

# Tripura set to launch tea auction centre in a month

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**AGARTALA:** Tripura is expected to launch a tea auction center within a month, said Chairman, Tripura Tea Development Corporation (TTDC), Samir Ghosh, here on Thursday. The establishment of the facility is anticipated to address a longstanding challenge for the state's tea industry, which has so far been strained by the absence of an auction center locally and is fully dependent on Guwahati and Kolkata.

Ghosh highlighted that efforts to bring such a facility to the state have been ongoing for a significant period, and it now seems set to become a reality, benefiting the 52 operational tea gardens scattered across Tripura. He assured that the proposed center will be strategically located to serve both tea garden owners and buyers from outside the state.



Currently, in the absence of a local auction venue, tea produced in Tripura must be sent to the Guwahati auction center, incurring substantial transportation costs. The new facility is expected to enhance the competitiveness and marketability of Tripura tea, providing much-needed relief to local producers. According to Ghosh, for over 110 years, tea workers in Tripura earned a daily wage of just Rs 105, but

this has now been increased to Rs 204. Even minor workers have seen their wages rise from Rs 52.50 per day to Rs 102. In addition, under the Chief Minister's Tea Workers Welfare Scheme, these workers now benefit from 22 distinct welfare measures. While garden owners were once solely responsible for supporting workers' welfare, the state government has stepped in since 2018 to provide additional assistance.

Under the Pradhan Mantri

Awas Yojana (PMAY), housing plots have been allocated to tea garden workers. Infrastructure initiatives have included the provision of water supply, electricity, and adequate sanitation facilities.

Ghosh elaborated on other welfare developments, revealing that 3,166 tea worker families out of a total of 6,585 have been allotted land, while 4,922 families now hold priority ration cards. Of the state's 52 functional tea gardens, 11 are managed by cooperative societies, 36 by individual owners, and the remaining five directly by TTDC.

Collectively, these tea gardens encompass approximately 12,800 hectares of land, although only 6,000 hectares are currently utilized for tea cultivation. Ghosh noted that efforts are being made to explore productive uses for the surplus land, with survey work currently underway.

# Meghalaya govt approves standardised name boards to curb VIP culture



## NEWMAI NEWS NETWORK

**SHILLONG:** Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma on Wednesday said the state government has approved a standardised list and format for the use of name boards on official vehicles as part of its ongoing drive against VIP culture.

Speaking to reporters after chairing a Cabinet meeting, Sangma said it was part of the government's move against VIP culture. "The second notification was a very simple notification, it was the regulation of the use of names or boards of official vehicles," Sangma said.

"As you recall, we have come out with SOPs where we had mentioned different sirens, lights and other VIP culture issues that we are very concerned about."

He said the Transport Department has now final-

ised who is eligible to display name boards and how they should appear.

"The Transport Department will define who will be allowed to use the name board and who will not, and based on that decision the Transport Department today has given the list of individuals rather than positions who can use the name board and what the format of the name board will be," Sangma said.

"There has to be a standard format as per designation, which now will be used, and that list was today approved," he added.

The Chief Minister said the approved list spans several levels of government.

"Basically, it is the list of different officials and positions at the government level and judiciary, mostly in administration and certain statutory positions from a central government perspective," he also said.

# Meghalaya suspends new foreign trips following PM's austerity call

## NEWMAI NEWS NETWORK

**SHILLONG:** Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma on Wednesday said his government has suspended all new foreign travel proposals and cancelled his own overseas visits in line with Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent austerity announcement.

Addressing concerns over official trips continuing despite the Prime Minister's call, Sangma clarified that only programmes approved months earlier and cleared by the Centre were allowed to proceed.

"The programmes that had political as well as financial clearance before the Prime Minister's announcement went ahead, because such trips take three to four months, sometimes six months, to prepare," he told reporters.

He said the teams currently abroad had left after all formalities were completed. "These were already in the pipeline. The process was done, bookings were made, expenditures were incurred, and political clearance was given by the Centre also," Sangma said.

Since the Prime Minister's announcement, however, the state has not approved any fresh requests.

"Post Prime Minister's announcement, any new proposals for trips outside are not being entertained," he said.

Sangma noted he had taken a firm stand on the issue even without a formal notification. "I had personally put on hold every single trip outside. I am very clear that we had to go as per the Prime Minister's direction as this is in the larger interest of the nation," he said. "I have stopped all foreign trips after the Prime Minister's announcement."

He added that trips cleared earlier were permitted only because the process was already finalised.

"The ones before that have been cleared, so those obviously went through. But after his announcement, any new proposal for any kind of foreign trip has been put on hold."

