# NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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# **HEADLINES:-**

- 1. Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar says the Northeast is the heart and soul of the country.
- 2. Former President Ram Nath Kovind says India will greatly benefit from adopting simultaneous elections in its steady march towards a Viksit Bharat.
- 3. Union Cabinet approves the conferring of the status of classical language to five Indian languages belonging to Pali, Prakrit, Assamese, Bengali and Marathi.
- 4. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma holds review on the flood situation in Garo Hills.
- 5. India Meteorological Department forecasts light to moderate rainfall over Northeast today.

# **NEWS IN ORDER:-**

#### **VICE-PRESIDENT**

Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankhar yesterday said that the Northeast is the heart and soul of the country. Addressing a private event in New Delhi, Mr. Dhankhar emphasized that the Northeast is not just a geographic region but a vibrant tapestry of cultures, traditions, and natural beauty that embodies the essence of India. The Vice-President said, the region's rich spiritual and natural heritage and expressed his admiration for its vibrant culture, exquisite cuisine, and the energy of its people. Mr. Dhankhar also highlighted the recent recognition of Assamese as one of the classical languages. He said that this designation carries a positive ripple effect, showcasing the rich cultural heritage and diversity of the nation. Speaking about the media, Vice-President Dhankhar urged them to be ambassadors of the Northeast and to champion the region's potential in tourism and development.

# **ELECTION**

Former President Ram Nath Kovind who headed the high-level committee on One Nation-One Election, has said that India will greatly benefit from adopting simultaneous elections in its steady march towards a Viksit Bharat. He said this in New Delhi while delivering the 30th Lal Bahadur Shastri Memorial Lecture on Simultaneous Elections. Mr. Kovind added that Simultaneous Elections will have long-term benefits such as better governance, policy stability, social cohesiveness, economic growth and enhanced global competitiveness. He said it has the potential to be a foundational reform for a more inclusive and prosperous future.

## LANGUAGES

The Union Cabinet has approved the conferring of the status of classical language to five Indian Languages. These are Pali, Prakrit, Assamese, Bengali and Marathi. Talking to Akashvani News, the Chairman of Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti, Chamu Krishna Shastry termed the government's decision as historic. He said that this decision would help the youth to learn classical literature that has been written in these languages. Some of these languages have been fighting for classical language status for a decade. Six languages, including Tamil, Sanskrit, Kannada, Telugu, Malayalam , and Odia are already holding the title of "Classical" in India. All the Classical Languages are listed under the 8<sup>th</sup> Schedule of the Constitution.

## FLOOD

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma held review on the ongoing flood situation in Garo Hills, which has affected all the five districts, particularly South Garo Hills and West Garo Hills. The incessant rains since Friday midnight has led to flood in Dalu area of West Garo Hills and plain belt areas. Gasuapara in South Garo Hills is also badly affected, where a bridges has been washed away. With the recovery of three more bodies, the dead toll of civilians has risen ten Dalu in South Garo Hills. Chief Minister has directed the administration to release the ex-gratia to the next of the kin. Chief Minister has directed the administration to seek for any assistance from the Government and ensure that the relief is carried out in the affected areas.

#### **BOOK FAIR**

The 2nd edition of the Shillong Book Fair, organised by the National Book Trust, India was inaugurated by the Governor of Meghalaya, C.H. Vijayashankar on Friday. The nine-day book fair will be on till 13 October 2024 on the premises of the State Central Library in the hill city of Meghalaya. The Governor expressed happiness at this festival of knowledge will benefit the youth.

#### HYC

In Meghalaya, an NGO belonging to Hynniewtrep Youth Council, has vowed to start a mass protest if the Government does not take action on its seven demands to fight against drug trafficking in the state. In a letter to the Chief Minister, HYC urged the State Government to accept and approve the demands of the organisation. These seven demands include treatment & rehabilitation, free detoxification, OST and daycare centers in all drug trafficking districts, to hear cases under the Fast Track and Special Courts under the NDPS Act, 1985, to strengthen the fight against drug trafficking and to establish the Office of the Narcotics Control Bureau in Shillong. India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast light to moderate rainfall over Northeast and South Peninsular India today. The weather department predicted that there are no significant chances of rain in the Northwest, West, and Central regions in the coming days. IMD said Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Meghalaya, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, Karaikal, Kerala, Mahe, Rayalaseema, and Coastal and South Interior Karnataka are very likely to witness isolated heavy rainfall in the next 2-3 days.

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