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HEADLINES:-

- Manipur Government declares holidays on Monday and Tuesday for all schools and colleges due to deteriorating law and order situation.
- Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh submits eight-point resolution to the Governor.
- Seven Rohingyas and 10 Bangladeshi nationals arrested from different parts of Tripura.
- Total GST receipts from April to August, 2024 for Meghalaya was 772 crore rupees.
- Two new ginger species, with flowers resembling delicate ballerinas, discovered in Double Decker Living Root Bridge area of Meghalaya.
- Third edition of 'India-Japan Education Conclave' to take place in Guwahati on the 28th of this month.Boong, a debut film by Manipuri filmmaker Lakshmipriya Devi, premiered on Saturday in the Toronto International Film Festival.

MANIPUR

The Manipur Government has declared two days holiday on Monday and Tuesday for all schools and colleges in view of the deteriorating law and order situation in the State. Schools and colleges were closed on Saturday after the incident in Moirang where a rocket bomb blast killed a civilian.

CM

Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh along with the assembly speaker, cabinet members and MLAs of ruling party met Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya yesterday at Raj Bhavan Imphal. During the meeting, an eight point resolution was submitted to the Governor. These include, centre to ensure peace in the State, handing over of unified command to the State Government, abrogation of Suspension of Operation with Kuki militant groups, completion of fencing along Indo-Myanmar border, implementation of Free Movement Regime, to conduct NRC in Manipur with base year 1961 and deport all illegal migrants.

ARREST

Seven Rohingyas and 10 Bangladeshi nationals were arrested from different parts of Tripura. According to police, an Indian tout was also arrested for helping the Bangladeshi citizens enter the country illegally. A police officer said that four Bangladeshi nationals were arrested from Dharmanagar in North Tripura district adjoining Assam on Saturday.

GST

The total GST receipts from April to August, 2024 for Meghalaya was 772 crore rupees. The receipts for the same period in 2023 was 737 crore rupees, indicating an increase of five percent in the receipts, the state's finance department said. The growth rate for other States in the North East were: Assam seven percent, Arunachal Pradesh eight percent, Manipur 11 percent, Mizoram one percent, Nagaland zero percent, Sikkim 16 percent and Tripura 11 percent. The Government is taking up awareness creation activities, especially among the small shopkeepers who procure goods from outside the State, to ensure that the invoices are generated with Meghalaya addresses so that the GST accrues to the state. Intensive scrutiny of returns is being carried out to check evasion, a statement said.

GINGER

Two new ginger species, with flowers resembling delicate ballerinas, have been discovered in the Double Decker Living Root Bridge area of Meghalaya. The species, Globba tyrnaensis and Globba janakiae, were found by researchers from the Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, Bhopal during fieldwork conducted in August and September 2022. These 'dancing girls,' named for the way their flower structures appear to move in the wind, belong to the genus Globba, a group of ornamental plants in the ginger family. Globba species are native to tropical regions such as Southeast Asia, India, and the Eastern Himalayas, and are known for their intricate, colorful flowers.

CONCLAVE

The third edition of the 'India-Japan Education Conclave' is scheduled to take place in Guwahati on the 28th of this month, marking a significant milestone in the deepening Indo-Japan relations. The event will be hosted at Cotton University. Assam Education Minister Ranoj Pegu has extended invitation to educators, researchers, students, and stakeholders to participate.

FILM

Boong, a debut film by Manipuri filmmaker Lakshmipriya Devi, premiered on Saturday in the prestigious Toronto International Film Festival. For the first time, a Manipuri fiction film was featured in the Discovery section, marking a significant milestone for the state and its film industry. The A-grade film festival is being held at Toronto, Canada. Shot just months before ethnic violence tore through the region, Boong stands as a poignant documentation of Manipur. The film was a community effort, with residents from different ethnic backgrounds contributing to its production.
