

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Top Customs official highlights surge in smuggling of synthetic drugs from Myanmar to North East India.
- Over 1000 crore rupees worth of drugs confiscated in Meghalaya in last three years, informs chief minister Conrad Sangma.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi acknowledges cultural and ecological significance of Meghalaya's GI-tagged Ryndia silk.
- Anti-Narcotics Task Force bust drug trafficking network operating out of a hardware store in Shillong's Cantonment area.
- Army, Assam Rifles, Manipur Police, Central Reserve Police Force and Border Security Force launch joint operations in hills and valley districts of Manipur.
- Orientation programme on rules, procedures, and conduct of business for members of Legislative Assembly of Arunachal Pradesh underway in Itanagar.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma inaugurates two newly constructed buildings of Community & Rural Development Blocks in Ri-Bhoi district.
- Meghalaya Cabinet Minister and government spokesperson Paul Lyngdoh asks pressure groups to be extra sensitive while dealing with issues related to interstate boundary dispute.
- Jagannath Ratha Yatra, the chariot festival being celebrated across country today.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

DRUGS:

To mark the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, Press Information Bureau, Shillong, in collaboration with the Office of the Commissioner, Customs (Preventive), North Eastern Region Headquarters organised a media interaction under the banner 'Varta' in Shillong yesterday. Joint Commissioner, Customs, Spencer M. Myllem talked about recent trends in the movement of drugs from neighbouring Myanmar, revealing how the region is increasingly being used as a transit as well as consumption corridor. The North East is witnessing a surge in synthetic drug smuggling, especially amphetamine, largely trafficked from Myanmar. Customs officers across the Northeast have made significant seizures in close collaboration with BSF, Assam Rifles and state police forces, he said.

DAY:

Meghalaya, along with the rest of the world observed International Day Against Drug Abuse & Illicit Trafficking yesterday. At an event in Shillong,

Chief Minister Conrad Sangma informed that drugs worth over 1000 crore rupees have been recovered by the police over the past three years. He urged all citizens to come together in the fight against drugs.

RYNDIA:

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has acknowledged the cultural and ecological significance of Meghalaya's GI-tagged Ryndia silk, describing it as a powerful symbol of the state's heritage and ethical craftsmanship. In a letter addressed to Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma, the Prime Minister expressed his appreciation for the gift of Ryndia silk, which was handwoven by women weavers of Ri-Bhoi district. In his letter, Mr Modi noted the growing global demand for products that are not only environmentally sustainable but also socially responsible. Chief Minister Conrad Sangma expressed his gratitude to the prime minister for recognizing Meghalaya's Ryndia Eri silk.

SEIZURE:

In a major breakthrough, the Anti-Narcotics Task Force busted a drug trafficking network operating out of a hardware store in Shillong's Cantonment area. The operation led to the seizure of 162.52 grams of heroin and the detention of three individuals, while one suspect remains absconding. According to an official statement, on 24th June 24, based on a tip off, the ANTF detained one person in possession of 10.26 grams of heroin. Investigation into the matter is currently on.

APPREHENSION:

The Indian Army and Assam Rifles, in coordination with the Manipur Police, Central Reserve Police Force and Border Security Forces, launched intelligence-based joint operations in the hills and valley districts of Manipur. Operations conducted between 16th and 22nd June in Thoubal, Bishnupur, Kakching, Kamjong, Tengenupal, Senapati, Imphal East and Imphal West resulted in the apprehension of 17 cadres. Three IEDs and 24 weapons were also seized.

ARUNACHAL:

A two-day orientation programme on rules, procedures, and conduct of business for members of the Legislative Assembly of Arunachal Pradesh begun in Itanagar yesterday. Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein said that the programme is crucial for legislators as it equips them with the knowledge and skills needed for effective lawmaking, meaningful debates, and responsible conduct in the Assembly.

BLOCK:

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma visited Ri Bhoi District yesterday to inaugurate two newly constructed buildings of the Community & Rural Development Blocks at Bhoirymbong and Umling. The responsibility for inauguration of the new building of the Bhoirymbong C&RD Block at Lumdaitkhla village was handed over to Colbert Shadap, retired army personnel who had participated in the Indo-Pak wars of 1965 and 1971. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister mentioned that 46 new C&RD block buildings are under construction across the state.

BORDER:

Meghalaya Cabinet Minister and government spokesperson Paul Lyngdoh has asked pressure groups to be extra sensitive while dealing with issues like

the interstate boundary dispute and not use the State government as a ‘punching bag’. Giving an update on the Lapangap incident, he said, the Government is working towards resolving the issue with its counterpart Assam. Mr. Lyngdoh also said that the state police have taken the recent incident at Lapangap in West Jaintia Hills seriously and are actively addressing the situation.

YATRA:

Jagannath Ratha Yatra, the chariot festival is being celebrated across the country today. The idols of Jagannath and his two siblings, Subhadra and Balabhadra are taken out in decorated chariots pulled by devotees on the occasion. Rathayatra is one of the major festivals in the state of Manipur and also other states in the north eastern region.
