

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

1. 78th Independence Day celebrations in North Eastern states saw vibrant events with state leaders hoisting national flag, highlighting progress, and pledging development in their respective states.
2. Security forces in Assam carry out searches at several places after banned outfit ULFA claims to have planted bombs at 24 places; suspicious articles found at some places including Guwahati sent for forensic examination.
3. Two high-mast national flags in Meghalaya inaugurated at Old Assembly premises Khyndai Lad in Shillong on occasion of Independence Day.
4. Northeast India's tallest flagpole of 165-foot symbolizes historic legacy of Subhas Chandra Bose and Indian National Army inaugurated in Manipur's Moirang, Bishnupur district.

INDEPENDENCE

The 78th Independence Day celebrations in the North Eastern states yesterday saw vibrant events with state leaders hoisting the national flag, highlighting progress, and pledging development. In Assam, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma hoisted the tricolour at Khanapara, Guwahati, and reiterated the government's commitment to pro-people policies and Sankalp for a 'New Assam'. He called upon the citizens to join the state's progress towards a "Viksit Assam" and stressed the need to address demographic changes and eradicate child marriage by 2026. In Meghalaya, Chief Minister, Conrad K. Sangma unfurled the tri-colour and also took the salute at Polo Ground in Shillong. In his address, said that the "Meghalaya 2032 Vision" drew its inspiration from the "Viksit Bharat 2047" to make Meghalaya a 100 billion-dollar economy by 2047 when Meghalaya celebrates its 75th anniversary of statehood. In Mizoram, Chief Minister Lalduhoma hoisted the national flag at the Assam Rifles parade ground in Aizawl. He emphasized that "Mizoram first" remains the guiding principle in his government's policies and reiterated the government's commitment to providing a people-centric administration with improved public service delivery. In Manipur, Chief Minister N Biren Singh who unfurled the tricolour in Imphal, highlighted ongoing efforts to restore peace in the state, with district-wise initiatives underway. In Arunachal Pradesh, Chief Minister Pema Khandu celebrated Independence Day at Indira Gandhi Park, Itanagar and called for citizens' support in building a "Viksit Arunachal" by 2047. He emphasized the government's commitment to the One District, One Product initiative to boost local economies and generate employment across all districts. Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio addressed the Independence Day event at the Secretariat Plaza in Kohima, and reiterated the government's commitment to all-round development, particularly in the eastern region of the state. He also maintained an open-door policy to address concerns raised by the Eastern Nagaland People's Organisation and

expressed optimism about the Naga peace talks. In Tripura, Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha hoisted the national flag at the Assam Rifles ground in Agartala. He called on the citizens to work together towards the vision of 'Viksit Bharat' and 'Ek Tripura, Shrestha Tripura.' In Sikkim, Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang took part in the Independence Day celebration at Jautar Stadium, Soreng. He emphasized unity, democracy, and collective progress while urging the citizens to uphold peace and contribute to the nation's continued development.

BOMB

In Assam, security forces carried out searches at several places across the state yesterday after the banned outfit ULFA claimed to have planted bombs at 24 places. However no untoward incident was reported. Assam DGP, GP Singh said that suspicious articles have been found at some places including Guwahati and the materials have been sent for a forensic examination. The banned outfit released a statement to media stating that bombs have been planted at several places across Assam. Following this, police swung into action and spotted those materials. Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma urged the outfit not to hurt the development of the state and resolve any issues through dialogue.

FLAGS

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma yesterday inaugurated two high-mast national flags at the Old Assembly premises Khyndai Lad in Shillong on the occasion of Independence Day. One of the flags is mounted on a mast that stands 100 feet tall and faces Police Bazar, while the other, standing at 52.5 feet, faces Vivanta Meghalaya. The installation of these high-mast flags is part of an effort to enhance the city's aesthetic appeal, especially since Shillong has not previously had such prominent national flags. In Manipur too, one of the notable highlights of the Independence Day was the inauguration of Northeast India's tallest flagpole at the Indian National Army's headquarters in Moirang, Bishnupur district. The 165-foot pole symbolizes the historic legacy of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose and the INA.
