urged for continuous research and digital preservation of data, advocating for trend analysis to inform policy-making and corrective measures.

## **DONATION:**

Meghalaya is facing a big challenges in organ donation and transplantation said Prinyanka Borah of Zublee foundation. Speaking at a programme on "deceased organ donation and the way forward at MIIT at Dhanketi in Shillong yesterday, Borah informed that the state has limited or no data on how many people get transplants done from other parts of the country. There is scarcity of data regarding organ transplantation and donation despite her awareness programme. Borah also said that not many hospitals in the state are equipped have the necessary expertise for organ donation and transplantation. There is an urgent need to establish infrastructures to support these critical medical procedures, she added. Bora who is the CEO of Zublee foundation also said that there is limited awareness and lack of understanding on decease organ donation among the public of the state.

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