

## NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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### HEADLINES:-

- Central Drugs Standard Control Organization approves Siemens Healthineer's IMDX Mpox Detection RT-PCR test for the viral disease.
- An Inter-Ministerial Central team led by Joint Secretary B.C. Joshi will visit Tripura today to take stock of the flood situation in the state.
- Micro Small and Medium Enterprise Promotion Council of India will work towards promotion of Real Time Gross Settlement and KT Global Schools.
- Arunachal Pradesh minister Mama Natung urges Union Home Minister Amit Shah to fence the international borders of the state to check illegal activities.
- Meghalaya Government earmarks 50 crore rupees to combat the trafficking of drugs and setting up of more rehabilitation centres in the state.
- Meghalaya Information and Public Relations Minister Ampareen Lyngdoh says the State Government is taking slew of measures for the welfare of the journalists working in the state.

### **TEST:**

India has developed its own indigenous RT-PCR testing kit for Mpox. The Central Drugs Standard Control Organization has approved Siemens Healthineer's IMDX Mpox Detection RT-PCR test for the viral disease. The test delivers result in just 40 minutes, significantly faster than traditional methods which takes 1-2 hours. The World Health Organization has declared Mpox Public Health Emergency of International Concern in view of its prevalence and spread across many parts of Africa. According to WHO, globally since 2022, more than 99 thousand cases and 208 deaths from 116 countries, had been reported due to Mpox.

### **VISIT:**

An Inter-Ministerial Central team led by Joint Secretary, Ministry of Home Affairs, B.C. Joshi will visit Tripura today to take stock of the situation in the wake of disastrous floods in the state. Officials from the Ministries of Agriculture, Finance, Jal Shakti, Rural Development and Road Transport and Highways are in the team. Revenue Secretary of Tripura, Brijesh Pandey said, more than 72,000 flood-affected people have taken shelter at 492 camps across the state. Of these, more than 50 thousand people are sheltered at temporary camps in Gomati district. The district administration is distributing relief materials including food, drinking water, and medical facilities in these camps. Mr Pandey said, 6 teams of SDRF and 5 teams of NDRF are engaged in relief work in Gomati and Sepahijala districts. Besides, around 500 volunteers of Civil Defence and Aapda Mitra are engaged in relief distribution.

**PROMOTION:**

The Micro Small and Medium Enterprise Promotion Council of India will work towards the promotion of Real Time Gross Settlement and KT Global Schools besides creating avenues for 10,000 jobs in Nagaland within this year, an official said. MSMEPCI Chairman Pradeep Mishra Sarkar said the Council will introduce two significant initiatives, the Retail Trading Guarantee Scheme and Kisan Trading Guarantee Scheme in the month of September-October this year. He also informed that sufficient stock of Petrol, Oil and Lubricant is available in the State and the public will be informed about the allocation of POL to each dealer. All dealers should provide the POL items to the public and there should be no excuse for legal action will be initiated against those petrol pumps which closed the pumps despite having sufficient POL items.

**BORDER:**

Arunachal Pradesh minister Mama Natung has urged Union Home Minister Amit Shah to fence the international borders of the state to check infiltration, insurgent activities and illegal cross-border movements. Natung called on Shah in New Delhi officials said. Arunachal Pradesh shares 160 km border with Bhutan in the west, 1,080 km with China in the north and northeast and 440 km with Myanmar to the east.

**DRUG:**

The Meghalaya Legislative Assembly was informed yesterday that there has been alarming increase of drug users from 2 lakh to 3 lakh and the state government has earmarked Rs 50 crore to combat the trafficking of drugs and setting up of more rehabilitation centres in the state. Informing this during his reply to a question asked by Heaving Stone Kharpran from the Voice of the People Party (VPP), during the question hour, Social Welfare Minister, Paul Lyngdoh, informed the House that there are roughly 3 lakh drug addicts in the state as per a latest survey. Mr. Lyngdoh said, since the launch of the Drug Reduction, Elimination and Action Mission (DREAM), the state government has earmarked Rs 50 crore to combat the menace of drug trafficking. Mr. Lyngdoh also informed the House that under the DREAM, the state government has also moved for the creation of more de-addiction centres throughout the state.

**JOURNALIST:**

Information and Public Relations Minister Ampareen Lyngdoh yesterday said that the State Government is taking slew of measures for the welfare of the journalists working in Meghalaya and even housing facilities is under active consideration of the state government. Replying to a question from Sanbor Shullai about the medical welfare scheme for journalists, the minister said that the Journalists' Welfare Scheme 2009 provides for medical welfare of journalists.

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