

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

1. Three persons, including a child killed and three injured in heavy landslides triggered by incessant rainfall in West Garo Hills district of Meghalaya.
2. Assam government frees 22 thousand bighas of forest area in Orang National Park from encroachment; Orang national park is now directly linked with Kaziranga and Burha-Chapori Wildlife Sanctuary to create unhindered 180-km-long protected area for animals.
3. Odisha Deputy Chief Minister, Pravati Parida inaugurates first ever Adventure Tourism Conclave in Meghalaya and praises state's potential in tourism sector and role of women in Meghalaya's matrilineal society.
4. Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang announces initiative for welfare of lumberjacks working under the Forest and Environment Department; insurance facilities will soon be extended to all other workers engaged in high-risk professions across the state.
5. Annual pre-puja all-faith get-together of harmony, organized by Central Puja Committee in Shillong sets tone for ensuing Durga Puja festivities in Meghalaya; Governor, C H Vijayashankar lauds coming together of different faiths as 'shining example' that can be followed in other states of the country.

LANDSLIDES

Three persons, including a child were killed and three were injured in heavy landslides triggered by incessant rainfall in West Garo Hills district of Meghalaya yesterday. The State Disaster Management Force has been engaged in rescue operations. Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma, who is reviewing the situation, has urged the residents to stay safe and vigilant. Meanwhile, the India Meteorological Department has forecast heavy to very heavy rainfall over parts of the North East and South India. The IMD said, Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram, Tripura, Sub-Himalayan West Bengal, and Sikkim are expected to witness heavy rainfall over the next two days.

FOREST AREA

Assam Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma said that 22 thousand bighas of forest area in Orang National Park has been freed from encroachment. He mentioned that the national park is now directly linked with Kaziranga and the Burha-Chapori Wildlife Sanctuary, which created an unhindered 180-km-long protected area for animals. In a social media post, the Chief Minister said that this huge area would now sustain diverse forms of flora and fauna, and solidify Assam as a biodiversity hotspot. He added that the move is part of the Assam government's commitment to preserve its rich diversity.

TOURISM

The first ever Adventure Tourism Conclave in Meghalaya was organised in Shillong yesterday with Odisha Deputy Chief Minister, Pravati Parida and Meghalaya Tourism Minister, Paul Lyngdoh gracing the inaugural session as the chief guest and guest of honour respectively. Speaking to reporters, the Odisha Deputy Chief Minister said, she was impressed with the potential of Meghalaya in tourism sector. Parida also appreciated the role of women in the matrilineal society and said that Self Help Groups from Odisha would be sent to learn about the matrilineal society. According to her, it will be great if women SHGs from both the States can do something together in the field of handicrafts. Meanwhile, Tourism Minister, Paul Lyngdoh said that the conclave is a great platform to provide visibility to Meghalaya Tourism. He said that the

Meghalaya government is also looking forward to work with the Odisha government to promote tourism. Participants from various States of the North Eastern region attended the conclave.

INSURANCE

Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang yesterday announced an initiative for the welfare of lumberjacks working under the Forest and Environment Department, while addressing the inherent risks and challenges associated with their work. He said that similar insurance facilities will soon be extended to all other workers engaged in high-risk professions across the state. This announcement was made during the State Disaster Risk Reduction Day programme organised by the Sikkim State Disaster Management Authority at Chintan Bhawan in Gangtok. The Chief Minister also stressed on the importance of collaboration and community participation in the disaster mitigation efforts because disaster preparedness and mitigation measures can only be succeeded with a strong public support. The programme was attended by ministers, MLAs, and other officials.

HARMONY

In Meghalaya, an annual pre-puja all-faith get-together of harmony, organized by the Central Puja Committee in Shillong set the tone for the ensuing Durga Puja festivities. The Shillong Hindu Dharma Sabha, which is celebrating Durga Puja for the 125th year, hosted the meeting at the Opera Hall in the Jagannath Mandir premises yesterday. Meghalaya Governor, C H Vijayashankar led a prayer session for peace, trust and friendship among all communities. The Governor lauded the Central Puja Committee for creating a platform for coming together of different faiths. He said that it is a 'shining example' that can be followed in other states of the country as well.
