

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

1. Prime Minister, Narendra Modi launches several national projects, including Shillong's Faecal Sludge and Septage Management Plant in Meghalaya to boost Shillong's sanitation.
2. Director General Border Roads, Lt Gen Raghu Srinivasan, visits Sikkim for three days and inspects ongoing road restoration and construction works of roads damaged due to heavy rain.
3. Itanagar Capital Police and Rajiv Gandhi University in Arunachal Pradesh sign Memorandum of Understanding for establishment of centre titled "Ane's Home - A Healing Centre for Trauma Victims" on occasion of Gandhi Jayanti.
4. Manipur and other states in North Eastern Region observe National Cleanliness Day and pay floral tributes at statue of Mahatma Gandhi on his birth anniversary.
5. Nagaland government signs Wales as one of country partners for upcoming 25th Edition of Hornbill Festival.
6. Meghalaya Governor, C. H. Vijayashankar flags off *Swachhata Run* hosted by Raj Bhavan and Central Bureau of Communication, Shillong with the participation of more than 1,500 runners in the 5.5-km marathon.

PLANT

Prime Minister, Narendra Modi yesterday launched several national projects, including Shillong's Faecal Sludge and Septage Management Plant. The plant, built by the Shillong Municipal Board under AMRUT, significantly boosts Shillong's sanitation. A parallel event at the site telecast the Prime Minister's address and inauguration. Meghalaya Minister, Dr. Ampareen Lyngdoh, attended as special guest. The plant features advanced technology for efficient waste disposal, ensuring worker safety and dignity. Mechanization eliminates manual contact with faecal sludge, providing safer tools. This initiative enhances public health and environmental protection. Shillong Municipal Board recognized its workers' vital role in maintaining cleanliness. Dr. Lyngdoh presented 18 workers with Janata Personal Accident Policies worth 2 lakhs from National Insurance Company Ltd.

DG-BRO

Director General Border Roads, Lt Gen Raghu Srinivasan, visited Sikkim for three days and inspected ongoing road restoration and construction works after roads were damaged due to heavy rain. He was accompanied by Harinder Kumar, Additional Director General Border Roads (East). Brig Manoj Gupta, Chief Engineer of Project Swastik, briefed on the restoration efforts and progress of the proposed National Highway Double Lane project in North Sikkim under the Bharatmala Pariyojana. The DGBR also met the Governor and Chief Minister of Sikkim, assuring them that restoration work would accelerate as the monsoon season ends. He expressed gratitude to the state government for its support. The visit concluded with a tree-planting ceremony at HQ Swastik as part of the "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" initiative.

MOU

Itanagar Capital Police and Rajiv Gandhi University in Arunachal Pradesh yesterday signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the establishment of a centre titled "Ane's Home - A Healing Centre for Trauma Victims" on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti. The centre, Ane's Home, has been created to provide refuge, protection, and justice to victims of sexual abuse, domestic violence, and other traumatic incidents. Key facilities at Ane's Home include Library/Auditorium, Fit Centre, Child Safe Room, Legal Aid Clinic, Counselling Centre for Trauma Victims, Gym, and Cafeteria.

TRIBUTES

Manipur and other states in the North Eastern Region yesterday observed National Cleanliness Day and Swachh Bharat Diwas and paid floral tributes at the statue of Mahatma Gandhi on his birth anniversary. Manipur Chief Minister N. Biren Singh appealed to the public to play their part in keeping the State neat and clean. In the violence-hit state, the Chief Minister also urged the people of the State to have belief in non-violence, which had always been advocated by Mahatma Gandhi. In Sikkim, Governor Om Prakash Mathur and Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang also paid tribute to Mahatma Gandhi at MG Marg, Gangtok. The event marked the culmination of the Swachhata Hi Seva campaign, in honor of Gandhi's legacy of cleanliness and service. Awards were presented for cleanliness initiatives, including the Mangan Nagar Panchayat, which won ten lakh rupees for being the cleanest urban local body. Other notable awards were given to Safaimitras, Gram Panchayats, and the State Circuit House under the Swachhata Green Leaf Rating system.

HORNBILL

Nagaland government has signed Wales as one of the country partners for the upcoming 25th Edition of the Hornbill Festival. Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio, who is on an official visit to Wales, announced the signing of the agreement with the Welsh Government, the British Council, and Wales Arts International representatives in Cardiff yesterday. He said that the partnership will mark the grand conclusion of the year-long Wales in India 2024 celebration. He hoped that the partnership will strengthen bilateral ties, enhance people-to-people contact and open opportunities for the youth. Meanwhile, Director India, British Council, Ms. Alison Barrett, conveyed her delight at the partnership and the opportunity to exchange ideas and inspirations.

RUN

In Meghalaya, more than 1500 Shillongites participated in the *Swachhata Run* hosted by the Raj Bhavan and Central Bureau of Communication, Shillong in association with the East Khasi Hills District Sports Office. The run was flagged off by Meghalaya Governor, C. H. Vijayashankar. The Governor appreciated the huge turnout of people who braved the rain to participate in the 5.5-km marathon. Prizes were given to the winners and runners above 50 years of age in both men and women categories. The *Swachhata Run* was followed by a tree plantation drive under the banner of Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam, where the Governor planted saplings at Ward's Lake and Raj Bhavan. The Governor also paid floral tribute to Mahatma Gandhi and Lal Bahadur Shastri on their birth anniversaries. The Governor handed over cheques worth 1, 11,000 each as financial assistance to the four Gandhi Kendras as part of Gandhi Jayanti.
