Assam - the only state in the country to directly engage in oil production, claims CM Sarma

Guwahati, Jan 22 (IANS): Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Thursday said that Assam is not only defined by its glorious past but is steadily shaping new milestones, as he highlighted the state's entry into oil production following the discovery of crude in the Namrup-Borhat block.

In a post on X, Chief Minister Sarma said that in 2025, Assam became the first state to be engaged in oil production with the discovery in the Namrup-Borhat block, marking a significant moment in the state's economic and industrial journey.

He noted that the development will strengthen government revenue and accelerate Assam's overall growth.

Officials said the discovery assumes importance as it adds a new dimension to Assam's long-standing association with the hydrocarbons sector, which began over a century ago with Asia's first oil well at Digboi.

The Namrup-Borhat find is expected to further consolidate Assam's position as a key energy-producing state in the country.

The Chief Minister emphasised that enhanced oil production would not only boost the state exchequer through higher royalties and associated revenues but also create employment opportunities, stimulate ancillary industries and support infrastructure development in the region.

"This milestone will have a multiplier effect on Assam's economy, particularly in Upper Assam, which has traditionally been the hub of oil and gas activities," he said.

Industry experts believe that domestic oil discoveries such as Namrup-Borhat will contribute to India's broader objective of reducing dependence on crude oil imports and strengthening energy security.

For Assam, the project is also seen as aligning with the state government's push for industrial expansion, investment attraction and sustainable economic growth.

The state government has, in recent years, undertaken a series of reforms and policy initiatives to improve the ease of doing business and attract investments in sectors such as energy, manufacturing and infrastructure.

The Chief Minister reiterated that Assam is moving ahead with confidence, blending its rich legacy with a forward-looking development agenda. He added that the Namrup-Borhat oil discovery stands as a testament to Assam's growing role in India's economic and energy landscape.

Fresh tension in Imphal Valley after abducted Meitei man found shot dead

Imphal, Jan 22 (IANS): Fresh tension escalated in Manipur's Imphal valley on Thursday after police recovered the body of a 38-year-old man, a day after he and his wife were kidnapped by suspected United Kuki National Army (UKNA) militants in Manipur's Churachandpur district, officials said.

The victim has been identified as Mayanglambam Rishikanta Singh, who belonged to the Meitei community.

He was married to Chingnu Haokip, a member of the Kuki tribal community.

After the marriage, Singh had adopted a tribal name, Ginminthang, police said.

According to a police official, the couple was abducted on Wednesday by suspected UKNA militants and taken towards Natjang village under Henglep police station in Churachandpur district.

Extremists allegedly killed Singh during captivity, while his wife was later released.

A senior police official said that a video clip of the brutal crime has gone viral on social media, showing the victim pleading for his life with folded hands before being shot at close range by the armed assailants.

Quoting family members, the police official said that Singh was working in Nepal and had recently returned on leave.

Before Singh's visit, his wife had reportedly sought "permission" from Kuki organisations to allow her husband to stay with her for a few days in Churachandpur district, the official added.

Singh's body has been kept at the Churachandpur district morgue, and police have registered an FIR and launched an investigation into the incident.

Joint security forces have also initiated a massive search operation to nab those involved in the killing. Since ethnic violence broke out between the Meitei and Kuki-Zo communities in May 2023, people from the two communities have largely avoided entering each other's areas, sharply dividing the state along ethnic lines.

Meanwhile, the Army, along with the Assam Rifles and other security forces, has been conducting a large-scale joint counter-insurgency operation in Manipur's hill districts of Churachandpur and Kangpokpi since last week.

An official said intelligence inputs suggest that militants of the United Kuki National Army (UKNA), armed with heavy weapons, are moving in the hilly areas of the two districts.

The UKNA has not signed any Suspension of Operations (SoO) agreement with the government, although several other Kuki outfits entered into SoO agreements with the Centre in 2008.

Police sources said that the UKNA has around 450 cadres and possesses more than 300 sophisticated weapons, making it larger than any individual armed group currently under the SoO framework.

The outfit has reportedly set up camps both within Manipur and across the international border in Myanmar.

Meth tablets valued at Rs 39 crore seized in Assam

Cachar, Jan 22 (IANS): Highly addictive methamphetamine tablets valued at over Rs 39 crore were seized, and three drug peddlers were arrested by law enforcement agencies in Assam's Cachar district, officials said on Wednesday.

A defence spokesperson said that the Assam Rifles, in a joint operation with the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), launched the operation based on specific inputs regarding drug trafficking in Cachar district in southern Assam.

During the operation, the team apprehended three individuals, all residents of Tripura, who were transporting 1.30 lakh methamphetamine tablets worth Rs 39 crore along National Highway-306 late on Tuesday night.

Two Tata trucks and two mobile phones in the possession of the accused were also seized, and further investigation is underway.

An official statement said that the Assam Rifles has been at the forefront of anti-drug operations in the region, conducting regular operations to disrupt and dismantle narcotics networks.

The seizure is a significant milestone in efforts to combat drug trafficking, it said.

National Highway-306 is a vital surface lifeline connecting Mizoram with the rest of the country via southern Assam.

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BJP confident of retaining power in Assam

Staff Reporter

Shillong, Jan 22: Cabinet Minister and BJP leader Sanbor Shullai has expressed confidence that his party will be voted back to power in the upcoming Assam elections.

