

## **NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN**

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### **HEADLINES:-**

1. Union Health Ministry assures protesting doctors of all possible efforts to ensure their safety and urges them to resume their duties in larger public interest.
2. Sikkim Governor, Om Prakash Mathur visits Kupup and Gnathang villages along Indo-China border as part of Vibrant Village program.
3. Meghalaya's veteran political leader and former Chief Minister, Salseng C Marak laid to rest at Gajingpara cemetery, Resubelpara in North Garo Hills district after according him with full state honours.
4. IMD forecast fairly widespread to widespread light to moderate rainfall across East India, with scattered to fairly widespread rainfall over North East India throughout the week.
5. Shillong Lajong FC secure quarterfinal berth after holding ten men FC Goa to 1-1 draw in concluding Group F match of 133<sup>rd</sup> Durand Cup at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Shillong.

### **DOCTORS PROTEST**

The Union Health Ministry has assured protesting doctors of all possible efforts to ensure their safety and urged them to resume their duties in the larger public interest. The Ministry said, a committee will be formed to suggest measures for ensuring safety of healthcare professionals. Representatives of all stakeholders including the State Governments will be invited to share their suggestions. Different medical associations met the Union Ministry of Health & Family Welfare at New Delhi in the aftermath of the incident against a resident doctor in RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, Kolkata. The associations put forth their demands to ensure safety and security of healthcare workers at their respective workplace. A nationwide strike to protest against the rape and murder of the resident doctor was also held yesterday. Various government-run and private hospitals in the North Eastern States also joined the protest demanding justice for the victim and a central law to protect healthcare workers. Most

hospital departments did not function and routine outpatient departments and elective surgeries remained shut.

## **GOVERNOR VISIT**

Sikkim Governor, Om Prakash Mathur visited Kupup and Gnathang villages along the Indo-China border as part of the Vibrant Village program. During his visit, he inaugurated a rainwater harvesting tank at Kupup which emphasized the socio-economic upliftment goals of the program, and encouraged villagers to market their talents nationally and internationally. At Gnathang, the Governor inspected a site for a high-altitude sports complex and interacted with the local community. The visit also included a stop at the Yak Golf Course and the Old Baba Mandir for prayers.

## **MARAK**

In Meghalaya, veteran political leader and former Chief Minister, Salseng C Marak was laid to rest at Gajingpara cemetery, Resubelpara in North Garo Hills district yesterday. The former Chief Minister who passed away on Friday after a prolonged age old ailments, was accorded a full state honour at the Mini Stadium, Resubelpara. The veteran Congress leader had served the state in various capacities from a humble school teacher, then headmaster and became the 6<sup>th</sup> Chief Minister of Meghalaya for full five years term from 1993 to 1998. Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma and various dignitaries, officials, people from across Garo Hills and the State attended the funeral. Tura MP Saleng A Sangma, Assembly Speaker Thomas A Sangma, Deputy Speaker Timothy D Shira, ministers and MLAs also paid their tributes to the late leader.

## **IMD**

The IMD has forecast fairly widespread to widespread light to moderate rainfall across East India, with scattered to fairly widespread rainfall over Northeast India throughout the week. Isolated heavy rainfall is very likely over Sub-Himalayan West Bengal and Sikkim from August 20-22, while Gangetic West Bengal, Jharkhand, and Odisha are expected to experience similar conditions from August 17-20. Furthermore, Bihar is likely to witness heavy rain from August 18-20. Meanwhile, in Northeast India, Arunachal Pradesh could see heavy rainfall on August 22, whereas Assam and Meghalaya are predicted to receive significant rainfall from August 20-22. Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, and Tripura are also expected to experience similar weather conditions for the next five days.

## **DURAND CUP**

Shillong Lajong FC secured the quarterfinal berth of the 133<sup>rd</sup> Durand Cup after holding ten men FC Goa to a 1-1 draw in the concluding Group F match at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Shillong yesterday. Both the teams were locked on seven points each but Shillong Lajong topped the group with a better goal difference. Marcos Rudwere Silva scored the first goal for Shillong Lajong before Devendra Murgaonkar levelled the score for FC Goa a few minutes later. FC Goa were reduced to 10 men in the 81st minute when its custodian, Hritik Tiwari was ejected with a straight red card. Lajong will face East Bengal in the quarter final match at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Shillong on the 21<sup>st</sup> of this month. Shillong Lajong joined the other group winners Mohun Bagan Super Giant, Bengaluru FC, Kerala Blasters FC, Indian Army FT, NorthEast United FC in the quarterfinals. Punjab FC and East Bengal booked their places in the last-eight stage as the two best second placed sides, each having seven points and superior goal difference.

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