

HEADLINES

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- Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal discusses with Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh ongoing works for strengthening security along Indo- Bangladesh border.
- Union Minister of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, Kalraj Mishra announces sanctioning Technology Centre for Tripura.
- Arunachal Pradesh government to increase retirement age of regular state government employees to 60 years with effect from January 1st next year.
- Flood situation in Assam improves even as over 45,000 people are still affected by flood waters in four districts.
- Meghalaya Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Zenith Sangma and Minister of Sericulture and Weaving Clement Marak jointly distribute yarns and looms to weavers of Garobadha and Selsella areas in Garo Hills.
- Eid-ul-Fitr being celebrated throughout northeast along with rest of the country today.
- Along with rest of the country, Ratha Yatra celebrated across north east yesterday.
- Ambubachi Mela culminates at Kamakhya Mandir in Guwahati with temple doors re-opening today.

NEWS IN ORDER

PM:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called upon the people to use Government -E- Marketplace, E-GEM portal to sell their products or services to the government. Sharing his Mann Ki Baat on All India Radio with the countrymen and the people abroad yesterday, the Prime Minister said, the E-GEM portal is an excellent example of minimum government and maximum governance. He said, its objective is minimum price and maximum ease, efficiency and transparency.

MEET:

Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal yesterday discussed with Union Home Minister Rajnath Singh the ongoing works for strengthening security along the Indo- Bangladesh border. He briefed the home minister on the construction of a fence along the land border and special protection measures being undertaken along the riverine areas. Mr Singh had in December last year said the security of the Indo-Bangladesh border was a priority for the Central government and that it would be completely sealed by June 2018. The chief minister also briefed the home minister on the prevailing security situation in Assam and the steps taken to contain the insurgency problem.

TECH-CENTRE:

Union Minister of Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises, Kalraj Mishra has announced sanctioning a Technology Centre for Tripura. Around 20 crore rupees will be provided to the Tripura Government for setting up the Centre. He said this after inaugurating the building complex of MSME-Development Institute and mini tool room in Agartala yesterday. Mr. Mishra said this centre will be utilized for bamboo and rubber related enterprising works, which, in turn, will benefit the youth of the state. He also urged the Tripura Government to look into the coir sector and suggested to establish coir industry in the state. Chief Minister Manik Sarkar appreciated the efforts of the MSME ministry and said that it is very important to have coordination between the state and central governments for genuine development of the country.

RETIREMENT AGE:

The Arunachal Pradesh government has decided to increase the retirement age of regular state government employees to 60 years with effect from January 1st next year. The government observed that there are various categories of employees who are already having the benefit of retirement age of 60 years. In order to do away with differential retirement age for regular employees serving under the same government, the state government decided to implement the retirement age of such employees from existing 58 to 60 years.

FLOOD:

The flood situation in Assam has improved although over 45,000 people are still affected by flood waters in four districts of the state. According to a report by the Assam State Disaster Management Authority thousands of people are reeling under flood waters in Lakhimpur, Karimganj, Sivasagar and Jorhat

districts. Authorities are operating five relief camps and distribution points, where 500 people are taking shelter at this moment.

YARN:

Meghalaya Minister for Sports and Youth Affairs Zenith Sangma and Minister of Sericulture and Weaving Clement Marak jointly distributed yarns and looms to weavers of Garobadha and Selsella areas last Saturday. Sangma said that the state government was committed to promote weaving sector in Meghalaya and create viable opportunities for women weavers through technology and skill up-gradation.

EID:

Eid-ul-Fitr is being celebrated throughout the northeast along with the rest of the country today with joy and festivity. The festival marks the culmination of fasting and holy month of Ramdan. President Pranab Mukherjee, Vice President Mohammad Hamid Ansari and Prime Minister Narendra Modi have greeted the country on Eid. Governors and chief ministers of the north-eastern states have greeted the people on Eid.

RATH:

Along with the rest of the country, Ratha Yatra was celebrated across the north east yesterday. Devotees took part in singing kirtans and pulling the chariots of Prabhu Jagannath, Devi Subhadra and Balabhadra. The festival will culminate on occasion of Ulto Rath on July 3rd next, when the idols will be taken back to the temples.

AMBUBACHI:

The Ambubachi Mela culminated at the Kamakhya Mandir in Guwahati yesterday. The temple doors have been re-opened this morning after having been closed since last Thursday. Huge number of pilgrims from across the country and abroad thronged the world famous Shakti Peeth during the five days of Ambubachi Mela, which, essentially celebrates universal womanhood.
