

## **NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN**

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### **HEADLINES:-**

- North East Region is India's Growth Engines, says DoNER Minister, Jyotiraditya Scindia
- Cabinet expansion of Assam Government to take place today with the inclusion of BPF's Charan Boro into the council of Ministers
- BSF's Special Director General Mahesh Kumar Aggarwal assesses operational preparedness along the Indo-Bangladesh Border
- Tripura contemplating to export power to Nepal, final decision lies with the Central government.
- Union MoS for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya lauds Sikkim's self-reliance in the field of organic farming
- Singapore police force does not suspect foul play in the circumstances leading to Zubeen Garg's death.
- Two day long Indian Himalayan Region Climate Change Conclave concludes in Imphal
- Namsai District in Arunachal Pradesh, bags the 2nd position in the prestigious NITI for States Use Case Challenge Awards
- Indian national senior women's football team arrives in Shillong to participate in the Tri-Nations International Tournament
- Hockey Arunachal President Gumjum Haider awarded with the Best Sports Administrator in Hockey at the Annual North East Hockey Award Ceremony in Guwahati

### **NEWS IN ORDER:-**

#### **DONER:**

Minister for Development of North Eastern Region( DoNER), Jyotiraditya Scindia has termed North East Region as India's Growth Engines. Talking to media in New Delhi, Scindia said that the region is charting a new trajectory of development and opportunity. He said considerable work has been done in diverse sectors of the region including infrastructure, roads, tourism and more. He pointed out that the region has been crucial in the growth of the country while highlighting on one year of DoNER'S achievement.

#### **CABINET:**

The Cabinet expansion of Assam Government will take place today with the inclusion of new minister into the Himanta Biswa Sarma's Council of Ministers. According to sources, Charan Boro from Bodoland People's Front

(BPF) is likely to be inducted into the Council of Ministers. The BPF recently won the council election. This will be the second reshuffling in Assam. The swearing in ceremony of the newly appointed Minister will be held at Srimanta Sankardeva Hall, Rajbhavan in Guwahati today where Assam Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya will administer the oath to the new minister.

#### **BSF:**

The Special Director General of the Border Security Force (BSF) Eastern Command, Kolkata, Mahesh Kumar Aggarwal held a four-day operational tour to BSF Meghalaya Frontier to assess the operational preparedness and border security architecture along the Indo-Bangladesh International Border. The SDG called on the Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma, and Chief Secretary, Dr. Shakil P. Ahammed, for in-depth deliberations on joint security mechanisms, intelligence sharing, and inter-agency synergy to ensure foolproof border management. The four-day visit aimed to strengthen border management and ensure national security. During the tour, the IG presented a comprehensive operational briefing, outlining the dynamic security scenario along the international border, including challenges posed by rugged terrain, cross-border smuggling, infiltration attempts, and emerging transnational threats. The IG also highlighted strategic countermeasures undertaken by BSF to strengthen border domination, upgrade technological surveillance systems, and enhance tactical mobility of troops.

#### **POWER:**

Tripura is contemplating to export power to Nepal. Informing this, Power Minister, Ratan Lal Nath however said that a final decision in this regard will be taken by the Central government. Speaking after inaugurating the 132 KV Gokulnagar Sub-station under the NER Power System Improvement Project at Gokulnagar Rastarmatha Sports Ground, the Minister said that an amount of 43.98 crore was spent on the facility. The project will ensure uninterrupted and quality power supply to about 48,740 families across Bishalgarh, Office Tilla, Central Jail, Gola Ghati, Madhupur, Sekerkot, Fultali and nearby areas. He also informed that the number of 132 KV sub-stations has been increased from 12 to 21, with two more under construction. The length of 132 KV lines has been expanded from 485 km to 986 km, with 102 circuit km more being laid.

#### **SIKKIM:**

Union Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya has lauded Sikkim's self-reliance in the field of organic farming, describing it as an inspiring example for the entire nation. Earlier the MoS met the Governor of Sikkim, Om Prakash Mathur and held discussions on the practices of organic farming, women empowerment, and the cleanliness of the State. Later, the Union Minister also addressed an Atmanirbhar Bharat (Self-Reliant India) programme at the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) Sikkim Pradesh office in Gangtok. He said that Sikkim stands as a symbol of self-reliance as it is India's first and fully organic state, demonstrating how harmony with nature can lead to sustainable self-dependence.

