

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Nagaland Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio discusses avenues for developing inland waterways with Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal.
- Flood situation worsened in Arunachal Pradesh as number of affected people crosses one lakh.
- Manipur Chief Minister, Y Khemchand Singh says his government is committed to restoring normalcy, ensuring public safety and facilitating the free movement of all communities along state's national highways.
- Mizoram launches Human Trafficking Interception Project at Sairang Railway Station.
- Assam Government plans to develop Guwahati as Purple City.
- North Eastern Council releases over 13.58 crore rupees during May and June this year to support development projects across Meghalaya.
- North Eastern Council releases more than 58 crore 96 lakh rupees to Nagaland during May and June this year to support infrastructure, connectivity, tourism, skill development and community projects.
- Agartala Government Medical College and GBP Hospital achieve major milestone by successfully performing Tripura's ninth kidney transplant.
- Mizoram Chief Minister, Lalduhoma asks individuals who draw family pensions through invalid documents to voluntarily surrender during three-month amnesty period.
- Nagaland Skill and Entrepreneurship Development Mission launch NSEDM-IDAN Japanese Language Centre in Kohima as part of World Youth Skills Day celebration.
- Tripura Chief Minister, Dr. Manik Saha says 'Mukhyamantri Samipeshu' emerges as important bridge between citizens and administration.
- More than 300 people participates in rhododendron plantation drive in North Sikkim's Lachen to conserve fragile Himalayan ecosystem.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

INLAND-WATERWAYS:-

Nagaland Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio along with Deputy Chief Minister Yanthungo Patton, yesterday called on Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal in New Delhi. During the meeting, the leaders discussed avenues for developing inland waterways in the State. Talks also focused on improving connectivity and creating new opportunities for economic development in Nagaland.

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FLOOD-ARUNACHAL:-

The flood situation in Arunachal Pradesh worsened yesterday, affecting 26 of the 28 districts and the number of people hit by the deluge has crossed one lakh. An official bulletin said, the rain-triggered floods and landslides have claimed seven lives and injured 29 people across the state. Due to fresh flood and landslide incidents, a house was completely destroyed in Kra Daadi, besides two schools, a hostel and a boundary wall, while another was severely damaged in Kamle due to flood. In Upper Subansiri, floods have damaged a bridge in Limeking circle, besides roads, a flood protection wall and a retaining wall at Rapenrijo. In Upper Siang, floods and landslides damaged retaining walls, water supply systems, flood protection structures and minor irrigation infrastructure at several locations. Floodwaters also damaged a minor irrigation structure in Upper Sher village of Papum Pare district.

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MANIPUR:-

Manipur Chief Minister, Y Khemchand Singh yesterday said that his government was committed to restoring normalcy, ensuring public safety and facilitating the free movement of all communities along the state's national highways. He made the remarks during a visit to Kanto Sabal village in Imphal West district, where at least three houses were set ablaze recently. During the visit, he also inspected the reconstruction of houses damaged in the arson incident. Singh assured the villagers that the issues raised in the memorandum would be examined and appropriate action would be taken in consultation with the departments concerned and security agencies.

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PROJECT:-

In Mizoram, Human Trafficking Interception Project was launched at Sairang Railway Station yesterday, marking the third such initiative in Northeast India. Inaugurating the project, Sihhmui Village Council President, Lalthlengliana described it a timely and significant step to tackle human trafficking in Mizoram. He urged the community to support the initiative and encouraged project workers to seek assistance whenever required. The facility is Oasis India's third human trafficking interception project in the region, following similar centres at Kamakhya and Dimapur railway stations.

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PURPLE CITY:-

The Assam Government has discussed a plan to develop Guwahati as a Purple City, on the lines of Jaipur's Pink City. Replying to a question raised in Assembly by MLA Pradyut Bordoloi on the eighth day of the Budget Session yesterday, Assam Housing and Urban Affairs Minister, Kaushik Rai said, the Guwahati Municipal Corporation has decided to beautify the city with purple colour light of the Kopou flower, a symbol of Assam's rich cultural identity and heritage. The Guwahati Municipal Corporation has invited civic bodies, development committees and local public committees in all wards to voluntarily participate in the initiative. Chief Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma also informed the Assembly that large-scale plantation of Ajhar saplings is being planned on both sides of the National Highway from Jalukbari to Khanapara as part of the initiative to develop Guwahati as a Purple City.

