

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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1. Assam Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya chairs review meeting in Cachar district.
2. Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha says judges and advocates must work for betterment of people.
3. Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma lays foundation for Unity Mall in Aizawl.
4. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma distributes funds for women's welfare.
5. Assam Rifles successfully dispose of unexploded bomb in Kakching district of Manipur.
6. St. Edmund's College team win Dr MM Das Memorial All Shillong Debate Championship.
7. North East United FC retain Durand Cup trophy.

CACHAR

Assam Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya, who is in Silchar, chaired a review meeting with the District Commissioner and heads of all line departments of Cachar yesterday. He reviewed the progress of the ongoing Amrit Sarovar projects. Mr Acharya observed that Cachar has immense potential for fish farming and emphasized the need to strengthen infrastructure to enhance productivity of the sector. The Governor expressed satisfaction with the implementation of the Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Pariyojana in Cachar. He also reviewed the measures to address school drop-out rates, functioning of single-teacher schools, and other educational initiatives aimed at improving student retention.

TRIPURA

Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha has underscored that judges and advocates must work for the betterment of people, stressing that justice delivery should be fair, fast, accessible and affordable. After inaugurating the Sub-Divisional Judicial Magistrate and Civil Judge Court at Mohanpur in West Tripura district yesterday, he said that the judiciary must ensure that people are not harassed while seeking justice. Tripura High Court Chief Justice M.S. Ratna Sri Ramachandra Rao, Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

Minister Ratan Lal Nath, Justice T. Amarnath Goud, Chief Secretary J.K. Sinha, Advocate General Shaktimoy Chakraborty, Director General of Police Anurag Dhankar were present on the occasion.

MIZORAM

Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma laid the foundation stone for the PM Ekta Mall (Unity Mall) at Chawnpui, Aizawl yesterday. The 127 crore rupees project was sanctioned under the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment 2023–24. The Chief Minister said that the Mall would serve as a major marketplace for indigenous products, connecting directly to international buyers. Mizoram will have its own stalls at Ekta Malls across the country, truly reflecting the spirit of India in One Mall, the chief minister said.

ASSAM

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurated the distribution of funds under the 'Mukhyamantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyan' scheme and several development projects at Jagiroad in Morigaon district yesterday. The scheme aims to empower women by making them self-reliant. Around 38,000 women received government fund at the Jagiroad assembly constituency. Chief Minister Sarma also laid the foundation stone for a 10-storey women's hostel at the Tata Semi-Conductor project site in Jagiroad.

CAREER

Over 700 students participated in a Career Guidance Seminar organised yesterday by the office of the Deputy Commissioner, West Jaintia Hills at District Library Auditorium, Jowai in collaboration with SPM IAS Academy, Guwahati. Local MLA Wailadmiki Shylla stressed the importance of career counselling for students. He noted that many parents and young people often feel lost after completing their education, uncertain about what to do next.

DRUGS

The College of Teacher Education, Tura, yesterday organised an awareness programme on the harmful effects of drugs to sensitise students and faculty members on the dangers of substance abuse and the urgent need to prevent its spread. The resource person for the programme, Amesha Chesrame S. Sangma, from the Addiction Treatment Facility, Tura Civil Hospital, spoke extensively on various categories of substances, including legal drugs and the misuse of medical products.

FESTIVAL

Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha, after inaugurating a five-day North-East NSS Festival in Agartala yesterday, said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been consistently focusing on development of the Northeast. The Prime Minister has introduced the “HIRA” (Highways, Internet, Railways, Airways) model to boost connectivity in the region. Dr. Saha pointed out that while previously the Northeast, apart from Guwahati, lacked strong railway links, today the sector has seen remarkable progress. Air

connectivity under the UDAN scheme has also improved, and the region now has six national highways, ensuring better road networks. Calling upon students to uphold patriotism, brotherhood, and unity, Dr. Saha said self-reliance among the youth will lead to a self-reliant nation. Quoting Swami Vivekananda, he stressed, “Willpower is everything—through willpower, anything is possible.” Dr. Saha said that the five-day event will foster cultural exchange, mutual understanding, and friendship among the eight Northeastern states, truly reflecting the spirit of “Unity in Diversity.”

