

Sudhangshu inspects Manu River Bridge after shuttering section falls



Observer Reporter

Agartala: Apr 18. A portion of the shuttering structure of the under-construction bridge over the Manu River, stretching from Telia to Sonaimuri in the Fatikoy Assembly constituency, collapsed into the river. The incident sparked curiosity and concern among local

residents. SC Welfare Minister Sudhangshu Das, accompanied by officials from the Public Works Department, local representatives, and villagers, inspected the site today. The collapse drew immediate attention during the inspection.

Minister Sudhangshu Das directed officials to conduct

a thorough investigation into the reasons behind the collapse of the bridge section. He emphasized the importance of identifying the cause promptly and ensuring accountability.

He also instructed the officials of the construction agency present to expedite the completion of the project without compromising safety standards.

Authorities have been tasked with conducting a detailed inquiry into the structural failure, ensuring corrective measures are implemented, and accelerating construction work to complete the bridge at the earliest.

The incident has highlighted the need for strict monitoring of infrastructure projects to prevent such occurrences and maintain public confidence.

Cement transportation over NFR witnesses rapid growth during 2025-26

Observer Reporter

Agartala, Apr 18: The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has achieved unprecedented progress in transportation of cement cargo by rail and loading & unloading of cement traffic across its terminal during financial year 2025-26.

Cement traffic recorded a growth of 7.8% in inward movement, increasing from 9.05 million tonnes in 2024-25 to 9.76 million tonnes in 2025-26. On the loading front, Cement witnessed a remarkable rise of 152.7%. These achievements reflect NFR's sustained efforts to enhance freight efficiency and support infrastructure development across the Northeast region. One of the most notable achievements was the successful unloading of the first ever cement rake at Sairang Railway Station on 14th September, 2025. This rake which was loaded from STAR Cement siding near Guwahati was the first freight cargo train to be operated over the newly constructed Bairabi – Sairangrail routing a major boost to regional connectivity.

Further strengthening cement cargo operations, NFR achieved the milestone of unloading the first-ever cement rake at Molvom Railway Station in Nagaland on 24th September 2025. The rake consisted of 41 wagons loaded with cement from M/s My Home Industries Pvt. Ltd., Telangana. The Railway also placed its first goods train with an electric locomotive at the busy Star Cement Siding at Tetelia on 11th March 2025, which had handled 50 rakes in the month of February, 2025.

In another landmark development, the first-ever goods train containing cement was successfully placed at Nischintapur terminal near Agartala on 24th March 2025. The consignment from Star Cement siding at Tetelia marked a historic moment under the Agartala-Akhaura New Rail Link Project, further strengthening freight connectivity in Tripura and the Northeast.

Congress 'anti-reform

Contd from Page 1 in panchayats and local bodies to compete with their leaders in Parliament and state legislatures. "The dynastic parties are afraid that if seats for women are increased, then the stature of common women would grow and they would overshadow these parties' leaders," he said. The Prime Minister said the Congress has consistently opposed reforms aimed at building a "Viksit Bharat".

He cited examples such as the GST, CAA, UCC, abrogation of Article 370, Jan Dhan Yojana, Aadhaar, digital payments, "One Nation, One Poll", SIR, measures against LWE, and steps to counter illegal immigration as reforms opposed by the Congress. Calling the Congress a predatory party pursuing selfish politics, he said its stand on the women's quota Bill has adversely impacted its regional allies, including the DMK, Trinamool Congress, and Samajwadi Party.

"By supporting the women's quota, the DMK and the Trinamool Congress had an opportunity to send more MPs from their states to Parliament. But they squandered the opportunity," he said. He added that the Samajwadi Party also had a chance to address its perceived anti-women image by supporting the Bill but failed to do so.

The Constitution (131st Amendment) Bill, 2026, which sought to provide 33 per cent reservation for women in Parliament, failed to secure the constitutionally required two-thirds majority. It garnered 298 votes in favour and 230 against, falling short of the 352 votes required for passage.

The Prime Minister said the outcome of the Bill has exposed what he described as a pattern among opposition parties of opposing women's reservation on various grounds, adding that women voters would respond to this in due course.

Ranjit lashes

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The public outburst has triggered reactions across political circles, with observers viewing it as a sign of internal discord within the party leadership. However, there has been no immediate official response from Animesh Debbarma regarding the allegations.

