

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

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2. Arunachal Pradesh State Horticulture Research and Development Institute discovers a new species of Begonia.
3. Nagaland Lok Sabha MP, Supongmeren Jamir holds meeting with officials of the National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited to assess progress of ongoing NHIDCL road development projects in Nagaland.
4. Security forces arrested three insurgents belonging to different factions of banned outfit in Manipur's Bishnupur and Thoubal districts.
5. Air connectivity between Agartala and Bagdogra is set to begin soon.
6. Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu congratulates Donwang Kamhwa of Tirap district for clearing National Defence Academy Examination with an impressive All India Rank.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

GST

The GST Bachat Utsav, announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and commencing on the 22nd of last month, is benefiting the country as a whole. Our correspondent brings a report on the GST reforms that will empower different industries of Assam. The next generation GST reforms are a major relief for Assam's workers, artisans, and farmers. The reduction of tax rates on Assam's famous tea and instant-tea packs to 5 per cent will significantly ease the cost burden on cultivators and boost the state's tea exports. Similarly, taxes rates on rich handloom and handicraft items such as Muga Silk, Gamosa, Bihu Dhol, and Assam Jaapi have been reduced from 12 per cent to 5 per cent, benefiting weavers and artisans, especially women-led self-help groups.

MP:

Lok Sabha MP, Supongmeren Jamir, held a meeting with officials of the National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited, as well as contractors and consultants to assess the progress of ongoing NHIDCL road development projects in Nagaland. During the meeting in Kohima yesterday, Mr Jamir raised serious concerns over the frequent blockages on the Dimapur-Kohima National Highway 29 section, particularly under New Chumoukedima Village, despite the route having a target for completion by 25th of September this year. The MP also reviewed the Kohima bypass project, and the Kohima-Jessami road project. MP Jamir urged better coordination among stakeholders and regular updates to the State Government.

MOU:

Nagaland Police and the National Institute of Technology Nagaland have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to boost collaboration in technology, research, and innovation for modern policing. The MoU was signed on Friday at Police Headquarters in Kohima by Additional DGP Sandeep M. Tamgadge and NIT Registrar Dr. Manoj E. Prabhakar, in the presence of senior police officials and NIT faculty members. As part of the MoU, NIT's Computer Science and Engineering Department will provide technical consultation and design to develop a Management Information System for the Nagaland Police, aimed at enhancing efficiency, data management, and digital transformation in police administration. Director General of Police Rupin Sharma said the initiative reflects the Police's commitment to technology-driven policing and will help tackle cybercrime

and support evidence-based law enforcement. The MoU takes immediate effect and will remain valid for three years. (KOHIMA=15)

MANIPUR

Security forces arrested three insurgents belonging to different factions of a banned outfit in Manipur's Bishnupur and Thoubal districts, police said. An active cadre of the banned Kangleipak Communist Party was nabbed in Bishnupur town on Saturday. One SM carbine, three magazines and 24 AK cartridges were seized from his possession, a police statement said. Another active cadre of the proscribed outfit Kangleipak Communist Party (Apunba) was arrested from Yairipok Bazar in Thoubal district on Saturday. Another militant of the KCP (Taibanganba) outfit was arrested on Friday from Omba Hill crossing area in Bishnupur district.=10

CONNECTIVITY:

Air connectivity between Agartala and Bagdogra is set to begin soon. Assistant General Manager of Agartala Airport, Jempu Haki, announced yesterday that Air India Express will operate flights on the Agartala–Bagdogra route starting from 26th this month. The 180-seater Boeing aircraft (flight IX 2953) will depart from Bagdogra every day at 4:30 PM and reach Agartala at 5:40 PM. The return flight (IX 2430) will take off from Agartala at 6:10 PM and land in Bagdogra at 7:20 PM. AGARTALA=8