SAFE

Social Welfare, Women & Child Development Minister Lalrinpuii has said, women in Mizoram are enjoying freedom and are relatively safe, compared to other states due to its high literacy rate. Addressing a State-level consultation on “Safeguarding the Girl Child: Towards a Safer and Enabling Environment for Her in India”, organised by the Gauhati High Court's Juvenile Justice Committee at the Gauhati High Court, Aizawl Bench Conference Hall, Lalrinpuii said there is no room for complacency. She underscored the importance of coordinated efforts to safeguard girls, ensuring they live their lives under a peaceful environment in their homes, society and educational institution. This is an important task not only for the government, but also for the churches, the society, civil societies and teachers, she underscored. Justice Michael Zothankhuma of the Gauhati High Court stressed the importance of ensuring safe and enabling environment for girls and women to progress.

PROJECT

Delhi-based IRCON International Limited has secured 510-crore rupees contract from the Meghalaya government to construct eight Eklavya Model Residential Schools in the state under Package-II. The Meghalaya Infrastructure Development & Finance Corporation Limited has issued the letter of award to the firm to construct Eklavya Model Residential Schools across eight locations in Meghalaya. The estimated completion timeline for construction of the schools is 36 months, an official informed.

MANIPUR

The Assam Rifles successfully disposed of an unexploded bomb at Serou Makha Leikai in Kakching district of Manipur yesterday. Meanwhile, a two-day workshop on ND&PS Act, Cyber Crime and three new Criminal Laws kicked off at City Convention Centre in Imphal yesterday. The workshop is being organised jointly by High Court of Manipur, Manipur State Legal Services Authority and Manipur Judicial Academy. The workshop was inaugurated by Chief Justice of the High Court of Manipur, Justice K. Soma Shekhar. Justice A. Guneshwar, Director of Manipur Judicial Academy, Justice Golmei Gaiphulshilu and other legal experts attended the inaugural function.

DEBATE

Students debated for and against on the topic “Trans-border military operation is necessary for protection of national interest” during the 24th All Shillong Dr. MM Das Memorial Inter College/Higher Secondary School Debate Competition, organized by the Zenith Jubelieth Club at Laban yesterday. The spirited arguments were well taken by the audience, who overwhelmingly supported the motion at Shillong’s oldest running debate competition. Additional deputy commissioner, East Khasi Hills district, Dalikynti Kharshiing, present as chief guest, underscored the importance of debating in a healthy democratic society. The team from St. Edmund’s College, comprising Sanskriti Modgal and Lamshwadame Khyriem emerged as champions, followed by Astha Pradhan and Anish Kumar Singh of St. Anthony’s College as 1st runner-up. Skhemdor Khonglah and Issac Haziell Lyngkhai of BBS College were the 2nd runner-up. The prestigious champion’s trophy was handed over by Mrinmoy Das and Rishaan Das, son and grandson respectively, of Late Dr. MM Das. The debating session was presided over by Professor Sukalpa Bhattacharjee, head of English department, North Eastern Hill University (NEHU). The panel of judges included Professor Binayak Datta, department of history, NEHU, Advocate Siddique and author/academician Naphirisa Kordor Tariang.

DURAN

North East United FC has retained the Durand Cup trophy. In the final yesterday, the defending champions scored a stunning 6-1 win over Dimond Harbour FC at the Yuva Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata. Goals from Parthib Gogoi and Asheer Akhtar took defending champions to a 2-0 lead by the half. Alaaeddine Ajaraie, Andy, Thoi Singh and Jairo Samperio scored the other goals for the winners.