Detailing the preparations for the earlier trips, Sangma said they began well before the Prime Minister's directive.

"It had been prepared for the last three to five months before the Prime Minister's announcement."

Bookings were made, political clearance was taken from the Government of India, and necessary arrangements with the concerned governments were made," he said.

"After he gave the announcement and asked the states not to send delegations, we have not cleared anyone. I have received close to about 7-8 new proposals and all of them have been put on hold," the Chief Minister said.

# BSF Tripura gets new female IG

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**AGARTALA:** Senior IPS officer of Tripura cadre Ms Princee Rani has been appointed as the Inspector General (IG) of BSF Tripura Frontier, following her husband's return from central deputation as a senior IAS officer of the state.

This appointment marks a significant milestone as she becomes the first woman IG in Tripura BSF, responsible for a border that spans 856 kilometres with Bangladesh. Given the evolving political landscape in both India and Bangladesh, Tripura is considered a strategically important state on India's eastern front.

Having joined the 2005 batch of IPS officers, Princee Rani is recognised for her extensive experience in administrative and internal security roles. Before



her deputation to BSF, she held key positions within Tripura Police and at the national level, including serving as the Inspector General (Administration) and Deputy Inspector General (Traffic).

Her contributions to national security and policing have been acknowledged with awards such as the Medal for Meritorious Service, reflecting her dedication and impactful service throughout her career.

# Sikkim Police's role in both 'sensitive and significant': President Murmu

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**GANGTOK/SILIGURI:** President Droupadi Murmu on Thursday described the responsibilities of the Sikkim Police as "both sensitive and significant," noting that the force must work in close coordination with national security agencies while simultaneously ensuring the safety of tourists visiting the strategically important Himalayan state.

Addressing the ceremonial presentation of the President's Police Colour to the Sikkim Police at Paljor Stadium in Gangtok, the President highlighted Sikkim's strategic location as a border state sharing international boundaries with three neighbouring countries.

The event was attended by Governor Om Prakash Mathur, Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang, his spouse Krishna Kumari Rai, Chief Secretary R. Telang and Director General of Police Akshay Sachdeva, along with senior civil, police and military officials.

Speaking on the changing nature of policing in a democratic society, the President observed that India's policing system, once influenced by colonial administrative practices centred largely on control, has undergone a significant transformation in independent India.

She said the police today must emerge not merely as an enforcement agency but as collaborators and guides



for citizens, fostering trust, transparency and accountability in society.

Emphasising the need for a more citizen-friendly policing system, the President said people should be able to approach the police without fear. She also stressed the importance of sensitivity towards women, children and vulnerable sections of society.

"The responsibility of the police is not confined only to apprehending criminals," the President said, adding that the force also plays a crucial role in building a safe, aware and harmonious society.

Praising the Sikkim Police for maintaining peace and communal harmony in the state, she said the force had earned the affection and respect of the people through its professional and people-friendly approach.

According to the Information and Public Relations Department of Sikkim, the ceremony commenced with the arrival of the President, who was accorded a ceremonial Guard of Honour and National Salute

by contingents of the Sikkim Police.

Congratulating officers and personnel of the force, the President described the conferment of the President's Police Colour as a matter of immense pride and recognition of the force's exceptional and distinguished service to the nation.

She also commended the parade contingents for their disciplined and impressive performance during the ceremonial event.

Highlighting the legacy of the Sikkim Police, established in 1897, the President said the force has continued to play a vital role in maintaining peace, security and justice in the state. She noted that apart from maintaining law and order, the force has rendered commendable service during natural disasters and emergencies by extending timely relief and assistance to people. The President also acknowledged the achievements of Sikkim Police personnel serving in United Nations peacekeeping missions, several of whom have

been honoured with the UN Peacekeeping Medal.

Referring to emerging technological threats, the President expressed concern over cybercrime, online fraud, hacking and deepfake-related offences. She stressed the need to equip police personnel with advanced technological skills, cybersecurity awareness and digital investigation capabilities to effectively combat such crimes.

She further highlighted the importance of greater coordination among police and investigative agencies across states and underlined the need for increased public awareness to prevent cyber-related offences. In this regard, she appreciated the initiatives undertaken by the Sikkim Police.

Expressing confidence in the force, the President said the Sikkim Police would continue to uphold the dignity associated with the President's Police Colour and discharge its duties with the spirit of "Nation First."

The Alankaran parade and ceremonial presentation of the President's Police Colour formed the highlight of the programme. With the conferment, the Sikkim Police became the fifteenth state police force in the country and the third in the Northeast region to receive the honour.

Following the ceremony, President Droupadi Murmu departed from Liling Helipad, concluding her three-day visit to Sikkim.