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NEC-MEGHALAYA:-

The North Eastern Council has released over 13.58 crore rupees during May and June this year to support development projects across Meghalaya in healthcare, education, renewable energy, connectivity, research and cultural infrastructure. Major initiatives include installation of a 1.5 Tesla MRI system at Tura Civil Hospital, infrastructure support for Shillong Polytechnic, development of cultural facilities, upgrading Īewduh Market and surveys for hydroelectric projects. The investments reaffirm NEC’s commitment to Meghalaya’s inclusive and sustainable development.

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NEC-FUND:-

The North Eastern Council has released more than 58 crore 96 lakh rupees to Nagaland during May and June this year to support infrastructure, connectivity, tourism, skill development and community projects across the state. Of the total amount, over 48 crore rupees was sanctioned under the NESIDS (Roads) for seven projects. Funds were also released for a Skill Development-cum-Garo Community Centre in Dimapur, a Rongmei Multi-Purpose Complex in Jalukie and a Tribal Artisans Resource Centre in Chümoukedima. Meanwhile, the 9.6-kilometre Glory Peak Tourist Road in Phek district, built at 32.50 crore rupees was completed during the period. The road is expected to benefit nearly 30,000 people in 11 nearby villages.

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MILESTONE:-

Agartala Government Medical College and GBP Hospital achieved a major milestone by successfully performing Tripura's ninth kidney transplant yesterday, just a day after conducting the state's eighth successful transplant at the same facility. This back-to-back medical feat was executed under the expert supervision of a joint team of nephrologists and transplant specialists from AGMC and Shija Hospitals, Manipur. The successful operations mark a significant advancement in Tripura's healthcare sector, providing high-end, life-saving tertiary medical care locally and bringing renewed hope to patients suffering from chronic kidney diseases in the region.

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PENSION:-

Mizoram Chief Minister, Lalduhoma yesterday urged individuals drawing family pensions through fraudulent or invalid documents to voluntarily surrender their Pension Payment Orders during a three-month amnesty period, warning that those found guilty after the deadline will face legal action. Launching the statewide "Sensitization of Voluntary Surrender of Pension Payment Order" programme in Aizawl, the Chief Minister said, the government is determined to eliminate misuse of public funds while ensuring genuine pensioners continue to receive their benefits smoothly. The government has opened a voluntary surrender window from the 1st of this month to September 30, allowing ineligible family pension beneficiaries to surrender their PPOs without being required to refund pensions already received.

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NAGALAND-SKILLS:-

The Nagaland Skill and Entrepreneurship Development Mission yesterday launched the NSED-MIDAN Japanese Language Centre in Kohima as part of the World Youth Skills Day celebration. Established in collaboration with Japan-based ASEAN ONE, the centre aims to equip Nagaland's youth with Japanese language skills and prepare them for employment opportunities in Japan. The first batch of

50 candidates will begin training next week under Japanese language instructor, Yoshihiro Yamaguchi. A second trainer expected to join next month. Addressing the gathering, Advisor for Higher and Technical Education, Temjenmenba, urged the young people to acquire future-ready skills and look beyond conventional career paths. Fifteen skilled youth were felicitated during the programme for their achievements.

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MUKHYAMANTRI SAMIPESHU:-

Tripura Chief Minister, Dr. Manik Saha said that ‘Mukhyamantri Samipeshu’ has emerged as an important bridge between citizens and the administration, enabling hundreds of people across the state to receive timely assistance on healthcare, social welfare matters and various personal grievances. Addressing the 70th edition of the programme in Agartala yesterday, the Chief Minister said, the initiative reflects the government's commitment to making governance more accessible, transparent and responsive to the needs of the people. The Chief Minister also launched a new website "Yoddha".

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PLANTATION:-

More than 300 people participated in a rhododendron plantation drive in North Sikkim's Lachen yesterday, in a community-led initiative aimed at conserving the fragile Himalayan ecosystem. The plantation drive, organised along the Lachen Gumpa Road, was led by Social Welfare Minister Samdup Lepcha. Addressing the gathering, Lepcha stressed that environmental conservation is a collective responsibility, and lauded the enthusiastic participation of local residents and urged them, particularly the youth, to ensure the survival of the newly planted saplings.
