

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- ✓ Nation pays homage to the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi on his 155th birth anniversary today.
- ✓ Union Minister of State for the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship unveils 30 Entrepreneurship Development Centres across the northeastern region at IIM Shillong.
- ✓ Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman participates in Credit Outreach Programmes at Itanagar and Namsai in Arunachal Pradesh,
- ✓ Centre releases over 5 thousand 850 crore rupees to 14 flood-affected states.
- ✓ Meghalaya Conrad K. Sangma launches the GREEN Meghalaya Plus scheme to conserve and protect Meghalaya's natural forests.
- ✓ Chairman of the 16th Finance Commission Arvind Panagariya visits the sacred grove Law Kyntang of Hima Mawphlang and the Khasi Heritage Village of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council in Meghalaya.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

HOMAGE:

The Nation is paying homage to the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi on his 155th birth anniversary today. A series of functions are being organized across the country and by Indian Missions abroad. A Sarva Dharma Prarthana Sabha will be held at Babu's Samadhi, Rajghat in the National Capital this morning. The nation is also remembering former Prime Minister Lal Bahadur Shastri on his birth anniversary today.

CONCLAVE:

Union Minister of State for the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship unveiled 30 Entrepreneurship Development Centres across the northeastern region at the "Northeast Skill Development and Entrepreneurship Conclave 2024" at IIM Shillong yesterday. The conclave marked the launch of a landmark initiative to establish 30 Entrepreneurship Development Centers and four Incubation Centers across the northeastern states, under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. The project aims to empower the youth by fostering entrepreneurial skills and building a sustainable ecosystem through 30 EDCs and four ICs. It combines hard interventions, like infrastructure development, with soft interventions such as 90 entrepreneurship awareness programs, 90 entrepreneurship development programs, 40 faculty development programs, and various competitions to inspire innovation. These efforts target the creation of 900 startups across the region.

PROGRAMMES:

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman participated in Credit Outreach Programmes at Itanagar and Namsai in Arunachal Pradesh, yesterday. In both programmes, sanction letters totalling 21.4 crore rupees were distributed to 355 beneficiaries under various schemes, including Retail, MSME, and Agricultural financing. Addressing the beneficiaries in Itanagar, the finance minister said that

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has brought 17 schemes including Prime Minister Svanidhi and Mudra Yojana, through which people can avail credit for their businesses. She said the Prime Minister has also ensured that people avail of these schemes without any mortgage or lengthy documentation. Later in the day, the union minister inaugurated the SBI Regional Business Office in Namsai and virtually launched six additional SBI branches in the region. In a symbolic initiative for environmental conservation, she participated in a tree plantation programme at the RBO Namsai under the 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign.

FLOOD:

The Centre has released over 5 thousand 850 crore rupees to 14 flood-affected states. Maharashtra has got 1 thousand 492 crore rupees, Andhra Pradesh over 1 thousand crore rupees, Gujarat 600 crore rupees and Telangana nearly 417 crore rupees among others. These states were affected by extremely heavy rainfall, floods, and landslides during the south-west monsoon this year. Inter-Ministerial Central Teams were sent to the flood-affected States of Assam, Mizoram, Kerala, Tripura, Nagaland, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Manipur for an on-the-spot assessment of the damages. Union Minister Amit Shah said in a social media post that government stands shoulder to shoulder with the affected states in mitigating the hardship faced by the people adding that during this year, more than 14,900 crore rupees have already been released to 21 states.

GREEN:

Meghalaya Conrad K. Sangma yesterday launched the GREEN (Grassroot level Response Towards Ecosystem Enhancement and Nurturing) Meghalaya Plus scheme a ground breaking initiative to conserve and protect Meghalaya's natural forests. The GREEN Meghalaya Plus scheme, based on the principle of Payment for Ecosystem (PES), supports villages, communities, clans, or individuals that commit to conserve and protect natural forests for a minimum period of 30 years. Speaking at the programme, Conrad K Sangma said, "It is beneficial for the people, the society, and the world that the PES programme should be taken up at the national and the international scale. The Chief Minister said earlier, the scheme required a minimum of 2 hectares of forest, the new guidelines now reduce this to just 1 hectare, allowing smaller landowners and communities to utilize.

VISIT:

The Chairman of the 16th Finance Commission Arvind Panagariya, yesterday visited the sacred grove Law Kyntang of Hima Mawphlang and the Khasi Heritage Village of the Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council, where Monolith Festivals are held. Speaking to media persons, Arvind Panagariya praised the beauty of Mawphlang and its surroundings and hoped that one day, he will take his children to Mawphlang and visit Sohra and other regions of the State.
