

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

1. Union Home Minister, Amit Shah says entire North East is now on path of development and policies of Narendra Modi government transform Tripura from landlocked state to land-linked state.
2. Union Minister, Jyotiraditya Scindia says North Eastern States have become priority for Government as for first time in 65 years, infrastructure facilities such as rail, road, and air services have been modernized and increased over past ten years.
3. Centre approves National Glacial Lake Outburst Flood Risk Mitigation Project aims at reducing devastating impact of glacial lake outburst floods to be implemented in four states, Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Himachal Pradesh, and Uttarakhand.
4. India Meteorological Department forecast light to moderate rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms and lightning over Arunachal Pradesh and northeast Assam untill tomorrow, and heavy rainfall over Arunachal Pradesh tomorrow.
5. PM Shri Government Senior Secondary School, Namchi in Sikkim is the only educational institution to receive Green School Rating from entire North Eastern states.
6. Second edition of Eikhoigi Imphal International Film Festival 2025 will kick off at Imphal in Manipur today.

BUDGET

The Budget session of the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly will commence from the 28th of this month and it will continue for 10 working days until March 13. The calendar for the session was finalized during the meeting of Business Advisory Committee in Shillong yesterday. Assembly Speaker, Thomas A. Sangma informed that Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma will present the state budget on March 5. Three days have been allocated for Private Members' Business, and seven days for Government Business.

DRUGS

Nagaland police have seized drugs worth more than 118 crore rupees over the last year. Inspector General of Police (CID) Vikram Khalete stated this during a press conference in Chumoukedima while providing an update on state police's efforts in combating drug trafficking. In 2024, a total of 199 cases were registered, and 343 individuals were arrested in connection with drug-related offences. The operations resulted in the recovery of large quantities of various illegal substances such as opium worth 47.5 crore rupees, heroin 53.2 crore rupees, ganja valued at 2.7 crore rupees, brown sugar 7.9 crore rupees, and crystal meth valued at 4.1 crore rupees, besides large quantities of Yaba, synthetic drugs, and cough syrup. Khalete emphasised that the drug trafficking network extends beyond Nagaland, with links to neighbouring states, particularly Assam, and other parts of India. Investigations into the inter-state and international connections of these drug cartels are ongoing.

FILM

The 10th edition of the Arunachal Film Festival began at TNZ Cinema in Itanagar yesterday. The three-day film festival was inaugurated by Minister for Education and Tourism, PD Sona. Speaking on the occasion, Sona said that the Arunachal Government has declared 2024-2025 as the ‘Year of Youth’ and the youth has to play the key role in shaping the state and the nation as a whole. He urged the youth to harness endless opportunities provided to them. A short documentary film on the life of pioneer film-maker of the state, late Taro Chatung was screened.

NEEPCO

A memorandum of agreement was signed between Raj Bhavan, Meghalaya and the North Eastern Electric Power Corporation Limited under the Pradhan Mantri TB Mukht Bharat Abhiyan at Raj Bhavan in Shillong yesterday. NEEPCO, Shillong will sponsor TB patients for providing Nutritional Support to 250 persons with Tuberculosis undergoing treatment in Meghalaya. Speaking on the occasion, Meghalaya Governor, CH Vijayashankar called for constitution of an expert committee to find out the root cause of TB in the state and in the country. He said that the concern department must know and also create awareness among the people about the causes of TB in Meghalaya.

WEATHER

The India Meteorological Department has forecast thunderstorms accompanied by lightning at isolated places over Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, and Meghalaya today. Pockets of Himachal Pradesh and Odisha are likely to experience dense fog conditions today. IMD said there will be no significant change in the minimum temperatures over Northwest India today but the region can witness a gradual rise of minimum temperatures by 2-3 degrees Celsius during the coming 4 days. The weather office also informed that maximum temperatures are likely to be above normal by 3-5 degrees Celsius over north Peninsular and East India during the next 4-5 days.

ISL

Shillong will host its first-ever Indian Super League (ISL) match as NorthEast United FC will take on Mumbai City FC at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium at 7:30 PM today. NorthEast United FC is currently in 4th place while Mumbai City FC is in 6th place. Both teams will be looking to grab three points as the season heads towards its crucial phase.

BRONZE

Four-time Olympian archer, Tarundeep Rai from Sikkim yesterday won Bronze Medal in the 38th National Games in Men’s Recurve. Gold Medal has been clinched by Juel Sarkar from West Bengal, Indra Chand from Services Sports Control Board clinched Silver Medal. The Sikkim Olympic Association has congratulated ace archer, Tarundeep Rai on winning the bronze medal in archery, adding yet another remarkable achievement to his illustrious career. The four-time Olympian and one of India's most celebrated archers latest feat is a testament to his dedication, skill, and perseverance. Sikkim Olympic Association president, Kuber Bhandari said, Rai’s success is a moment of immense pride for Sikkim and the entire sporting community.
