

## **NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN**

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### **HEADLINES:-**

1. The Union budget 2024 will empower tribal communities with near 200 percent increase in outlay of 13,000 crore rupees, says Union minister Sarbananda Sonowal.
2. On his last day in office as Governor of Sikkim, Lakshman Prasad Acharya received warm farewell from several dignitaries yesterday.
3. A farewell program was held at Raj Bhavan in Shillong yesterday in honour of the outgoing Governor of Meghalaya, Phagu Chauhan.
4. The Meghalaya Rural Tourism Forum has strongly condemned the stopping of commercial vehicles at Umtyngngar, East Khasi Hills district by members of the Hynniewtrep National Youth Front recently.
5. The Meghalaya government has said the major sources of water in the state have dried up due to global warming and environmental degradation.
6. The Assam Police has seized highly addictive methamphetamine tablets and arrested a drug peddler from the Cachar district.
7. Bridge over Umiam dam, Barapani reopened for light vehicles from both ends this morning.
8. In Arunachal Pradesh, the Pakke Tiger Reserve celebrated Global Tiger Day with a series of events yesterday.

### **EMPOWERMENT:**

The Union budget 2024 will empower tribal communities with near 200 percent increase in outlay of 13,000 crore rupees. This was stated by Union minister of ports, shipping and waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal during a discussion on the budget with leaders of business community, youth and women from the region in Shillong recently. There will be a boost in job creation in Meghalaya as Direct Benefit Transfer gets integrated with the Meghalaya Industrial and Investment Promotion Policy. The Union budget aims to realize Meghalaya's tremendous potential in natural farming and horticulture, Mr Sonowal said. Northeast India stands to benefit from this budget as it aims to empower the region's economic, industrial and agricultural sectors with the enablement of youth, women and tribal communities, the minister said.

## **FAREWELL:**

On his last day in office as Governor of Sikkim, Lakshman Prasad Acharya received warm farewell from several dignitaries yesterday. Chief Justice of the High Court of Sikkim, Justice Biswanath Somadder extended good wishes. The Minister of PHE and Water Resources conveyed greetings on behalf of the Government of Sikkim. The day was filled with respect and appreciation for Governor Acharya's contributions during his tenure.

## **RAJ**

A farewell program was held at Raj Bhavan in Shillong yesterday in honour of the outgoing Governor of Meghalaya, Phagu Chauhan. The event was attended by the officers and staff of Raj Bhavan, who gathered to express their gratitude and best wishes. In his farewell speech, the outgoing governor thanked the dedicated staff of Raj Bhavan for their steadfast support throughout his tenure. Two-time Mysuru MP and former minister CH Vijayashankar has been appointed as the Governor of Meghalaya. He will be sworn-in as the new governor today. Chief Justice of the Meghalaya High Court, Justice S Vaidyanathan, will administer the oath of office at Raj Bhavan, Shillong.

## **MRUF:**

The Meghalaya Rural Tourism Forum has strongly condemned the stopping of commercial vehicles at Umtyngngar, East Khasi Hills district by members of the Hynniewtrep National Youth Front recently. Chairman of the Forum, Allan West Kharkongor, in an interview with the media said the problem that Meghalaya faces is that big aircrafts cannot land at the airport at Umroi. This is one of the reasons why the income of tourist drivers in the state has been affected.

## **WATER:**

The Meghalaya government has said the major sources of water in the state have dried up due to global warming and environmental degradation. Public Health Engineering Minister Marcuse Marak said the state government has identified over 740 critical water sources through the Climate Council. The Climate Council has issued directions for taking immediate measures to address issues at the identified critical sources so that the PHE does not face any problem in supplying potable water to the residents of Meghalaya.

## **SEIZE:**

The Assam Police has seized highly addictive methamphetamine tablets valued at nine crore rupees and arrested a drug peddler from the Cachar district. Acting on a tip-off, police conducted a special operation on Saturday in the Katakhal area and apprehended Abdul Alim with 30,000 Yaba tablets. Police suspect that the drugs were smuggled from Myanmar and were being sent to other parts of the country through Assam.

## **BRIDGE**

The bridge atop the Umiam Dam (Barapani) was reopened at six this morning for traffic from both the sides. However, the movement of heavy vehicles, including night super buses, will continue to be restricted. Traffic was regulated since 14<sup>th</sup> December last year in view of the retrofitting work on the bridge. Meghalaya Power Minister AT Mondal said vehicles carrying loads up to a maximum of four metric tonnes will be allowed to pass through the bridge at a time.

## **TIGER**

In Arunachal Pradesh, the Pakke Tiger Reserve celebrated Global Tiger Day with a series of events yesterday. The events aimed at collective efforts towards tiger conservation and the recognition of dedicated personnel involved in wildlife protection.

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