# Tripura launches Mission Queen Pineapple of ₹236 cr

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**AGARTALA:** In a move to boost the rural economy, Tripura has introduced a three-year programme called Mission Queen Pineapple, Tripura, with a budget of Rs 236 crore from the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER).

Union Minister for DoNER Jyotiraditya Scindia, Tripura Chief Minister Dr Manik Saha, and Agriculture &

Farmers' Welfare Minister Ratan Lal Nath, in a ceremonial event, launched the mission in Delhi last evening.

Tripura's Queen Pineapple, which holds a GI tag, is celebrated for its unique fragrance, golden-yellow appearance, low fiber, and exquisite flavour.

Despite its high quality, farmers currently receive only Rs 6-Rs 10 per kg at the farm, whereas processed and export-grade pineapples can

command prices ranging from Rs 80-Rs 150 per kg in wider markets.

The Queen variety is distinguished by its sweetness, aroma, and rich nutritional profile, which includes vitamins A, B, and C, and important minerals like potassium, calcium, magnesium, and iron. Its sweetness is rated between 13-17.2° Brix, along with a well-balanced acidity that gives it a unique sweet-tangy taste, said Chief

Minister Dr Saha.

He said that out of the total investment of Rs 236 crore, various sources will contribute funds, including Rs 145 crore from MoNER, Rs 30 crore from the Ministry of Agriculture, Rs 25 crore from the Ministry of Food Processing Industries, and Rs 20 crore from the Tripura government, alongside support from APEDA, MSME, the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, and ICAR.

# Dist NCORD meet reviews action against drugs, gambling & tobacco

## CHRONICLE NEWS SERVICE

**PASIGHAT:** The 21st Monthly District NCORD Meeting was held under the chairmanship of Deputy Commissioner, East Siang, Sonalika Jiwni, IAS, to review enforcement measures, rehabilitation initiatives and awareness programmes against drug abuse, alcoholism and related social issues in the district. The meeting was attended by Superintendent of Police, East Siang, Pankaj Lamba, IPS, along with officers from various departments and stakeholders.

Reviewing the Action Taken Report (ATR) of the previous meeting, the Superintendent of Police informed that intensive joint checking and inspection drives were conducted by the Police Department, District Administration and the Department of Tax & Excise against illegal sale of liquor, tobacco and narcotic substances across different parts of the district. During the month, enforcement



The District NCORD meet

agencies carried out multiple raids, checking drives and seizures of IMFL, beer and breezer products from various locations. The meeting also reviewed destruction drives against wild cannabis cultivation undertaken jointly by the District Administration, Police and Forest Department in identified areas of Pasighat and adjoining regions. Awareness campaigns against drug abuse and substance addiction were also conducted across vari-

ous locations in the district through coordinated efforts of Police and stakeholders, reaching a large number of people.

In addition, the functioning of seven de-addiction centres in the district and ongoing rehabilitation efforts were reviewed, while the Department of Industry informed that recovering addicts are being encouraged to undertake vocational and skill-based training programmes including computer

training, mushroom cultivation and electrician courses.

The Deputy Commissioner stressed the need to engage youth through positive and constructive activities such as sports matches, exposure tours and educational campus visits for students aspiring for higher studies and career opportunities.

The meeting also emphasised strict implementation of the COTPA Act, especially prohibition of sale of tobacco products within 500 metres of schools. The Education Department was directed to identify vulnerable areas where tobacco counters operate illegally for necessary action. Concerned departments were also directed to conduct surveys in areas associated with alcohol abuse and gambling activities. The Chair stressed the need to make such illegal activities economically unviable through sustained enforcement and strict adherence to bar timing regulations.

The Superintendent of Police appreciated the role of Government rehabilitation centres and stated that success stories of recovering addicts and facilities available at rehabilitation centres would be promoted through media platforms to spread awareness and encourage more individuals to seek help.

The meeting concluded with a collective commitment from all stakeholders to continue coordinated efforts towards building a drug-free and socially responsible society in East Siang district.

# AP's Keyi Panyor showcased as India's 1st 'Bio-Happy District' at biodiversity festival

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**ITANAGAR:** Arunachal Pradesh's Keyi Panyor district was showcased as India's first "Bio-Happy District" during the inauguration of the Arunachal Pradesh Jaiv Vividhata & Mym Liid Soonam/Beej Utsav 2026 at Yazali on Thursday.

The two-day festival and stakeholder consultation on biohappiness and climate resilience was inaugurated by Agriculture Minister Gabriel D Wangsu at the Government Higher Secondary School, Yazali.

