

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Flood Situation remains grim in Assam, death toll increases to 97
- Northeast Frontier Railway restores flood-damaged railway tracks at Simaluguri and nearby areas in Assam's Sibsagar district
- Long-awaited expansion of the Shillong Airport at Umroi finally takes off on the ground, paving the way for the operation of larger aircraft
- Assam Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma launches distribution of application forms for the Chief Minister's Nijut Moina and Nijut Babu Schemes
- State Art & Culture Department unveils programme for the Har Ghar Tiranga 2026 Campaign in Manipur
- Sikkim Chief Secretary, R Telang directs officials to expedite restoration of the landslide-hit NH-10
- Mizoram urges Centre to extend greater support for tribal development programmes in the state
- Manipur Governor, Ajay Kumar Bhalla reviews progress of the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme at Imphal

NEWS IN ORDER:-

ASSAM:

The flood situation in Assam remained grim on Thursday as two more people died, taking this year's death toll to 97, while the number of affected people rose to over 1.68 lakh across 15 districts, according to an official bulletin. The Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA) said one death each was reported from Golaghat and Udalguri districts during the last 24 hours. According to the authority's daily flood report, more than 1.68 lakh people are currently affected in Golaghat, Sivasagar, Udalguri, Kamrup Metropolitan, Nagaon, Kamrup, Darrang, Sonitpur, Hojai, Lakhimpur, Biswanath, Jorhat, Charaideo, Karbi Anglong and Dhemaji districts. Golaghat is the worst-affected district with around 54,000 people hit, followed by Sivasagar with over 49,000 affected and Jorhat with around 27,000. The ASDMA said 133 relief camps and relief distribution centres are currently operational in six districts, giving shelter and assistance to around 45,000 displaced people.

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NFR:

The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has restored the flood-damaged railway tracks at Simaluguri and nearby areas in Assam's Sibsagar district. Following an inspection by General Manager Chetan Kumar Shrivastava, NFR found many flood-affected residents taking shelter on or near the railway tracks. To ensure their safety, only diesel locomotive-hauled trains will operate on the restored section for now, reducing the risk of electrocution from overhead electric lines. Several local trains, including the Nagaland Express, Guwahati-Ledo Intercity Express, Rangiya-Ledo Intercity Express, Lumding-Tinsukia DEMU, and Tinsukia-Jorhat Town passenger train, will run via Moranhat. Long-distance trains will continue on the diverted route via North Lakhimpur-Rangapara North-Rangiya, while special trains are also being operated to maintain connectivity.

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AIRPORT:

The long-awaited expansion of the Shillong Airport at Umroi has finally taken off on the ground, paving the way for the operation of larger aircraft. Sources in the Airports Authority of India

alternative route whenever required, it said. The BRO was instructed to ensure the Rangpo-Rorathang road remains open and to undertake widening and upgradation work at the Zuventus turning to facilitate the movement of heavy vehicles.

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MIZORAM:

Mizoram has urged the Centre to extend greater support for tribal development programmes in the state. Mizoram Minister of State, Lalnghinglova Hmar, met Union Tribal Affairs Minister Jual Oram in New Delhi and discussed a range of development initiatives that could be implemented in Mizoram through the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. Stating that over 90 per cent of Mizoram's population belongs to Scheduled Tribes, Hmar said the state deserves focused attention from the Ministry. He also submitted proposals seeking assistance for tribal youth, particularly in the fields of education and sports. Oram assured the Minister that the Ministry would examine the proposals and explore ways to extend support.

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TB:

Manipur Governor, Ajay Kumar Bhalla on Thursday reviewed the progress of the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP) at Lok Bhavan in Imphal. During the meeting, the Governor also launched the Nikshay Mitra TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan portal. The portal aims to facilitate greater community participation by enabling individuals, elected representatives, institutions and organisations to register as Nikshay Mitras and support tuberculosis patients through the provision of monthly nutritional food baskets and other essential assistance. The Governor also appreciated the efforts of the Health Department and other stakeholders on the progress made in NTEP in Manipur. He directed the officials to sustain the momentum through effective implementation, regular monitoring and close inter-departmental coordination while strengthening early detection, treatment and community participation.

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TRIPURA:

Tripura Higher Education Minister, Kishor Barman on Thursday said the state's Gross Enrolment Ratio (GER) in higher education must be increased from the present 22 percent to 75 percent by 2030 in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of a "Viksit Bharat." Addressing a review meeting on higher education at MBB University, he stressed the need for modern infrastructure, a healthy academic environment, and strong cooperation among teachers, students, and officials. He said the participation of all stakeholders is essential for the overall development of higher education and called for nurturing talent to prepare students for future leadership. Agartala Municipal Corporation, Mayor Dipak Majumder, higher education officials, and principals of various colleges attended the meeting.

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WEEK:

As part of the ongoing World Breastfeeding Week celebrations, an awareness and training camp was organised at Khowai District Hospital in Tripura for mothers and ASHA workers. During the session, doctors highlighted the importance of exclusive breastfeeding, explaining the correct practices for feeding new-borns and its vital role in strengthening immunity and preventing various diseases. They advised that infants should be exclusively breastfed for the first six months of life. Speaking to the media, Dr. Sharadindu Reang said that World Breastfeeding Week is being observed from August 1 to 7. As part of the observance, the awareness programme focused on educating pregnant women, mothers and ASHA workers about proper breastfeeding practices and the health benefits of breast milk for newborns.
