

# NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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## HEADLINES:-

- Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma visited flood and landslide ravaged Garo Hills yesterday and handed over ex-gratia payments to families of those who lost their lives in the natural calamity.
- National Conference and Congress to form government in Jammu and Kashmir and BJP in Haryana.
- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has announced that the CBI has formally taken over investigation of 41 cases of alleged online stock trading scam.
- In Mizoram, the Congress has announced the names of 12 candidates for the forthcoming Sinlung Hills Council Elections.
- Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has sought the intervention of Union Minister for External Affairs, S Jaishankar to halt proposed auctioning of Naga human remains in the United Kingdom.
- The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is actively promoting vibrant film culture in Northeast India.
- It's Maha Shashti today and the idols of Devi Durga and her entourage are being ritualistically installed in the various puja pandals.

## **FLOOD:**

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma visited the rain-induced flood and landslide ravaged Garo Hills yesterday and handed over ex-gratia payment of 4 lakh rupees each to the families of those who lost their lives in the natural calamity. Mr Sangma held review meetings with the district administrations of West and South Garo Hills to evaluate the relief measures and inspect the damages caused by flash floods and landslides. A total of 40 villages were impacted in three blocks by the natural calamities, affecting a population of 2510 in 462 households.

## **ELECTION:**

The counting of votes for assembly elections has completed in Jammu and Kashmir and Haryana. The latest trends and results indicate that Bharatiya Janata Party has crossed majority mark in 90-member Haryana Legislative Assembly. BJP has retained Haryana for the third consecutive term. Meanwhile, the National Conference and Congress alliance is all set to form the next government in Jammu and Kashmir as it surpassed the halfway mark by securing 48 seats out of the 90-member Assembly.

## **ASSAM:**

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has announced that the CBI has formally taken over the investigation of 41 cases of the alleged online stock trading scam. In a social media post, he said that the Assam government would extend all possible support to ensure that justice is served at the earliest. The online trading scam in the state came to light in August when investors had put in huge amounts of money in one Deepankar Barman's company. The investors complained that he had not paid them the due returns and that he was absconding. Following this, the CID has made several arrests in the alleged online trading scam.

## **MIZORAM:**

In Mizoram, the Congress has announced the names of 12 candidates for the forthcoming Sinlung Hills Council Elections. The ruling Zoram People's Movement had earlier announced a list of party candidates. The party will contest in eight seats while its alliance partner Hmar People's Convention will contest in four seats. The opposition Mizo National Front is contesting 10 seats while its alliance partner Hmar People's Convention (Reformed) will fight in two seats. Elections

to the Sinlung Hills Council, which has 12 members, is scheduled to take place on the 5<sup>th</sup> of November. The State Election Commission has set 10<sup>th</sup> October as the last date for filing of nomination papers and 14<sup>th</sup> October for withdrawal of candidatures. A total of 23,789 voters, including 11,914 women are eligible to exercise their franchise in the elections.

**RIO- EAM:**

Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has sought the intervention of Union Minister for External Affairs, S Jaishankar in order to halt the proposed auctioning of Naga human remains in the United Kingdom. In a letter written to Mr Jaishankar, Chief Minister Rio said he was informed by the Forum for Naga Reconciliation, an organisation comprising church leaders and representatives of civil society, that Naga human remains are going to be auctioned in the UK. Mr Rio urged the External Affairs Minister to take up the matter with the Indian High Commission in the UK to undertake necessary steps to prevent the auction. Mr Rio termed the proposed auctioning of Naga human remains in the UK as dehumanizing and continued colonial violence upon the people.

**CINEMA:**

The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting is actively promoting a vibrant film culture in Northeast India through various initiatives, resulting in the region's increasing visibility on the global film stage. Prominent testimonies to the success of these initiatives include Biplab Goswami's film, "Lapata Ladies", which has been selected as India's official entry for the 2024 Oscars. A graduate of the Satyajit Ray Film & Television Institute, Kolkata, Goswami hails from Tripura. Additionally, Berlinale Talents 2019 participant Dominic Sangma's "Rapture" (Rimdogittana) is currently making waves in Europe, with its recent release in French theatres. Another notable achievement for the region is the screening of "Boong", a Manipuri feature film directed by debutant Lakshmipriya Devi, at the 49th Toronto International Film Festival. This year, the Ministry is sponsoring two filmmakers from each of the Northeastern states to attend the 29th Busan International Film Festival being held in South Korea.

**PUJA:**

It's Maha Shashti today and the idols of Devi Durga and her entourage are being ritualistically installed in the various puja pandals. The Durga Puja will begin on occasion of Maha Saptami tomorrow. Tastefully decorated and illuminated puja pandals, on different themes have been set up and various competitions and cultural programmes are being held. Security measures have been put in place to ensure peaceful and joyous celebration of the Durga Puja.

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