

## NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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### **HEADLINES:-**

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- The Manipur Police has said that the incidents of extortion have increased drastically in the State.
- In Manipur, the number of dengue positive cases has crossed one thousand three hundred so far.
- The tripartite talks involving the Centre, the Manipur government, and the United Naga Council concluded without reaching any agreement regarding the rollback of seven districts created in December, 2016.
- The 125th anniversary celebrations of the Jaiaw Presbyterian Church conclude in Shillong today.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma visited various Puja Mandaps in Tura to greet people on Durga Puja yesterday.
- It's Vijaya Dashami/Dusshera today, marking the culmination of the Durga Puja festival with the immersion of the idols of Devi Durga and her entourage.

### **DEFENCE:**

In a major boost to border infrastructure, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh yesterday virtually inaugurated and dedicated to the nation 75 Infrastructure Projects constructed by Border Roads Organisation at a cost of 2236 crore rupees. Of these, six projects belong to Sikkim. One of the main highlights was the inauguration of the Kupup-Sherathang Road which serves as a crucial link between Jawahar Lal Nehru Marg and Zuluk axis. Nineteen of the projects are in Jammu and Kashmir, 18 in Arunachal Pradesh, 11 in Ladakh, nine in Uttarakhand, six in Sikkim, five in Himachal Pradesh, two each in West Bengal and Rajasthan and one each in Nagaland, Mizoram and Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

### **MANIPUR:**

The Manipur Police has said that the incidents of extortion have increased drastically in the State, thus affecting the general public and sought people's support to curb such illegal activities. Speaking to the media persons, the Inspector General (Administration) of Manipur Police, K. Jayentakumar said that in the midst of the ongoing crisis in the State, cases of extortion by armed miscreants have increased. Incidents of grenade and armed attacks against the general public have also increased, the top police officer said. The Manipur Police suspect that miscreants are using arms and ammunition looted from security armoury. Considering the grave situation, the Manipur Police have set up Anti-Extortion Cells in every district. One hundred twenty-one individuals involved in extortion cases have been arrested in Manipur till date, an official report said.

**DENGUE:**

In Manipur, the number of dengue positive cases has crossed one thousand three hundred so far and the State Government has intensified preventive and containment measures in the affected districts. According to the State Malaria Office, the most affected districts are Imphal West, Imphal East, Bishnupur and Thoubal. The Manipur Health Department in collaboration with other departments and local organisations has been continuing with fogging exercises and mass awareness campaigns as preventive and containment measures of dengue disease.

**TALKS:**

The tripartite talks involving the Centre, the Manipur government, and the United Naga Council concluded without reaching any agreement regarding the contentious rollback of seven districts created in December, 2016. The discussions which took place highlighted a commitment to continue dialogue to address the issue in a timely manner. The next round of talks is set to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> November in Senapati district. A joint statement issued post-meeting said that the talks were held in a “cordial atmosphere”.

**CHURCH:**

The 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations of the Jaiaw Presbyterian Church will conclude in Shillong today. Various programs and church services marked the week-long anniversary observation.

**CONRAD:**

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma visited various Puja Mandaps including that of the Nepal Durga Puja Committee, Milan Sangha Durga Puja Committee, Babupara Puja Mandap, Sarwamangalya Durga Puja Mandap, the Central Puja Committee and Puja mandap at Police Reserve in Tura to greet and extend his warm wishes on Durga Puja, also known as Durgotsava. Every Puja committee, including those with small budgets decorated and illuminated the pandals on different themes. Various competitions were organised under several categories, especially dancing, singing, decoration, cleanliness, and hospitality.

**PUJAS:**

It's Vijaya Dashami/Dusshera today, marking the culmination of the Durga Puja festival with the immersion of the idols of Devi Durga and her entourage. The pujas were held in a joyous and peaceful atmosphere across the North East along with the rest of the country. A grand ‘dhak’, traditional drum beating competition was the major highlight in Meghalaya capital Shillong on occasion of Maha Navami yesterday. Cultural programmes were held in the various puja pandals, rendering the atmosphere festive. People exchange greetings and offer each other sweets on the occasion of Vijaya Dashami. Elaborate security arrangements have been made along river banks and other water bodies for the ‘Visharjan’, or immersion of the Durga and other idols today.

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