#### **ZUBEEN:**

The Singapore police force (SPF) on Friday said that based on preliminary investigations, it does not suspect foul play in the circumstances leading to Zubeen Garg's death. In a statement, the SPF said the case is currently being investigated by them in accordance with Singapore's Coroners Act 2010. Upon completion of the investigations, which may take up to another three months or so, the findings will be submitted to the state coroner in Singapore, which will then determine whether to hold a coroner's inquiry. The SPF expressed its commitment to conducting a thorough and professional investigation into the case. Meanwhile, the assam government today issued gazette notification for the one-man judicial inquiry in the music icon's death.

#### **COURT:**

The High Court of Meghalaya on Friday deferred the hearing of the case related to the relocation of 342 families from Them Iew Mawlong until next month. The High Court also directed the state government and the Harijan Panchayat Committee to explore possible ways of resolving the issue through dialogue. The order was passed by a Division Bench of the High Court comprising Chief Justice Soumen Sen and Justice Wanlura Diengdoh on Friday, after being informed that both parties have initiated talks and that the dispute may be resolved amicably.

#### **CONCLAVE:**

The two day long Indian Himalayan Region Climate Change Conclave in Imphal concluded on Friday. Manipur Governor, Ajay Kumar Bhalla graced the valedictory function which was organised by the Directorate of Environment and Climate Change, Government of Manipur. The conclave brought together around 400 participants including State Government representatives from 12 Himalayan States, independent researchers and experts, line departments and agencies and academic institutions. Manipur Governor, Ajay Kumar Bhalla also inspected the exhibitions and appreciated the community led efforts showcased there. He also released five different books and inaugurated the State Environment and Climate Data Centre virtually. Addressing the gathering, Bhalla emphasised that the impact of climate change is being felt acutely in Manipur, a State nestled in the Eastern Himalayas and known for its rich biodiversity and cultural heritage. He said that the updated State Action Plan on Climate Change (Version 2) of Manipur needs to be translated into real action and not remain merely a plan.

#### **DISTRICT:**

Namsai District in Arunachal Pradesh, has bagged the 2nd position in the prestigious NITI for States Use Case Challenge Awards under the Agriculture and Allied Services category. The recognition was conferred under the NITI for States (NFS) platform hosted by Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA) in collaboration with NITI Aayog under the State Support Mission. Following the announcement, Deputy Chief Minister ,Chowna Mein congratulated the district administration and field teams for their commendable efforts. Mein informed that the district's initiative of "Driving Adoption of Soil Health Card" has been recognized for its innovative approach in promoting sustainable agriculture and empowering farmers through data-driven soil management. He added that the recognition highlights the district's

commitment in improving farming practices and contributing to the State’s agricultural growth.

**FOOTBALL:**

The Indian national senior women's football team has arrived in Shillong to participate in the Tri-Nations International Tournament scheduled to be held in Shillong later this month. The Meghalaya Football Association, led by President Hamletson Dohling and General Secretary Sunesh Syiem, felicitated members of the Indian national senior women's football team at the Jawaharlal Nehru State here on Friday. Dohling, Syiem and other senior members of the MFA felicitated the Indian players and support staff led by head coach, Crispin Chettri on their historic qualification for the AFC Women's Asian Cup Australia 2026 and to wish them the best for the Tri-Nations International Tournament. The Tri Nations Tournament will be held here in Shillong from 21 October, where India will play the Islamic Republic of Iran and Nepal.

**HOCKEY:**

The president of Hockey Arunachal, Gumjum Haider has been awarded with the Best Sports Administrator in Hockey for his discipline, leadership, and clean administration at the Annual North East Hockey Award Ceremony, held at Manipur Bhawan, Guwahati on Friday. In his address, Dr. Haider dedicated the accolade to the resilient and dedicated people of Arunachal Pradesh. Beyond his role in sports, Dr. Haider has also served in the public sector as a State Information Commissioner and is known for his earlier role as a former General Secretary of the All Arunachal Pradesh Students' Union (AAPSU) and the North East Students' Organization (NESO), demonstrating a long-standing commitment to public life in the state. The event drew prominent hockey administrators and players from the North Eastern states, including Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland, and Tripura.

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