

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- High-Level Committee under chairmanship of Union Home Minister and Minister in-charge Cooperation, Amit Shah Committee approves Mitigation Project on Lightning Safety and Mitigation Scheme for Forest Fire Risk Management for various states including Meghalaya, Odisha, West Bengal, Assam, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland and other states.
- 55th Director General level meeting between Border Security Force and Border Guard Bangladesh will be held in New Delhi from February 17 to 20.
- Tripura government signs Memorandum of Understanding with Digital India Bhashini Division under Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to unveil new horizon of citizen-centric governance and bolster efforts in making Atmanirbhar Tripura.
- BJP MLA from Meghalaya, Sanbor Shullai meets Union Minister of State for DoNER, Dr. Sukanta Mazumdar in New Delhi to advocate for direct funding for District Councils in state and requests for financial assistance for these councils.
- Second edition of Imphal International Film Festival 2025 featuring 57 films, 13 Manipuri films will be held in Imphal from February 6 to 9.
- Central Bureau of Communication, Shillong organized two informative awareness programmes on harmful effects of substance abuse under banner of Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyan in Meghalaya's Eastern West Khasi Hills district.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

PROJECT:

A High-Level Committee under the chairmanship of Union Home Minister and Minister in-charge Cooperation, Amit Shah Committee has approved the Mitigation Project on Lightning Safety in 10 states at a total outlay of 186.78 crore rupees for Andhra Pradesh, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Jharkhand, Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Meghalaya, Odisha, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal. The Mitigation Scheme for Forest Fire Risk Management was also approved at a total outlay of 818.92 crore rupees, out of which the central share from NDMF & NDRF will be 690.63 crore rupees. The primary objective of the scheme will be to implement a mitigation project for transforming the forest fire management approach in the country so as to strengthen and support vital forest fire prevention and mitigation activities. The states of Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Maharashtra, Mizoram, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Himachal Pradesh, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Madhya Pradesh, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Odisha, Tamil Nadu, Telangana and Uttarakhand will submit their respective proposals for mitigation of

forest fires, preparedness for forest fire response as well as for post-fire assessment and recovery.

MEETING:

The 55th Director General level meeting between the Border Security Force and Border Guard Bangladesh will be held in New Delhi from February 17 to 20. Home Affairs Adviser of Bangladesh, Jahangir Alam Chowdhury yesterday said that the Bangladeshi side would seek to cancel “some uneven agreements” related to border management and discuss other related issues. The adviser said, marking border lines at the disputed area, border pillar installations, coordinated border management plan are other prominent issues to be discussed. States in North East India share a long international border with Bangladesh besides, West Bengal. The Border forces of India and Bangladesh hold DG level meetings twice a year. The 55th meeting was scheduled to be held from November 18 to 22 in New Delhi but it was postponed at that time at the request of the BGB citing the domestic situation in Bangladesh. The last meeting took place in Dhaka in March 2024.

MoU:

The Tripura government has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Digital India Bhashini Division under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology. The MoU was signed during a workshop, ‘Bhashini Rajyam’ held in Agartala. Tripura IT Minister, Pranajit Singha Roy said, the initiative of integrating with Bhashini will unveil a new horizon of citizen-centric governance and bolster the efforts in making Atmanirbhar Tripura. With this, Tripura becomes the first North Eastern or eastern state and eighth in the country to sign an MoU with Bhashini. Officials said, that after the initiative, the state’s several e-Governance software-based digital systems like CM Helpline, eVidhan, Kisan Sahayata App and e-Districts will bridge the digital divide, providing cost-effective translations and promoting inclusive policy implementation.

FUNDING:

BJP MLA from Meghalaya, Sanbor Shullai yesterday met Union Minister of State for DoNER, Dr. Sukanta Mazumdar in New Delhi to advocate for direct funding for the District Councils in the state and requested for financial assistance for these councils. During the meeting, Shullai engaged in in-depth discussions regarding various pending projects in the state and emphasized the importance of releasing scholarships in a timely manner. The BJP MLA said that the Union Minister of State plans to visit Meghalaya after the district council elections and he will meet with district council leaders to address any concerns and legitimate demands.

FILM:

The second edition of the Imphal International Film Festival 2025 featuring 57 films, 13 Manipuri films will be held in Imphal from February 6 to 9. This was informed to the Governor of Manipur Ajay Kumar Bhalla when Sunzu Bachaspatimayum, Secretary, Manipur State Film Development Society along with two others called on him at the Raj Bhavan, Imphal yesterday. The films will be

screened at four cinema halls including at the Manipur State Film Development Society. There will be a competition in two sections – fiction and non-fiction.

AWARENESS:

In Meghalaya, the Central Bureau of Communication, Shillong organized two informative awareness programmes on harmful effects of substance abuse under the banner of Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan. The initiative, organised at Pathew and Markasa in Eastern West Khasi Hills sought to educate participants on the growing issue of substance abuse and associated health hazards. The first programme was organised at Pariong PHC in Pathew Village and a similar programme was held at Markasa village with an aim of promoting cleanliness and combat drug abuse.
