

## NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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### HEADLINES:-

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi says that atrocities against women and the safety of children are matters of grave concern for society.
- North East Frontier Railway carries out re-development work across 91 stations in the Northeast Region.
- Assam Government's debt surges by over 107% between 2018-19 and 2022-23 according to report by Comptroller and Auditor General.
- The body of the Awami League leader, Ishaque Ali Khan Panna handed over to Bangladesh officials at Dawki Land Port in Meghalaya.
- Meghalaya's Anti-Narcotics Task Force of West Garo Hills District seizes 311 vials of heroin from different parts of the district in the past week alone.
- North East United FC clinches the 133rd Indian Oil Durand Cup in a thrilling final played at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan, Kolkata.

### **PM:**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that atrocities against women and the safety of children are matters of grave concern for society. He said, many strict laws have been made in the country for the safety of women, but there is a need to make it more active. Modi said, that the faster the decisions are taken in cases related to atrocities against women, the greater assurance of safety women will get. The Prime Minister was speaking after inaugurating the two-day National Conference of District Judiciary at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi yesterday.

### **BIO:**

Union Minister for Science and Technology, Dr Jitendra Singh yesterday released the Biotechnology for Economy, Environment and Employment (BioE3) policy 2024 in New Delhi. While addressing the media, Dr Singh said that this policy will foster high performance bio manufacturing in the country. He also said, future economy of the world will be driven by the bioeconomy. The Union Cabinet had approved BioE3 policy on 24th of this month.

### **RAILWAY:**

The North East Frontier Railway (NFR) is carrying out redevelopment work across 91 stations in the northeast region. This initiative is being undertaken as a part of the broader vision of Indian Railways to enrich the experience of passengers availing services; additionally, with an aim to upgrade the infrastructural facilities and amenities at certain enlisted railway stations. The prime focus is to ensure modernity as well as comfort for railway passengers. Reportedly, the initiative is undertaken to boost the overall experience of passengers by modernising the station buildings, improving access, and providing state-of-the-art facilities to the passengers. Among the stations set in other parts of the northeastern region are Rangpo in Sikkim, Agartala and Udaipur in Tripura, Mendipathar in Meghalaya, Dimapur in Nagaland, and Naharlagun in Arunachal Pradesh, which are set to be redeveloped.

**DEBT:**

Assam government's debt has surged by over 107% between 2018-19 and 2022-23, a report by the Comptroller and Auditor General, presented at the Assembly on Friday, the last day of the autumn session, revealed. The report also highlighted a sharp increase in the growth rate of outstanding liabilities during this period, with the debt ballooning from ₹59,425.61 crore to ₹1,23,214.80 crore. The rising debt has been partly attributed to increased borrowings from the open market, with the outstanding liabilities-to-GSDP ratio also climbing from 19.21% in 2018-19 to 24.98% in Financial Year-2023. Capital expenditure by the state government saw a significant decline of more than 20% in Financial Year 2023 compared to 2021-22, the CAG report further noted.

**BODY:**

The body of the Awami League leader, Ishaque Ali Khan Panna, was handed over to Bangladesh officials yesterday by Meghalaya government at the Dawki Land Port after completion of all paper works and necessary formalities. Earlier in the morning, at around 5 AM, Panna's body was handed over to an associate, approved by the Bangladesh High Commission, at Khliehriat Civil hospital in East Jaintia Hills district. The associate had been tasked with identifying the body and completing the related paper works to ensure smooth handing over of the body to Bangladeshi authorities. Panna's body is being transported to his hometown in Pirojpur district, Bangladesh. Panna's body was discovered on August 26, 2024, in a betel nut plantation in the Dona Bhoi area of East Jaintia Hills, approximately 1.5 km from the Indo-Bangladesh border. He was reportedly fleeing to India following violent protests in Bangladesh on August 23, 2024. His identity was confirmed through his Bangladesh passport, which was found near the body.

**DRUGS:**

In a major crackdown on drug peddling and curbing the menace of drugs in Garo Hills region, the Anti-Narcotics Task Force of West Garo Hills in Meghalaya has seized 311 vials of heroin from different parts of the district in the past week alone. In the past week alone, the ANTF seized 80 vials containing heroin, along with cash and mobile phones, from Tura area, 60 vials of heroin were confiscated from the Phulbari area and another 171 vials from Rongram Area under Tura Police Station, West Garo Hills police said in a press statement.

**FOOTBALL:**

North East United FC completed a brilliant comeback victory defeating champions Mohun Bagan Super Giant and clinched the 133rd Indian Oil Durand Cup in a thrilling final played at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan, Kolkata. This is the Highlanders' maiden Durand Cup title and their first ever silverware in Indian football.

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