

**THE HEADLINES:-**

- 1. India hosts Ambassadors' Meet to promote global investment in North East states**
- 2. External Affairs Minister Jaishankar urges foreign envoys to explore Northeast, share its qualities with governments**
- 3. Union Education and Road Ministries explore integrating road safety into schools**
- 4. WHO member states finalize landmark pandemic agreement after three years of talks**



In a significant step toward enhancing international cooperation and promoting global investment in the North East states, the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) organized an Ambassadors' Meet in New Delhi yesterday. Speaking at the meet, DoNER Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, underscored the economic and geopolitical importance of the region. He reaffirmed the government's commitment to transform the North East into a hub of connectivity, trade, and innovation, noting that each of the region's eight states offers unique strengths, resources and opportunities. Highlighting the region's cultural diversity, natural beauty and strategic location, the minister stressed on its potential to emerge as one of India's leading economic powerhouses, and encouraged participating countries to capitalize on the immense possibilities.

Minister of State, DoNER, Dr. Sukanta Majumdar, also highlighted the Northeast as the gateway of India and invited investors be part of its growth journey. Ambassadors, High Commissioners, and senior diplomatic representatives from over 80 countries participated in the meet.



External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar has said the northeast region is at the heart of many key Indian policies like Neighbourhood First, Act East or the BIMSTEC and asserted that the region's relevance will grow with time. Virtually addressing the Ambassadors' Meet organised by DoNER Ministry

ahead of the North East Investors Summit 2025, he urged foreign envoys to explore the region and promote its attributes to their governments and industries.

Dr Jaishankar noted that many recent initiatives involving India's immediate neighbours emanate from the Northeast, and highlighted the region's growing relevance - as a gateway to Southeast Asia, a tourism hub and a contributor to global workplace.



The Union Education Ministry will work together with the Road, Transport and Highways Ministry for expanding the Sadak Suraksha Abhiyaan to schools across the country. In a social media post, Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said, the Ministry will enhance awareness on road safety measures through the school education system by promoting a culture of safety as well as initiating public action and citizen involvement on responsible driving behaviours. Mr Pradhan today co-chaired a meeting with Road, Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari in New Delhi on the issue of road safety.



Member states of the World Health Organization (WHO) today finalized a historic agreement to prepare the world for future pandemics, following negotiations that spanned over three years. The agreement calls for technology transfers to be incentivised through regulations, licensing agreements, and favourable financing conditions. It includes a compromise that any transfer must be mutually agreed upon. The draft also proposes a One Health approach for pandemic prevention and the setting up of a global supply chain and logistics network. The proposal will now be considered before the World Health Assembly next month. The Pandemic Agreement maps out measures to thwart pandemics and bolster global collaboration, following the chaos seen during the COVID-19 outbreak.



MLA Achumbemo Kikon visited the state-owned Merapani Seed Farm today to assess the situation following protests by labourers and alleged encroachment attempts by immigrants. Accompanied by local officials and police personnel during the visit, Mr Kikon asserted that the 1,300-acre farm belongs to the Nagaland government. Condemning claims by illegal settlers from Assam, he urged the Agriculture Department to cancel all permits and leases issued, and

reclaim the land to develop it into a rice bowl for the state. The MLA also called for fencing the entire farm to prevent encroachments.



Union Labour and Employment Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya today called for establishing a skill training platform in India to meet the specific skilled manpower requirements of the globe. Addressing the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor Conclave 2025 in New Delhi, Dr. Mandaviya said that participating nations can set up training courses in Indian universities and provide mutual skill certification. He highlighted that such programs will not only create job opportunities for the youth but also enhance India's soft power through the expansion of its large diaspora.

Dr. Mandaviya noted that the Conclave provides an opportunity not just for economic collaboration but also for heritage and cultural growth.



Nagaland's Kenono Foundation emerged among the winners of the SBI YFI Sahyog Pitch Fest held during the SBI Youth for India (YFI) Conclave 2025 in Guwahati. With the win, Ruchinilo Kemp, founder of Kenono Foundation, secured 11 lakh rupees in seed funding and mentorship support. Based in Tseminyu district, the non-profit is dedicated to conserving forest biodiversity and building sustainable livelihoods for forest-dependent communities. The Pitch Fest featured 10 social ventures from across the country, out of which six ventures, including Kenono Foundation, were awarded support funds to drive positive impact at grassroots.



As part of the ongoing Poshan Pakhwada 2025, a Block Level 'Healthy Baby Show' was conducted in Dimapur today. The event was organised by the Child Development Project Office, Dimapur (U) and District Hub for Empowerment of Women, Dimapur, Social Welfare Department, in convergence with Health & Family Welfare and RD-NSRLM. Highlighting the government efforts to address malnutrition, anaemia, and childhood obesity, CDPO Dimapur (U) Limasangla said the campaign encourages a people's movement by involving community organizations and churches in spreading awareness on proper nutrition and health. Attendees were also briefed on Pradhan Mantri Matru Vandana Yojana, which provides financial support during maternity. During the show, children between 6 to 18 months were assessed on key health indicators with cash prizes awarded to the winners.



**The Nagaland Police Badminton Team delivered an impressive performance at the recently concluded 1st All India Police Badminton Cluster (Badminton and Table Tennis) held in Kochi, Kerala. The 11-member squad, led by Assistant Commandant Joseph Sumi as Team Manager, won multiple honors including the Overall Runners-Up Trophy. Among the individual winners, Mr Sumi bagged the Player of the Tournament (Male), and won three other gold medals.**

