

# NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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## HEADLINES:-

- Union Home Minister, Amit Shah hails relocation of Assam Rifles from Aizawl City to Zokhawsang as significant milestone for development of Mizoram.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurates revamped state-of-the-art Lachit Barphukan Police Academy at Dergaon in Assam; Shah will attend 57th annual conference of All Bodo Students Union in Kokrajhar today.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K. Sangma re-elected as national president of National People's Party for fourth consecutive term.
- Central government prepares roadmap to restore peace and normalcy in ethnic strife-hit Manipur.
- Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh expresses his happiness that issues delaying expansion of Shillong Airport have been resolved.
- Shillong Lajong FC emerge champions after defeating defending champion Mawlai Sports Club 2-1 in thrilling final match of Shillong Premier League football championship in Shillong.

## NEWS IN ORDER:-

### **RELOCATION:**

Union Home Minister, Amit Shah hailed the relocation of Assam Rifles from Aizawl City to Zokhawsang as a significant milestone for the development of Mizoram. Speaking on the occasion in Aizawl yesterday, Shah said that the move marked a new chapter for Aizawl City and a pivotal step towards the state's growth. He also highlighted the limited space for expansion in Aizawl, given the city's terrain, and expressed his delight at the decision to relocate the Assam Rifles to another place. The Union Home minister also mentioned that this historic relocation, the largest of its kind since the establishment of Assam Rifles in 1890, reflects the priority the Modi-led government places on the welfare and development of the North Eastern Region. He also said that the Central government has been actively working for the past 10 years to strengthen and integrate the entire North-East. The ceremony featured an exchange land record of maps between Lt. Gen. Vikas Lakhera, Assam Rifles, and Vanlaldina Fanai, Commissioner & Secretary to the Mizoram Government, marking the formal shifting of the Assam Rifles Battalion Headquarters from Khatla, Aizawl to Zokhawsang. The issue of shifting of Assam Rifles was first raised by the then Laldenga Government in 1988.

### **ACADEMY:**

Union Home Minister Amit Shah yesterday inaugurated the revamped state-of-the-art Lachit Barphukan Police Academy and laid foundation stone for the police academy housing projects at Dergaon. Spread over 340 acres, the police academy is being refurbished at an estimated cost of 1,024 crore rupees in two phases. Speaking on the occasion, the Union Minister said that Assam is developing at a fast pace and peace has returned to the State. He also said that due to the efforts of the Prime Minister, almost all militant groups of the State approached for peace talks and many have surrendered. He also informed that the Centre will provide 3 lakh crore rupees projects for Assam and it will boost the infrastructure sector. Meanwhile, the Union Home Minister will attend the 57th annual conference of the All Bodo Students Union in Kokrajhar today.

### **CONRAD:**

Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K. Sangma was re-elected as national president of the National People's Party for the fourth consecutive term. Sangma was re-elected

unopposed for the tenure from 2025-2028 during the organisational election of the party at the Constitutional Club of India, New Delhi yesterday. Conrad was first elected as the NPP national president in 2016, after the demise of his father, late Purno Agitok Sangma. The Meghalaya Chief Minister thanked the NPP family for reaffirming their trust in his leadership by re-electing as the National President of the party and together will continue to take NPP to its national and regional prominence along with the hopes and aspirations of the people.

**ROADMAP-MANIPUR:**

The Central government has prepared a roadmap to restore peace and normalcy in the ethnic strife-hit Manipur. According to the Ministry of Home Affairs (North East) Advisor A.K. Mishra, the first phase of the roadmap has already been implemented. The Federation of Civil Societies spokesman, Ngangbam Chamchan Singh confirmed that a delegation met Mishra and other officials in response to an invitation and he informed that the Centre has a phased plan to resolve the ongoing conflict in the state. As part of the outreach, Mishra and other MHA officials also held discussions with Kuki-Zo community leaders in Churachandpur district.

**MINISTER:**

Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh has expressed his happiness that the issues delaying the expansion of the Shillong Airport have been resolved. Singh, who served as DoNER Minister for seven years from 2014, recalled that the existence of a hillock that was challenging to cross, has delayed the Shillong Airport’s development. He said that Shillong requires a good airport since it served as the original capital of Assam both during the British rule and even after India gained its independence.

**SPL:**

In Meghalaya, the Shillong Premier League football championship came to a close yesterday with Shillong Lajong FC emerging champion after defeating defending champion Mawlai Sports Club 2-1 in a thrilling final match at the SSA football ground in Shillong. Mawlai Sports Club failed to hold the title for the third time in a row. Abhay Chettri scored the first goal in the 10th minute to put Lajong in front and Samchaphrang Lato netted the second goal to double the lead in the 76<sup>th</sup> minute. Mawlai pulled one back through Damanbhalang Chyne from a spot kick in the 88<sup>th</sup> minute. Though Lajong and Mawlai, finished on 45 points each, but Lajong took the trophy as they had a better goal difference.

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