

## **NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN**

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### **HEADLINES:-**

- Union Cabinet approves to confer status of classical language to Assamese, Bengali and other languages.
- Prime Minister, Narendra Modi virtually lays foundation stone for construction of Eklavya Model Residential School at Jelbongpara village under Betasing C&RD Block in South West Garo Hills district in Meghalaya.
- Director General, Border Roads, Lt. Gen. Raghu Srinivasan undertakes three-day visit to North and East Sikkim despite havoc caused by incessant rains and takes stock of ongoing restoration and construction of various roads.
- Meghalaya will get additional 40 medical seats as National Medical Council gives its nod to start PA Sangma Medical College at University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya.
- Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein inaugurates Students' Activity Centre, lays foundation stone of Buddhist Study Centre and participates in interaction session with faculty and students at Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh.
- North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited decides to adopt tourist hub at Dympep in East Khasi Hills District under Swachhta Hi Sewa campaign, 2024 for one year.

### **LANGUAGES:**

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved to confer the status of classical language to Assamese, Bengali and other languages. The classical languages serve as a custodian of India's ancient cultural heritage, embodying the essence of each community's historical and cultural milestone. The government has decided to create a new category of languages as "classical languages" on October 12, 2004, declaring Tamil as a classical language. Among the criteria for the status of classical language are the high antiquity of its early texts, recorded history over a thousand years, and a body of ancient literature. The literary tradition of the language must be original and not borrowed from another speech community. The inclusion of languages as classical languages will create significant employment opportunities, particularly in academic and research fields.

### **SCHOOL:**

Prime Minister, Narendra Modi virtually laid the foundation stone for construction of Eklavya Model Residential School at Jelbongpara village under Betasing C&RD Block in South West Garo Hills district. As part of the Central Government's initiative to boost educational infrastructure for the tribal communities, the Prime Minister inaugurated 40 Eklavya Model Residential Schools and laid the foundation stones for 25 EMRIs worth over 2,800 crore rupees from Hazaribagh in Jharkhand. The virtual foundation stone laying ceremony was attended through video conferencing by Additional Deputy Commissioner, Dr. Rezina Ch. Marak and other officials at DRDA conference hall, Ampati.

**SIKKIM:**

Despite havoc caused by incessant rains, Director General, Border Roads, Lt. Gen. Raghu Srinivasan undertook a three-day visit to North and East Sikkim and took stock of the ongoing restoration and construction of various roads which started from Tuesday. During the visit, he was accompanied by Harinder Kumar, Additional Director General, Border Roads (East). On the first day of his visit, Brigadier Manoj Gupta, Chief Engineer of Project Swastik briefed the DGBR on various works including ongoing restoration works and progress made on the proposed National Highway Double Lane work erstwhile Bharatmala Pariyojana in Sikkim. After making quick assessment of the ongoing restoration works, the DGBR met the Governor, Om Prakash Mathur at the Raj Bhavan and Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang yesterday and briefed them about the restoration works.

**MEDICAL SEATS:**

Meghalaya will get an additional 40 medical seats with the National Medical Council giving its approval to start the PA Sangma Medical College at the University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya. The academic session for 2024-25 will commence this year. Meghalaya Health Minister, Ampareen Lyngdoh yesterday said that the state at present is getting 93 medical seats in different medical colleges across the country, and the 40 additional MBBS seats will be made available to students of the state where 20 seats will be under full scholarship and 20 others will be half-scholarships. The Minister informed that a separate advertisement for this will be issued soon.

**CENTRE:**

Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein yesterday inaugurated the Students' Activity Centre, laid the foundation stone of Buddhist Study Centre and participated in an interaction session with faculty and students at the Rajiv Gandhi University, Doimukh. Speaking on the occasion, Mein highlighted the relevance of Student's Activity Centre which aims to facilitate knowledge creation, fosters community, and enhances research capabilities. The Buddhist Study Centre will aid towards establishing, studying and researching on the timeless philosophy and principles of Buddhism. Mein also commended RGU and its faculty members for their contribution in the research and unearthing of the Unsung Heroes of the State. He requested the History Department of the university to make more research in the history of the state and come up with a state's history syllabus to be included in the School Curriculum.

**ADOPT:**

In Meghalaya, the North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited has decided to adopt the tourist hub at Dympep in East Khasi Hills District under the Swachhta Hi Sewa campaign, 2024 for one year. This was announced by NEEPCO Director (Personnel), Major General RK Jha on the occasion of Shwachatta Hi Divas celebrations at Dympep Tourist Hub along with the inauguration of the illumination of the Duwan Sing Syiem bridge at Dympep-Mawkdok. Detailed plans are being worked out for waste management, sustainable schemes and other requirements in consultation with the Dorbar Shnong Dympep.

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