

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

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- **In Manipur, incessant rain affected normal life and landslides and flash floods have been reported from different places.**
- **Incessant rain continues to affect normal life in Arunachal Pradesh.**
- **Due to the inclement weather and the likelihood of landslide along the Shillong Dawki Road, the general public have been advised to exercise caution while travelling.**
- **Meghalaya Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Minister AL Hek has informed that a 32 crore rupees worth veterinary hospital will soon be constructed at Upper Shillong.**
- **Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma yesterday gifted musical instruments to the Eastern Brook Band, a talented group of visually impaired musicians.**
- **The four-day festival of Behdienkhlam, celebrated by the Pnar (Jaintia) community of Meghalaya will culminate at Jowai today amidst joy and religious fervour.**

NEWS IN ORDER:-

FLOOD:

In Assam, the flood situation has turned critical, with more than six lakh people reeling under the deluge across 19 districts. Two more persons died in Tinsukia and Dhemaji taking the death toll to 36, while another person was reported missing in Golaghat. A total of 1,275 villages across 64 revenue circles have been affected by the flood. Over 14,700 hectares of crop area have been damaged across the state. The flood was triggered by heavy rainfall and the release of excess water from the Lower Subansiri Dam of Arunachal Pradesh. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has directed all the guardian ministers to visit flood-affected districts immediately. The State Government has opened relief camps and relief distribution centres in all the flood affected districts.

RAIN:

In Manipur, incessant rain affected normal life and landslides and flash floods have been reported from different places. Most of the rivers in Manipur have been flowing above warning level. In some places, water overflowed from the rivers and inundated low lying dwelling areas. The Manipur Government has started clearing drainage systems in Imphal city to lower the level of inundated water.

LANDSLIDES:

Incessant rain continues to affect normal life in Arunachal Pradesh. Landslides and flash floods have blocked road communication to many interior places. In the capital city Itanagar and Papum Pare District, the administration has

declared closure of schools. In Lohit district, heavy rain has affected the main water supply connection, restoration of which is underway. Surging waters of Lohit River and its tributaries have flooded many low laying areas. In Namsai and Changlang districts, the Assam Rifles has launched Operation Saviour to rescue stranded civilians and provide relief to the flood devastated villages.

ROAD:

Due to the inclement weather conditions and the likelihood of further landslide along the Rngain stretch of National Highway-40 (Shillong Dawki Road), the Sub-Divisional Officer, Pynursla Civil Sub-Division has advised the general public to exercise caution while travelling, especially during heavy rain and night hours. The officer informed that the situation is being assessed and closely monitored for the safety of the general public.

VETERINARY:

Meghalaya Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Minister AL Hek has informed that a 32 crore rupees worth veterinary hospital will soon be constructed at Upper Shillong. In this facility, different kinds of animals will get necessary treatment. To be constructed under PM Divine project, it has been already cleared by the State Level Empowered Committee. There are no land issues since the veterinary department has its own land at 7th Mile in the outskirts of Shillong, the minister said.

INSTRUMENT:

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma yesterday gifted musical instruments to the Eastern Brook Band, a talented group of visually impaired musicians. The initiative was part of the Meghalaya Grassroots Music Programme, a flagship scheme of the Chief Minister's Office, aimed at promoting and supporting local talents. The Chief Minister lauded the band's spirit and encouraged them to continue pursuing their dreams, saying that they were a source of inspiration to the youth.

FESTIVAL:

The four-day festival of Behdienkhlam, celebrated by the Pnar (Jaintia) community of Meghalaya will culminate at Jowai today amidst joy and religious fervour. The festival is the ritualistic expression of warding off diseases, including plague. "Khlam" means 'plague or pestilence' and "beh dien" means to drive away with sticks. It is a state holiday in Meghalaya today. Followers of the indigenous Niamtre faith converge at Wah Aitnar (a muddy pool), dancing to the tunes of the traditional pipes and drums. The youth of each locality display their artistic skills by erecting colourful 'rots' - 30 to 40 feet tall structures built of bamboo, coloured paper and tinsel. The climax of the celebrations is the tussle for the 'Khong', a wooden post by two groups of people. The 'Khong' along with the 'rots' is then immersed in the pool.
