

## **NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN**

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### **HEADLINES:-**

1. Tripura Governor Indra Sena Reddy Nallu expresses concern about the safety of women in society.
2. Incessant rain, landslides and flash flood affected normal life in Manipur.
3. A two-day monsoon session of the Mizoram Legislative assembly begins today.
4. North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Science in Shillong will soon get a critical care block.
5. The second phase of the Shillong IT Park, which began construction in January 2023 to be completed six months ahead of schedule.
6. Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang launches the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan during a special Raksha Bandhan programme at Shakti Kund

### **CONCERN**

Tripura Governor Indra Sena Reddy Nallu yesterday expressed concern about the safety of women in society and appealed to protect women so they can live without fear. Addressing the gathering at the Rakhi for Soldiers program organized at Raj Bhavan in Agartala, the Governor expressed displeasure that news of gruesome attacks, harassment, and discrimination against women is becoming all too common. He said, atrocities against women threaten the fabric of society. The Governor remarked that the Rakhi festival reminds society that brothers have a responsibility to protect and empower their sisters.

### **RAIN**

In Manipur, incessant rain affected normal life and landslides and flash floods have been reported at different places of the State. Heavy rainfall triggered landslides at two different places along the Imphal Jiribam National Highway yesterday morning thus obstructing the main life line of the State. On the other hand mudslides occurred near Daili Village of Kangpokpi district along the Imphal Dimapur Road which created heavy traffic jams for hours. The road construction company responsible for these two National Highways deployed machines and workers to clear the debris from the highways. The Meteorological Centre, Imphal forecasts heavy rainfall in Manipur for the coming days and alerts the Orange alarm. The valley districts of Manipur have also witnessed rainfall ranging from 40 mm to 50 mm during the period and inundated the low lying areas.

## **SESSION**

A two-day monsoon session of the Mizoram Legislative assembly begins today. The assembly secretariat has received five Government bills to be tabled during the session. The assembly will pay tribute to Kapoor Chand Thakuri, the first and lone nominated member from Gorkha community in the state. Thakuri was among first three members nominated to the state legislative assembly in 1972 when Mizoram got its first assembly after it became Union Territory. Thakuri died in Kathmandu on July 15. The Mizo Union, the first political party in the state that merged with Congress in 1974, won the elections to the first 30-member assembly polls in 1972 and selected Thakuri, Saptawni (first woman MLA) and Lalhmingthanga for the nominated seats.

## **NEIGRIHMS**

The prestigious North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Science in Shillong will soon get a critical care block which was sanctioned by Central Government under PM Abhim. NEIGRIHMS Director, Dr Nalin Mehta yesterday said that the structure is coming up well and the 150 bedded block will be completed by December this year. The critical care block will be of great benefit to the state, as it will deal with contagious diseases. Dr. Mehta said that idea came up from the Centre after COVID hit the world and there was a need felt for the block which can treat contagious diseases in isolation.

## **PARK**

The second phase of the Shillong IT Park, which began construction in January 2023, is on track to be completed six months ahead of schedule. Originally slated for completion in January 2026, the contractor, Badri Rai and Company, has assured the government that the building will be ready for inauguration by August 2025. The project, which is being developed at a cost of 114 crore rupees, is nearing 80 per cent completion. The new G+4 structure spans an area of 1.5 lakh square feet, with the laying of the second-to-last slab currently in progress. Government sources have confirmed that the structural work is expected to be finished within the next month, well ahead of its deadline. It may be noted that this project is fully funded by the state government.

## **SIKKIM**

Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang launched the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan during a special Raksha Bandhan programme organized by the Brahma Kumaris at Shakti Kund in Gangtok yesterday. In his address, the Chief Minister stressed the importance of integrating the message of the Nasha Mukta

Bharat Abhiyaan into daily life. He 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 Kumaris sisters symbolically tied Rakhis on the Chief Minister and other dignitaries, reinforcing the message of protection and unity.

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