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HEADLINES

1. President Droupadi Murmu highlights effective steps taken for overall development of tribal people over last 10 years.
2. Kokrajhar hosts inaugural sitting of Assam Budget session.
3. Fifty-fifth Director General level meeting between Border Security Force and Border Guard Bangladesh begins in New Delhi.
4. Meghalaya Chief Minister and NPP president Conrad K Sangma campaigns for party candidates ahead of district council elections.
5. Authorities conduct surprise traffic enforcement operation along National Highway-44E in Eastern West Khasi Hills district of Meghalaya.
6. Meghalaya successfully conducts Fourth Asian Waterbird Census.
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TRIBAL

President Droupadi Murmu has highlighted that many effective steps have been taken for the overall development of tribal people during the last 10 years. Inaugurating the Aadi Mahotsav in New Delhi yesterday, President Murmu said the traditions and way of living of tribal people in the country enrich the culture of the nation. She said allocation for tribal welfare has increased three fold in this year's Budget. The country will become developed only if the tribal societies are uplifted, the president emphasized. Aadi Mahotsav, being organized by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs till 24th February, aims to create sustainable livelihood opportunities for India's tribal communities.

ASSAM

In Assam, a session of the legislative assembly will be held outside Guwahati for the first time, with Kokrajhar hosting the inaugural sitting of the Budget session today. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said that it symbolizes the return of peace in the state and integration of all people. The Governor's speech, customarily delivered on the first day of the Budget session, will be a major highlight of the sitting. The remaining of the Budget session will be held at the permanent assembly building in Guwahati till 25th March.

BORDER

The four-day 55th Director General level meeting between the Border Security Force and Border Guard Bangladesh will begin in New Delhi today. Border forces of India and Bangladesh hold DG level meetings twice a year. Meanwhile, the BSF in Meghalaya seized narcotics and other smuggled items worth over one crore rupees and apprehended five Indians and 23 Bangladeshis involved in various border-related crimes between the 1st and 14th of February. The BSF also helped during an accident and conducted eight civic action initiatives, including free medical camps, skill development training, sports tournaments, and cultural activities. These initiatives play significant role in enhancing well-being of the local population and fostering trust between the BSF and border communities, an official statement said.

CONRAD

Meghalaya Chief Minister and National People's Party president Conrad K Sangma, campaigned for the party's MDC candidate during a public meeting at Ampher village, Ri-Bhoi District yesterday. Mr Sangma urged the people of Jirang to assess the developmental progress in the constituency and vote for his party candidate. Campaigning ahead of the election of members of the Khasi and Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Councils, to be held on 21st February has gathered momentum with all political parties organizing meetings to garner support of the electorate. The results of the district council elections will be declared on 24th February.

VIOLATION

Authorities conducted a surprise traffic enforcement operation along National Highway-44E at Mairang in the Eastern West Khasi Hills district of Meghalaya recently. The operation was part of a broader initiative to improve road safety. The joint effort by the District Transport Office and the Mairang Police targeted a range of violations, including vehicles without proper documentation, those with tinted windows, and vehicles lacking High Security Registration

Plates. The crackdown also focused on unlicensed drivers and motorcyclists riding without helmets. Authorities hope that the compounding will serve as a deterrent and set an example for future compliance.

BIRDS

Meghalaya successfully conducted the Fourth Asian Waterbird Census, recording 173 waterbirds from 14 different species. The survey covered key wetland sites in Umiam Lake, Ri-Bhoi district and highlighted the region's rich bird-life. The census saw the active participation of forest officials, scientists, and conservationists, along with local Biodiversity Management Committees.

GAMES

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma has announced that the state will develop robust sports infrastructure over the next two years in preparation for the 39th National Games in 2027, which will be hosted across Khasi, Jaintia, and Garo Hills. He also assured athletes that the government would provide employment opportunities for medal winners.
