

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

1. Assam Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma orders judicial inquiry into coal mine mishap at Umrangso's Tin Kilo to be headed by retired judge of Gauhati High Court Anima Hazarika to examine and “fix responsibility against responsible officers, individuals and institutions.”
2. Former Army Chief General (Retd), Vijay Kumar Singh sworn-in as 25th Governor of Mizoram by Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court, Justice Vijay Bishnoi at Circular Lawn, Raj Bhawan in Aizawl.
3. Manipur Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh says North Eastern Region is set to become growth engine of new India under leadership of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi as he speaks at inaugural function of State Level Workshop on UNNATI and RAMP Scheme at Imphal.
4. Much-awaited Guwahati Asian Film Festival 2025 is set to take place from February 7th to 9th at historic Jyoti Chitraban Film Studio in Guwahati.
5. IIM Shillong in Meghalaya hosts impactful roundtable discussion on addressing challenges and opportunities in waste management in region.
6. Alotgre Cricket Ground at Tura in Meghalaya's Garo Hills will host its first BCCI domestic match between Meghalaya and Bengal in U-23 Col CK Nayudu Trophy 2024-25 from 25th of this month.

RESCUE

As rescue operations continue to dewater the flooded rat-hole coal mine in Umrangso's Tin Kilo, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has ordered a judicial inquiry into the incident to be headed by retired judge of Gauhati High Court Anima Hazarika. The inquiry is expected to examine the matter and “fix responsibility against responsible officers, individuals and institutions.” The decision was taken during a cabinet meeting in Morigaon yesterday with Chief Minister Sarma informing that the enquiry committee is expected to submit its report within three months. In addition to the judicial probe, a Special Investigation Team will also be formed to investigate the incident based on FIRs filed in connection with the incident.

MIZORAM GOVERNOR

Former Army Chief General (Retd), Vijay Kumar Singh was sworn-in as the 25th Governor of Mizoram yesterday. General Singh was administered the oath of office by the Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court, Justice Vijay Bishnoi at the Circular Lawn, Raj Bhawan in Aizawl. Chief Minister Lalduhoma and two previous Chief Ministers – Lal Thanhawla and Zoramthanga also attended the swearing-in ceremony. Singh was born on May 10, 1951. An Alumnus of Birla Public School, Pilani and National Defence Academy, he served as the 26th Chief of Army Staff of the Indian Army. General Singh had successfully contested the Lok Sabha election from Ghaziabad Parliamentary Constituency in 2014. He was inducted as Union

Minister of State and assigned various portfolios such as External Affairs, DoNER and Overseas Indian Affairs.

UNNATI

Manipur Chief Minister, N. Biren Singh said that the North Eastern Region is set to become the growth engine of new India under the leadership of Prime Minister, Narendra Modi. Speaking at the inaugural function of State Level Workshop on UNNATI and RAMP Scheme at Imphal yesterday, Singh said that Manipur topped the list of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises business registration among the North Eastern states according to the Annual Report 2018-19 of the Ministry of MSME. He also said that Manipur alone has over twelfth thousand four hundred MSME businesses being the highest in the North East during the period from 2015-2019. The Chief Minister said that fifty percent of the businesses are owned by women and Manipur's share in national population is only 0.2 percent while the State share in MSME businesses is 0.3 percent. During the technical session of the workshop, resource persons delivered lectures on both the schemes which was attended by government officials, entrepreneurs, and representatives from business establishments.

ASIAN FILM

The much-awaited Guwahati Asian Film Festival 2025 is set to take place from February 7th to 9th at the historic Jyoti Chitraban Film Studio in Guwahati. A landmark event for film enthusiasts, creators, and industry professionals, this three-day festival will showcase the best of Asian cinema while providing a platform for cultural exchange and creative dialogue. The festival will open with the Iranian film ‘*In the Arms of the Tree*’, directed by Babak Khajehpasha, setting an inspiring tone for the inaugural edition of the Guwahati Asian Film Festival. The closing film will be ‘*My Melbourne*’ by directors Imtiaz Ali, Rima Das, Onir and Kabir Khan. Addressing a press conference yesterday, Honorary Festival Director, Monita Borgohain said, the film festival is all set to be a vibrant celebration of Asia’s rich storytelling traditions. Every film has been carefully selected to offer a transformative cinematic journey, bridging cultures and sparking meaningful conversations.

IIM

IIM Shillong in Meghalaya hosted an impactful roundtable discussion focused on addressing challenges and opportunities in waste management in the region. The event, organized by the Northeast Centre for Community Impact and Engagement of IIM Shillong brought together key stakeholders to engage in meaningful dialogue on sustainable waste management practices for Shillong. The meeting was inaugurated by Director IIM Shillong, Prof. D P Goyal who welcomed the participants and shared valuable insights into the pressing need for sustainable waste management in urban areas.

CRICKET

In Meghalaya, Alotgre Cricket Ground at Tura in Garo Hills will host its first BCCI domestic match between Meghalaya and Bengal in the U-23 Col CK Nayudu Trophy 2024-25 from the 25th of this month. It has been a long-cherished dream of the Meghalaya Cricket Association and the Tura District Cricket Association to bring a BCCI tournament to Garo Hills and the dedicated work of all concerned in getting the ground up to the level required has paid off. Holding a cricket match at this level will further inspire young cricketers from Garo Hills to take up the sport and there are several Garo Hills-based players who have been chosen by the MCA selectors for the upcoming match. The MCA yesterday released its squad for this game and the next, which is to be played against Vidarbha in Nagpur from 1 February.
