

## NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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### HEADLINES:-

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- The Union Health Ministry has said that there are no reported cases of monkey-pox in the country to date.
- The Khun Hynniewtrep National Awakening Movement to stage sit-in demonstration in Shillong, demanding that the Meghalaya government do away with personal interviews in the recruitment process for Group B, C, and D positions.
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### SAFETY

The Union Government has decided to form a committee to suggest all possible measures for ensuring the safety of healthcare professionals. The government made the decision after considering the concerns expressed by various healthcare stakeholders. It has also invited the state governments to present their suggestion to the committee on the matter. The Supreme Court has taken suo motu cognizance of the Kolkata rape and murder case. A bench comprising Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud and Justices JB Pardiwala and Manoj Misra will hear the matter tomorrow.

## IMA

The Indian Medical Association has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi regarding the incident at RG Kar Medical College in Kolkata and has sought his intervention to bring a central law to check violence against healthcare personnel. The Association has demanded that security protocols of all hospitals be in line with airports. It also demanded that hospitals be declared as safe zones, with the first step being mandatory security entitlements. The Medical Association called for appropriate and dignified compensation for the bereaved family and has asked for improved working conditions for doctors.

## CAA

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has said Citizenship Amendment Act, CAA does not take away the citizenship rights of any religion, rather the act offers respect and justice to the Indian refugees along with citizenship. The minister was speaking after awarding citizenship certificates to 188 expatriates at a function in Ahmedabad yesterday. Mr. Shah criticized the previous Congress government for neglecting the Hindu and other minority expatriates for vote bank and appeasement politics. He reiterated the Modi government's commitment for implementation of CAA across the country.

## ERI SILK

The North Eastern Handicrafts and Handloom Development Corporation, which actively promotes this unique and sustainable product has announced that the famous Eri silk of Northeast India, primarily produced in Meghalaya and Assam, has been accorded the prestigious international Oeko-Tex certification. According to the Corporation, which operates under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region, the Oeko-Tex certification was successfully obtained for Eri silk directly from Germany on the occasion of India's 78th Independence Day. This significant achievement not only enhances the north eastern region's traditional craftsmanship but also elevates Eri silk to a globally recognized and sustainable textile.

## MPOX

The Union Health Ministry has said that there are no reported cases of monkey-pox in the country to date. In view of the World Health Organization declaring monkey-pox a public health emergency of international concern, Union Health Minister J.P. Nadda reviewed the monkey-pox situation and preparedness. It was decided that precautionary measures be put in place to prevent and control the spread of the disease.

The Health Ministry said that the risk of a large outbreak with sustained transmission is presently low for the country. The Health Ministry is closely monitoring the situation.

## KHNAM

The Khun Hynniewtrep National Awakening Movement (KHNAM) will stage a sit-in demonstration at Malki football ground in Shillong, demanding that the Meghalaya government do away with personal interviews in the recruitment process for Group B, C, and D positions. KHNAM working president Thomas Passah said the protest is a response to the government's inaction, despite more than a year passing since the party first raised this demand. It had previously submitted a representation to the government, including notifications from the central government and several other state governments that have already abolished personal interviews for these categories of posts. The party urged the Meghalaya government to follow suit.

## SIKKIM

Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang launched the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan during a special Raksha Bandhan program organized by the Brahma Kumaris at Shakti Kund in Gangtok yesterday. The Chief Minister urged everyone to work together to raise awareness about the dangers of substance abuse and to actively participate in the fight against it. The event, which coincided with Raksha Bandhan, also included a Rakhi-tying ceremony where Brahma Kumari sisters symbolically tied Rakhis on the Chief Minister, reinforcing the message of protection and unity.

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