BSF

The 50 Battalion Border Security Force organized a Civic Action Programme and Community Outreach Programme at BOP Bahadur, South West Garo Hills, as part of the "Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat" initiative. The event began with a friendly volleyball match played between Team Mirengipara and Team Chapahati PWD Colony, representing two bordering villages. The match aimed to foster friendship, sportsmanship, and unity among the local youth in the border area. During the event, sports items, school bags, stationery items, dustbins, and RO plants were distributed to government schools and community institutions to support education and promote hygiene in the border areas. PTC AMPATI =11

SPECIES:

In Arunachal Pradesh, the State Horticulture Research and Development Institute from Basar in Leparada District has discovered a new species of Begonia. The research team was led by Egam Basar, along with experts Dr. Dipoo Dipankar Borah, Dr. Momang Taram, and Dr. Krishna Chowlu. Following the discovery, researchers have named the new species 'Chowna Buku Chulu (Aryarakta)', meaning "Noble Red", in honour of Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein. Expressing his gratitude, Chowna Mein said he was "humbled by the gesture" and extended heartfelt appreciation to the dedicated research team for their remarkable work in documenting and promoting the State's rich biodiversity through indigenous nomenclature. (ITANAGAR=12)

EVENT:

In Arunachal Pradesh, the Spearhead Division of Spear corps conducted a significant Military-Civil Fusion event at Sigar Military Station, Likhabali on Saturday. The event aimed at fostering synergy, understanding and cooperation between the Indian Army and the civil administration of Arunachal Pradesh. Collaborative activities in diverse fields of Humanitarian and Disaster Relief Operations, Integrated Development in Border Areas, Border Tourism and Socio-Cultural Development were discussed during the event. A display of high-end military Equipment and advanced technology was also organised. ITANAGAR=10

NDA:

Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh, Pema Khandu yesterday congratulated Donwang Kamhua of Tirap district for clearing the National Defence Academy Examination with an impressive All India Rank 71. He informed that Donwang was a Class 12 topper from Ramakrishna Mission School in 2024 and a recipient of the IDBI Bank Golden Jubilee Scholarship. May your dedication, discipline, and hard work set an example for every young aspirant across Arunachal Pradesh, Khandu added.

AWARD:

Mark Pantora M. Sangma has been conferred with the Travel Experience Award and was also nominated for Best Travel Entrepreneur at the prestigious Northeast India

Tourism Awards (NEITA) 2025 in RADISSON BLU GUWAHATI. The Northeast India Tourism Awards is a pioneering initiative by the Emerging Northeast Eco Forum a platform committed to fostering sustainable development, cultural preservation, and innovation in Northeast India. NEITA 2025 marks the inaugural edition of this prestigious awards program, exclusively dedicated to honouring excellence in the region’s diverse and dynamic tourism sector. Envisioned as the “Oscars of Northeast Tourism”, NEITA aims to recognize and reward the visionaries, innovators, and changemakers who are transforming Northeast India into a world-class travel destination.

LAMP:

Responding to the Prime Minister’s ‘Vocal for Local’ call, the demand for traditional earthen lamps has surged across Sepahijala district of Tripura ahead of Diwali. Many people are choosing locally made clay lamps over decorative electric lights to illuminate their homes during the festival of lights. Naturally, artisans engaged in pottery and clay crafts have been busy over the past few years during the festive season, and this year is no exception in areas like Shantipalli and Rabindranagar of Sonamura—known locally as “Kumor Para.”Several artisans from these regions have welcomed the Prime Minister’s initiative.

COMPETITION:

In Arunachal Pradesh, the inaugural state-level kayaking competition, “The Mechukha Kayaking Challenge 2025,” concluded successfully at Mechukha. Organised by the Department of Tourism, Government of Arunachal Pradesh, in collaboration with the Arunachal Kayak, Canoe and Rafting Association, the two-day event under the banner of “Adventure@Mechukha” witnessed enthusiastic participation from across the state. A total of 19 kayakers; 6 females and 13 males competed for top honours. The successful conclusion of “The Mechukha Kayaking Challenge 2025” marks a significant milestone in promoting adventure sports and harnessing Arunachal Pradesh’s immense potential for adventure tourism.
