

## NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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### HEADLINES:-

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi says the youths of the nation are benefited a lot by the Space Sector reforms.
- In Tripura, NDRF troops are carrying out rescue operations in the flood ravaged areas.
- Sikkim prepares for a vital expedition aimed at assessing five glacial lakes facing significant threats in the state.
- Festival of Janmashtami, which marks the birth of Lord Krishna, is being celebrated across the country today.
- Meghalaya's Lou Majaw, the pop-rock icon of Northeast, will be conferred the Honorary Doctorate of Literature (D. Litt.) Degree at the 10<sup>th</sup> Convocation of the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya.
- India Meteorological Department predicts heavy rainfall in Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura.

### **PM:**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the youth of the nation has benefited a lot by the Space Sector reforms. Addressing the nation in his Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani yesterday, the Prime Minister said, a yatra with a 600 feet long Tiranga was carried out in East Kameng District in Arunachal Pradesh. On similar lines, in other States of the country as well, people of all ages participated in such Tiranga Yatras. Speaking on the bond of love between human beings and animals, the Prime Minister spoke about a tiny village Barekuri in the Tinsukia district of Assam where people belonging to the Moran community reside and share a deep bond with the Hoolock Gibbons. He said, when the villagers realised that Gibbons love bananas a lot, they started growing bananas on their farms. Sharing another such incident, Mr Modi said, some youths in Arunachal Pradesh have started using the 3-D printing technology to protect wild animals from being hunted for their horns and tusks.

### **OPERATION:**

In Tripura, NDRF troops are carrying out rescue operations in the flood-ravaged areas. Even on the 5th day of the first strike of floods in the state, 11 battalions of the NDRF are still on rescue and relief operations in South Tripura and Sepahijala districts, which are severely affected due to floods. Despite the heavy rainfall warning, there is no report of much rainfall from any part of the state. However, with soil erosion and a lack of information about the terrain, the NDRF is confronting a challenge to reach out to the stranded people. The plight of people at Battali and Gharantali villages under the Sonamura division in Sepahijala district exacerbated with the simultaneous rise in water level of Gomati and Rudrasagar lakes. As the flood water entered into the houses of the people and kept on rising, people were left with no choice but to evacuate their homes to create a makeshift arrangement for themselves and their family members.

**PREPARATION:**

Sikkim is preparing for a vital expedition aimed at assessing five glacial lakes facing significant threats in the state. The mission, estimated to cost 32 lakh rupees, is scheduled to run from August 28 to September 14. The lakes under scrutiny are Gurudongmar A, B, and C, Sakho Chu, and Khangchu Lake, all situated in the Mangan district, near the Tibet border. The expedition follows a previous mission by the National Disaster Management Authority and Swiss experts, which was conducted before the 2023 Glacial Lake Outburst Flood at South Lhonak Lake, costing 48 lakh rupees. Sandeep Tambe, Secretary to the Department of Science and Technology of Sikkim, will lead the expedition.

**FESTIVAL**

Festival of Janmashtami, which marks the birth of Lord Krishna, is being celebrated across the country today. Devotees throng to the temples to offer prayers to Lord Krishna. Mathura and Vrindavan in Uttar Pradesh is fully geared to celebrate the birth of Lord Krishna. Thousands of temples including Banke Bihari Temple, Prem Mandir, Iskcon Temple and Shri Krishna Janm Bhumi Temple have been tastefully decorated in Mathura, the birthplace of Lord Krishna. President Droupadi Murmu has extended greetings to all citizens and Indians living abroad on the occasion of Janmashtami.

**DEGREE:**

Meghalaya’s Lou Majaw, the pop-rock icon of Northeast, will be conferred the Honorary Doctorate of Literature (D. Litt.) Degree alongside another icon from the region, Zubeen Garg — Assam’s heartthrob and singing sensation — at the 10th Convocation of the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) scheduled for tomorrow. The convocation will see Governor of Meghalaya, CH Vijayashankar conferring degrees upon the recipients in the presence of a galaxy of Vice Chancellors, academicians, eminent personalities, and thousands of students, according to a university release. Governor Vijayashankar will confer the D. Litt. degrees to the two music icons.

**WEATHER:**

India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted heavy rainfall for Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh Punjab, and Haryana. IMD forecasts the same for Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, and Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

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