Rs 36 lakh

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NDPS Act, and an investigation is underway. Police said the accused will be produced before the District Chief Magistrate (CJM) court on Sunday after overnight investigation. This is the second such seizure at the same checkpoint within three days.

Abduction attempt

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mediation. Despite the settlement, he alleged that he had been receiving repeated threats over the phone for a long time. Unable to find him, the accused allegedly targeted his son, he claimed. Tanti has demanded strict action, citing prior allegations against the accused, and expressed concern over his family's safety while also accusing police of inadequate response.

ARPS, Agartala & Udaipur students' excel in class X examinations

Observer Reporter

Agartala: Apr 18. Assam Rifles Public School Agartala and Assam Rifles Public School Udaipur have achieved commendable results in the Class X Examinations for Academic Session 2025-26, bringing laurels to the institutions through their outstanding academic performance.

At ARPS Udaipur, Miss Adrita Chanda secured the First Position with 96.6%, Master Pritham Debnath secured the Second Position with 95.4%, and Miss Parishmita Halder secured the Third Position with 95%. At ARPS Agartala, Master Deepjoy Deb scored 95.2%, Master Swatik Deb scored 95%, and Miss Radhika Rudrapal scored 94.6%.



The excellent performance of the students reflects their hard work, discipline and commitment, as well as the dedicated guidance and sustained efforts of the faculty members of both schools in maintaining high

academic standards. The achievement reaffirms the commitment of Assam Rifles Public Schools towards quality education, character building and the holistic development of the younger generation.

Border gate closure halts farming at Kailashahar

Families face livelihood crisis

Observer Reporter

Kailashahar: Apr 18. Residents of Kalipur-Latiapur village in Kailashahar subdivision are facing a severe livelihood crisis after the closure of border fencing gates along the India-Bangladesh frontier. For years, local farmers sustained themselves by cultivating land and rearing livestock across the border. However, for nearly two weeks, the gates have remained shut, preventing access to their farmland. As a result, agricultural activities have come to a halt, and livestock care has been disrupted, leaving many families in distress. The situation has triggered

fresh resentment in the Kailashahar Assembly constituency. Locals allege discriminatory practices, pointing out that while farmers in the neighboring Chandipur constituency are allowed to cultivate their land under Border Security Force (BSF) regulations, those in Kailashahar are barred due to gate closures. Farmers have raised their voices against this unequal treatment.

In response, villagers have submitted a written appeal to the SDM of Kailashahar, demanding regulated access through the border gates to continue farming in compliance with border laws. They further urged that if cross-border cultivation is permanently prohibited,

authorities must assess the value of the affected land and provide fair compensation.

Local leader and Vice Chairman of Gournagar Panchayat Samiti, Badruzzaman, expressed the community's frustration: "We have been farming these lands for decades. Suddenly closing the gates has left us helpless. Allowing cultivation in one area but not in another is unjust. We urge the administration to resolve this quickly, or our families will struggle to survive." Residents hope the administration will treat the matter with urgency, ensuring necessary measures are taken to safeguard the interests of the affected farmers.

BSF nabs

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10,000, with the intention of travelling to Guwahati for work. The incident has once again raised concerns over border security, as questions emerge over how the individual managed to cross into India undetected. Police have initiated an investigation and are continuing interrogation of the detainee.

Pradyot urges

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that has remained unfulfilled for the past ten years. Our aim is to establish true democracy at the Village Council level," he added. Debbarma concluded by reiterating the party's commitment to restoring people's rights and strengthening democratic institutions across the TTAAD areas.

Two more held

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Local residents report that the situation in Mangalalaki, which had remained volatile for weeks, has largely returned to normal. However, some allege that lapses by Dharmamanager subdivision police delayed the arrests, urging authorities to respond more swiftly in future cases.

Housewife goes

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In Delhi for work. This afternoon, her father and in-laws lodged a formal missing diary at Kailashahar Women Police Station. Speaking to the media, family members made an emotional appeal to the authorities to trace her at the earliest. Meanwhile, the couple's young daughter has been inconsolable since her mother's disappearance.

COF-CAU, NABARD hold TNA for fishery training

Observer Reporter

Agartala: Apr 18. A one-day Training Need Assessment (TNA) Programme under the NABARD-funded project "Development of Fisheries and Aquaculture-based Training Modules for FPOs/FPCs in Tripura for Growth, Sustainability, and Income Enhancement" (NABARD-FAST) was successfully conducted at the College of Fisheries, Central Agricultural University (Imphal), Tripura.

