

HEADLINES:-

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi assures Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma of Central Government assistance on priority basis to tide over flood situation.
- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan tenders his resignation.
- National People's Party president and Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma emphasizes on building trust among communities in Manipur.
- Tripura Police organises training programme for investigating officers to strengthen cyber-crime investigation skills.
- Lady Keane College, Shillong celebrates its 91st Foundation Day.
- Commemorating 27th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas, Inspector General Assam Rifles (North) organises bike rally in Nagaland.
- Documentary on Naga oral history screened at Headquarters Directorate General Assam Rifles, Shillong.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi shares thoughts in Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani today.
- Fifth Batch of Kailash Mansarovar Yatra via Nathula Route returns to Gangtok.

FLOOD

Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday spoke with Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma over telephone to take stock of the prevailing flood situation in the state. The prime minister sought a detailed update on the extent of devastation caused by the floods, ongoing relief operations, and challenges being faced on the ground. Mr. Sarma briefed the Prime Minister on measures being undertaken by the Assam Government and the efforts to reach every affected family. The Prime Minister assured that the Central Government has placed the flood situation in Assam at the highest priority and will extend every possible assistance for relief, rehabilitation and reconstruction efforts.

VISIT:

National People's Party president and Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma yesterday said that building trust among communities in Manipur must come first before lasting peace can return. Wrapping up his two-day visit to the state, Mr Sangma said Manipur is still facing serious problems. He stressed that peace can only come through regular dialogue and engagement with all communities. He added that creating jobs for young people is also important. Economic growth and employment, he said, are needed to bring back normal life in the state.

On Internally Displaced Persons, Mr Sangma urged all sides to support them with humanitarian aid. Mr Sangma also met party leaders and Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh to discuss development and party work.

TRIPURA

Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha yesterday launched the 'Sampriti Sankalp Abhiyan' at the State BJP headquarters to mark the 650th birth anniversary of Sant Shiromani Shri Guru Ravidas Maharaj. The Chief Minister said Guru Ravidas set an enduring example of humanity, equality, brotherhood and social harmony. Dr. Saha urged people to spread the message of unity and communal harmony across society, irrespective of caste, creed or religion.

COLLEGE

The Lady Keane College in Shillong, one of Meghalaya's premier institutions of higher learning, celebrated its 91st Foundation Day under the theme 'Building Tomorrow with 91 Years of Legacy' yesterday. The function marked the institution's remarkable journey of academic excellence, women empowerment, and nation-building over the past nine decades. Meghalaya Education Minister Lahkmen Rymbui described Lady Keane College as a symbol of excellence.

CYBER

The South Tripura Police organised a comprehensive training programme for investigating officers to strengthen cyber-crime investigation skills and promote effective use of digital policing platforms. Selected police officers from various police stations across the district participated in the programme aimed at enhancing technical expertise and improving citizen-centric policing services.

ADALAT

A total of 2,496 cases were disposed of during Special Lok Adalats held in Agartala and Belonia yesterday. West District Legal Services Authority Secretary Ramanuj Bhattacharjee said that around 3,200 cases were taken up, of which 1,121 were settled. In South Tripura, the Special Lok Adalat took up 3,328 cases, of which 1,375 were resolved.

KARGIL

To commemorate the 27th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas, the Inspector General Assam Rifles (North) organised a commemorative bike rally to pay tribute to the indomitable courage, supreme sacrifice and unwavering commitment of the brave soldiers of the 1999 Kargil War. The rally was dedicated to Captain Neikezhakuo Kenguruse, MVC (posthumous), Nagaland's gallant son, whose valour continues to inspire generations. Nagaland Governor Nand Kishore Yadav felicitated the parents of Captain Kenguruse in recognition of their son's extraordinary sacrifice and service to the nation, in the presence of the Inspector General, Assam Rifles (North), Major General Harinder Singh Mavi. Captain Neikezhakuo Kenguruse displayed exceptional courage during the Kargil War and was posthumously awarded the Maha Vir Chakra, country's second-highest gallantry award, for his bravery and supreme sacrifice.

FILM

The Assam Rifles yesterday hosted the screening of a documentary titled ‘Weaves of Empathy: A Journey into Naga Oral History’ at the Headquarters of the Directorate General Assam Rifles in Laitkor, Shillong. The documentary explores the oral traditions, resilience and cultural heritage of the Naga people through the voices of community elders and the younger generation. Conceptualised by founder of Project Empathy, Vibra Lakhera and directed by Parasher Baruah, the documentary highlights empathy, reconciliation and the preservation of indigenous heritage. The project also highlighted the commitment of the Assam Rifles to preserving the cultural heritage of the North East while promoting dialogue, understanding and national integration.

MEETING:

The National People's Party yesterday held its first public meeting and by-election campaign for the Shillong parliamentary seat at Elaka Sutnga Dorbar Hall. The meeting was attended by Sutnga-Saipung MLA Santa Mary Shylla, Deputy Chief Minister Sniawbhalang Dhar, NPP candidate D.R.L. Nonglait, JHADC MDCs, party leaders and supporters. Mr Nonglait said his motto is to do good, enlighten and build.

BAAT:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will share his thoughts with the people in the country and abroad in the Mann Ki Baat programme on Akashvani at 11 this morning. It will be the 136th episode of the monthly radio programme. The programme will be broadcast across the entire Akashvani and Doordarshan network, the AIR News website, and the News-on-Air mobile app. It will also be live-streamed on the YouTube channels of AIR News, DD News, the Prime Minister’s Office, and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. Akashvani will broadcast the programme in regional languages immediately after the Hindi broadcast.

ELEPHANT:

A woman was trampled to death by a wild elephant in Meghalaya’s West Garo Hills district on Friday, highlighting the escalating human-elephant conflict along the Assam–Meghalaya boundary region. The victim, a resident of Lahapara village in Belguri, was attacked after a herd of wild elephants strayed into the area in search of food, triggering panic among villagers. The incident has left the village in shock, with residents expressing growing concern over frequent elephant incursions that pose a recurring threat to lives, crops, and property. Forest and local authorities have taken note of the incident.

ICAR

Gyanendra Dev Tripathi, secretary, Indian Council of Agricultural Research, visited the ICAR Research Complex for NEH Region at Umiam in Meghalaya yesterday to review the ongoing research, development, and extension activities. The secretary inaugurated the Solar Biomass-Based Hybrid Dryer developed by the ICAR, Umiam. The technology has been designed to provide an energy-efficient and sustainable solution for drying agricultural produce, contributing to improved post-harvest management and value addition.

He also visited the laboratories of the Institute and was briefed on the research activities being carried out across different disciplines. The visit provided an opportunity for discussions on enhancing research collaborations, promoting innovative technologies, and addressing the emerging challenges of agriculture in the North Eastern Hill Region.

SIKKIM

In Sikkim, the 5th Batch of the Kailash Mansarovar Yatra via the Nathula Route returned safely to Gangtok after successfully completing the sacred pilgrimage. To commemorate the successful completion of the pilgrimage, the Sikkim Tourism Development Corporation Limited organised a Felicitation Programme at Gangtok yesterday. The pilgrims shared their spiritual experiences and expressed satisfaction on successfully completing the sacred pilgrimage.
