

## **NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN**

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### **HEADLINES:-**

1. Government issues operational guidelines for the implementation of Model Solar Village under PM-Surya Ghar-Muft Bijli Yojana.
2. Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang inaugurates the 300-foot Bailey Suspension Bridge over the Teesta River at Singtam.
3. In Sikkim, Indrani Bridge successfully reconstructed by Border Roads Organisation.
4. Manipur Governor, Lakshman Prasad Acharya reviews the prevailing law and order in the State.
5. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma meets the Union Home Minister, Amit Shah in New Delhi and review the security arrangements along the Indo Bangla border.

### **GUIDELINES**

The Government has issued operational guidelines for the implementation of Model Solar Village under PM-Surya Ghar-Muft Bijli Yojana yesterday. The New and Renewable Energy Ministry in a statement said that under the scheme emphasis has been placed on creating one Model Solar Village per district across the country. The Ministry said that a total financial outlay of 800 crore rupees has been allocated for this component, providing 1 crore rupees per selected Model Solar Village. It said that to be considered under this scheme, a village must be a revenue village with a population size above 5,000 or 2,000 for special category states. The Ministry said that the villages will be assessed on their overall distributed renewable energy capacity installed in six months after the declaration of the potential candidate by the District Level Committee.

## **INAUGURATION**

Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang (Golay) inaugurated the 300-foot Bailey Suspension Bridge, known as the Indrani Bridge, over the Teesta River at Singtam. This bridge, constructed by Project Swastik of the Border Roads Organisation (BRO), replaces a previous bridge destroyed by catastrophic flash floods on October 4, 2023. The Chief Minister emphasized that restoring road connectivity in Sikkim, especially after such disasters, is a top priority for the government. He praised the BRO's role in Sikkim's economic and infrastructure development. The project, completed in record time, reconnects South and East Sikkim, aiding in the region's recovery and future development. Senior state officials and BRO representatives attended the inauguration.

## **BRIDGE**

The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) has successfully reconstructed the Indrani Bridge in Sikkim, reconnecting the northern region of the state to the rest of India after it was severely damaged by flash floods in October 2023. The project, led by the 764 Border Roads Task Force (BRTF) under Project Swastik, involved the construction of a 300-foot Bailey Suspension Bridge, following a joint survey with Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE). This achievement highlights the resilience, engineering skill, and collaboration required to restore critical infrastructure, marking a significant step in Sikkim's recovery and future development. The bridge will play a vital role in the state's economic and social progress.

## **SECURITY**

The Governor of Manipur, Lakshman Prasad Acharya yesterday reviewed the prevailing law and order in the State. Convening a security meeting along with the Special Chief Secretary M.H. Khan, Security Advisor, DGP, GOC 57 Mountain Division, IGAR (South) representatives of IB and officers of other paramilitary forces at Raj Bhavan. The Manipur Governor reviewed the overall security arrangement taken up to control any situation at any point in time in the State. Discussion for smooth passage of goods laden vehicles along with National Highways were also discussed in the meeting and the Governor directed the DGP for taking up steps to allow free flow passage along the National Highways. He directed the officers of central security forces to extend their maximum co-operation to the administration and the State security apparatus for enabling to maintain law and order in the State.

## **SECURITY**

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma and Deputy Chief Minister Prestone Tynsong yesterday met the Union Home Minister, Amit Shah in New Delhi and reviewed the security arrangements along the Indo Bangla border. During the meeting, the Chief Minister emphasised on deploying more manpower to ensure that no individual from Bangladesh crosses over to India. The Meghalaya Government has already implemented night curfew along the Indo

Bangla border in Meghalaya. On the other hand, Meghalaya DGP Idashisha Nongrang paid a courtesy call to Governor Meghalaya C H Vijayashankar at Raj Bhavan in Shillong. During the meeting, the DGP briefed the Governor about the law and order situation in the state and the preventive measures which are being taken to ensure peace and normalcy in the state.

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