Designed as an exclusively extension methodology-based structured initiative, the programme focused on systematically assess the training needs of FPOs and FPCs for the development of need-based training modules in fisheries and aquaculture.

Dr. Amitava Ghosh, Principal Investigator, presented the project overview and noted that a series of such programmes

will be conducted to refine and validate the final modules. A key outcome of the project will be the online documentation of video lectures and training modules to enhance accessibility and strengthen capacity building. The inaugural session began with a welcome address by Dr. A. D. Upadhyay, followed by a felicitation ceremony and release of the project logo.

Addresses by Saurabh Kumar Ojha (NABARD), Prof. Arun B. Patel (Dean, COF-CAU), Prof. G. Dash (WBUAFS), and Chief Guest Prof. Ratan K. Saha (Vice-Chancellor, Techno India University, Tripura) underscored the importance of structured, need-based training.

The speakers highlighted the project as a unique initiative covering fisheries and aquaculture along with managerial, marketing, and technical aspects of FPOs/

FPCs. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Biswajit Lahiri. Around 40 participants from NABARD-supported FPCs attended the technical sessions. The sessions include preparatory planning, analytical frameworks, and primary data collection through structured interview schedules.

The programme was supported by a Students' Organizing Team comprising PG and PhD scholars of the Department of Fisheries Extension, Economics & Statistics, and concluded with a feedback session coordinated by Arup Das. Guided by Dr. Anupam Mishra, Vice-Chancellor, COF-CAU, Imphal, and supported by NABARD Tripura RO led by Anil S. Kotmir, General Manager, the project aims to strengthen FPOs/FPCs while improving skills, productivity, and livelihoods in Tripura's fisheries sector.

TMP's James

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The initiative has already sent a positive message across the constituency. Locals believe such humane actions by public representatives will continue to inspire society in the future.

Post-ADC election

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The BJP has alleged that, amid post-event celebrations, three of its party offices in Chaita Bankul Bata Market, Model Margu Para, and Bishnupur were vandalised and set on fire between yesterday evening and late night. No response has been received from the opposing side. The incidents triggered panic in Manu-Bankul's markets this morning, with shopkeepers shutting down and reports of a group of youths in the area, further fuelled by rapid spread of information on social media.

Sabroon SDO Nityandana Sarkar intervened, assuring shopkeepers, urging them to reopen, and deploying additional forces to restore normalcy. Meanwhile, the local MLA and other political leaders appealed for peace and harmony during a press conference. Police have been deployed in sensitive areas, and officials stated that investigations are underway. Authorities have appealed for calm, while political leaders from various sides have urged people to maintain peace and communal harmony amid the tense situation.

Night movement

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from 8:00 PM to 5:00 AM. Officials stated that the restriction aims to prevent any untoward incidents and ensure public safety in sensitive border regions. The order will come into effect from April 20, 2026, and remain in force until June 19, 2026. However, exemptions have been granted to essential services, security personnel, and individuals facing emergency situations. The administration has urged all citizens to cooperate with the authorities and adhere to the guidelines to help maintain peace and security in the region.

Ministers condemn

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with the intent of disrupting peace and harmony in the area," Chowdhury stated. The minister visited Debbarma's residence this afternoon, accompanied by the District President and other party leaders, to meet with his family members. He assured them that the administration would act decisively to safeguard the locality.

"With the cooperation of the administration, peace and harmony will be consistently maintained in this locality," Chowdhury affirmed.

Security has reportedly been tightened in the locality to prevent further escalation, while police have initiated an investigation into the incidents.

Development, not

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in favour of the Bharatiya Janata Party. Highlighting governance in Tripura, Nath said the "double engine" government has been working relentlessly for development and called for a similar model in West Bengal to accelerate progress. He urged party workers to carry the message of trust and development to the electorate and expressed confidence in a strong electoral performance in the upcoming polls.

Later, the Minister also attended another meeting with party functionaries at Nirmal Bhavan on Surya Sen Lane under Mandal No. 3 of the Jorasanko Assembly constituency.

TTTWA seeks

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placed several demands before the government, including early disposal of the issue at the Finance Department level, grant of regular pay scale by considering past continuous service, and extension of benefits from the date of rejoining in 2021. It has also called for a suitable policy decision on humanitarian and equitable grounds if necessary.

Expressing hope for a positive outcome, the TTTWA said it expects the government of Tripura to take a compassionate and judicious view of the matter to ensure justice and fairness for the affected teachers.

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