

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

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- 2. Curfew clamped in a sub-division in Manipur's Kangpokpi district following tension between two communities.**
- 3. Meghalaya chief minister Conrad Sangma treks to living root bridge at Siej village.**
- 4. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma interacts with Self Help Group members of Laitkynsew.**
- 5. Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu flags off expedition to raft Brahmaputra River.**
- 6. Assam records first case of human metapneumovirus (HMPV) infection in a 10 months-old baby.**
- 7. With just a day left for Mahakumbh in Prayagraj, special arrangements made for pilgrims and tourists.**
- 8. On occasion of National Youth Day, marking the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda today, Prime Minister Narendra Modi to participate in 'Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue'.**

ASSAM

In Assam, the search and rescue operation continues to rescue five more miners trapped inside the flooded coal mine at Umrangso in the Dima Hasao district, bordering Meghalaya. The Navy, Army, NDRF, SDRF, ONGC, Coal India, and district administration are working jointly to trace and rescue the remaining rat-hole coal miners. Yesterday, the rescue team retrieved three bodies from the quarry. The coal miners were trapped early on Monday after a sudden gush of water flooded the site. The deceased have been identified as Ganga Bahadur Shrestha, a Nepali citizen, Lijen Magar, Khusi Mohan, and Sarat Goyari. Two persons have been arrested so far in connection with the tragedy: one, Punush Nunisa, the block holder of the mine, and Hanan Laskar, who was responsible for overseeing worker engagement and payments.

MANIPUR

Curfew was clamped in a sub-division in Manipur's Kangpokpi district yesterday following tension between the Naga and Kuki-Zo community people. In a separate incident in Kamjong district, a mob destroyed a makeshift camp of the Assam Rifles, officials said.

ROOT

On the concluding day of the 'cabinet retreat' to Sohra (Cherrapunjee) yesterday, Meghalaya chief minister Conrad Sangma along with members of his ministry took a bus ride and trekked to a living root bridge at Siej village, under Shella Bholaganj block in East Khasi Hills district. The chief minister met Hally War, the man who initiated the weaving of the natural bridge. Mr Sangma talked about the government's commitment to preserving age old traditions and improving local infrastructure. He also announced new projects to improve connectivity, including the construction of roads and upgrading of school buildings.

SHG

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma and his Cabinet colleagues and officials met and interacted with Self Help Group members of Laitkynsew and nearby villages on the last day of the Cabinet Retreat yesterday. The SHG members gave their presentations on the headway made by their groups through support schemes. They voiced the issues in their respective villages and suggestions through which the Government can further support to promote tourism and SHG products. The chief minister said that the SHG Movement of Meghalaya has set benchmarks for women empowerment and the government will continue to support the growing movement.

ARUNACHAL

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu flagged off a historic expedition to raft the entire length of the Brahmaputra River within Indian borders at Itanagar yesterday. The expedition, undertaken by the National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports, will commence from Gelling in Arunachal Pradesh on 14th January and conclude at Dhubri-Hatsingimari in Assam on 14th February. The expedition is a first of its kind and will traverse 916 kilometers of the Brahmaputra River. It aims to promote adventure tourism, foster environmental awareness, and inspire youth to engage in adventure sports.

VIRUS

Assam has recorded its first case of human metapneumovirus (HMPV) infection, detected in a 10 months-old baby, currently under treatment and stable at Assam Medical College and Hospital, Dibrugarh. Health minister

Ashok Singhal reassured that the government is fully prepared to manage any potential outbreak.

KUMBH

With just a day left for the Mahakumbh in Prayagraj, special arrangements have been made for pilgrims and tourists to reach the city through different modes of transport. Indian Railways has made robust arrangements to ensure the safe and efficient travel of millions of devotees to and from Prayagraj. Railways are operating more than 10 thousand trains, including three thousand three hundred special trains to cater to the large number of passengers travelling for the Amrit Snan. With the addition of new flights, Prayagraj will have direct air connectivity with 25 major cities during the Maha Kumbh.

YOUTH

On the occasion of National Youth Day, marking the birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda today, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate in the ‘Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue’ at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. Mr. Modi will engage with three thousand dynamic young leaders from across the country. The Prime Minister will participate in multiple activities designed to inspire, motivate, and empower the nation’s future leaders.