"This time also, we are sweeping and we are forming the government in Assam. There is no doubt he (Himanta Biswa Sarma) will come back as chief minister of Assam," Shullai told reporters today.

Shullai's remarks come amid the BJP's aggressive campaign in Assam, with Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma predicting a "clean sweep" in the 2026 Assembly elections.

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bye-laws, and acquiring defence land for the Shillong flyover project from Jhalupara to Barik Point.

"We brought to his (Singh) attention all these grievances which happened in the cantonment area, and he was very happy," Shullai said, adding that the Defence Minister assured him of taking personal initiative to resolve these issues.

Shullai also met Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari, who assured help in expediting land allotment for the flyover project.

"So jointly as MDA government we will move the Centre to address these concerns," he said.

Other issues discussed included cantonment playground development, hawker market construction, and preserving indigenous culture through a traditional complex at Mawlai.

Shullai said that Shillong's traffic congestion is expected to ease soon with the proposed flyover project from Mahavira Park, Jhalupara to Barik Point.

"The project, once completed, will ease traffic congestion in Shillong city," Shullai said.

The proposal initially included a stretch from Mahavira Park to Anjalee petrol pump, but was later modified to end at Barik Point.

Shullai met Singh, highlighting the need for defence land acquisition near the NCC office and Garrison Ground.

He said Singh requested regular updates.

"Singh has requested me and the BJP party to come every month to remind him regarding the problems and grievances of the people of Shillong city and the state," Shullai said while expressing optimism that resolution to the matter may be completed within six to seven months.

Further, the cabinet minister also informed that he also met the Director of Defence Estate, urging expedited approval of Shillong Cantonment Board's building bye-laws. The proposed bye-laws allow G+2 structures in the cantonment area.

"We have requested her to expedite and approve this building by-laws. We have also discussed the need to reduce the tax fixed within the cantonment area by the finance department of the Ministry of Defence... This will give relief to all the lessees and civilians living within the cantonment area," Shullai said.

Army leads joint counter-drone drill in Assam

Guwahati, Jan 22 (IANS): As part of heightened security preparations ahead of Republic Day 2026, a Joint Counter-Drone Capsule was conducted at Tinsukia in Upper Assam, reinforcing inter-agency preparedness against emerging aerial threats and underscoring the growing emphasis on military–civil fusion in internal security.

The specialised capsule was organised by the Indian Army, with the Red Shield Gunners conducting the training under the aegis of Spear Corps. Personnel from multiple civil and central security agencies actively participated, including the Assam Police, Central Reserve Police Force, Central Industrial Security Force, and officials from Indian Oil Corporation Limited.

Officials said that the capsule was aimed at strengthening joint planning, response mechanisms and operational coordination to counter the increasing misuse of drones for surveillance, smuggling and potential sabotage. With drones emerging as a key security challenge during major national events, the training focused on building a common operational picture and enhancing real-time response capabilities across agencies.

The programme featured practical demonstrations on detection, identification and neutralisation of hostile drones, along with structured interactions to familiarise participants with standard operating procedures and inter-agency communication protocols. Emphasis was laid on rapid decision-making, coordinated action and seamless information-sharing during potential contingencies.

According to officials, the exercise significantly enhanced situational awareness among participating agencies and improved their ability to operate in an integrated manner. "Such joint capsules help bridge operational gaps, align procedures and ensure that all stakeholders are on the same page when responding to dynamic threats," an official said.

The counter-drone capsule also reflected a broader whole-of-nation approach to security, wherein military expertise is combined with civil and industrial stakeholders to safeguard critical infrastructure and public events.

With Assam hosting multiple Republic Day-related activities and increased public movement during the period, the drill was seen as a timely step to reinforce preventive and responsive security measures.

Authorities said similar joint initiatives would continue in the coming weeks to ensure robust, layered and foolproof security arrangements across the region, reaffirming the importance of synergy between the armed forces and civil agencies in maintaining national security.

Tripura committed to transparent and accountable governance: CM

Agartala, Jan 22 (IANS): Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha on Wednesday said that under the visionary leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the state government remains firmly committed to ensuring transparent, accountable and people-centric governance.

The Chief Minister said that PM Modi's dynamism and farsighted approach have ushered in a phase of turbo-charged development and genuine empowerment across the state, particularly for youth, women and Janjati (tribal) communities, while upholding India's timeless values and cultural ethos.

Addressing the main function, organised on the occasion of the statehood day at the Rabindra Satabarshiki Bhavan here, Saha said that the state strides confidently towards the vision of a new Tripura- a vibrant tapestry woven from inclusive development, rich cultural heritage, empowered youth, world-class infrastructure, and a self-reliant tomorrow.

"I reaffirm our rock-solid resolve to forge a stronger, more prosperous, and forward-looking Tripura," he told the gathering. Highlighting the impact of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Act East Policy, CM Saha said that Tripura and the entire Northeastern region are today moving forward on multiple fronts of development, supported by improved connectivity and infrastructure.

He said that since the BJP government assumed office in Tripura in 2018, the state has emerged as one of the leading states in the country across key sectors, including agriculture, education, healthcare, industry, infrastructure development, women's empowerment, public safety, and self-reliance.

The Chief Minister noted that the government's primary objectives are to improve the quality of life of every citizen, strengthen the economy, ensure optimum utilisation of the state's own resources, and decentralise power through transparent governance.

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