Organized jointly by the Office of the Yachuli MLA, Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK) Keyi Panyor, Arunachal State Rural Livelihoods Mission (ArSRLM), and M S Swaminathan Research Foundation (MSSRF), the event aims to promote sustainable development, agrobiodiversity conservation and climate-resilient livelihoods.

In his inaugural address, Wangsu said Arunachal Pradesh's traditional ecological knowledge and indigenous farming systems are vital in addressing the growing impacts of climate change. He pointed out that changing rainfall patterns, shorter winters and increasing floods have posed new challenges to agriculture in the region.

The minister emphasized the importance of preserving indigenous crop varieties and community seed systems, describing them as crucial safeguards against climate uncertainty. He also praised Hage Nanya of Ziro for initiating intellectual property rights protection for 12 indigenous paddy varieties of the Lower Subansiri district under the Protection of Plant Varieties and Farmers' Rights (PPV&F) Act.

Wangsu informed that the government is working towards strengthening community seed banks, improving local seed certification mechanisms, enhancing storage infrastructure and encouraging women-led "Seed Guardian" initiatives.

# NFR observes World Environment Day with nukkad natak and eco campaigns

## CHRONICLE NEWS SERVICE

**MALIGAON:** Northeast Frontier Railway has been actively observing World Environment Day 2026 through a series of awareness programmes and environmental protection activities across all its divisions and units from 15th May, 2026. The observance, which will continue till 5th June, 2026, is being conducted under the theme "Climate Change", emphasizing the importance of environmental conservation, sustainable practices and collective responsibility towards safeguarding the planet for future generations.

As part of the ongoing campaign, programmes including plantation drives, cleanliness campaigns, awareness rallies, seminars and eco-friendly initiatives are being organized throughout the NFR network to promote environmental sustainability and conservation awareness among railway



An awareness programme

employees, passengers and the general public.

Special emphasis is being laid on reducing plastic usage, maintaining cleanliness at railway stations and railway colonies, water conservation and adoption of green practices in railway operations. Railway officials, staff members, students, scouts and guides, along with members of social organizations, are actively participating in the awareness drive.

In a significant outreach initiative, Nukkad Natak highlighting environmental protection, cleanliness and the harmful effects of plastic pollution were performed by the NFR Scouts and Guides at the

NFR Headquarter, Maligaon. The performances drew attention from passengers and the public, spreading awareness on the need for collective environmental responsibility. To encourage eco-friendly practices, jute bags, cloth bags and biodegradable items are also being distributed among passengers, railway staff and local residents across different locations under the NFR jurisdiction. These initiatives aim to discourage the use of single-use plastics and promote sustainable alternatives in daily life. Northeast Frontier Railway has consistently undertaken various eco-friendly measures and remains committed towards sustainable and environment-friendly railway operations in the Northeast region. The observance will culminate on World Environment Day on 5th June, 2026 with special programmes, awareness activities and administration of an environmental pledge across all divisions and units of NFR.

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**APPENDIX IV-A SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY**  
E-Auction Sale Notice for sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 8(b) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.  
Notice is hereby given to the public in general, and in particular to the Borrower(s) and Guarantor(s) that the below described Immovable Property mortgaged to Assets Care & Reconstruction Enterprise Ltd., acting as Trustee of ACRE-158-Trust [CIN: U65999DL2002PLC115769] ("Secured Creditor"), the physical possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of the Secured Creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is" and "whatever there is" basis on 29th JUNE 2026 from 02:30 P.M. to 03:30 P.M., for recovery of Rs.741,566.84/- (Rupees Seven Lakh Fifty One Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Six And Paise Eighty-Four Only) pending towards Loan Account No. 19636991, by way of outstanding principal, arrears (including accrued late charges) and interest till 25.05.2026 with applicable future interest in terms of the Loan Agreements and other related loan document(s) w.e.f. 26.05.2026 along with legal expenses and other charges due to the Secured Creditor from SANAT BANERJEE, SOVA BANERJEE and LOKENATH ENTERPRISES.  
The above Loan Account bearing No. 19636991, along with all right(s), title(s), interest(s), underlying security(ies), pledge(s) and/or guarantee(s), including the Immovable Property, had been assigned by IDFC First Bank Limited to Assets Care & Reconstruction Enterprise Limited, acting as a Trustee of ACRE-158-Trust (ACRE/Secured Creditor) vide assignment agreement dated 19/06/2025.  
The Reserve Price of the Immovable Property will be Rs.8,55,000/- (Rupees Eight Lakh Fifty-Five Thousand Only) and the Earnest Money Deposit ("EMD") will be Rs.85,500/- (Rupees Eighty-Five Thousand Five Hundred Only) i.e., equivalent to 10% of the Reserve Price.  
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