

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Top leader of banned United Liberation Front of Asom (Independent) surrenders before troops of Assam Rifles at Pangsau Pass in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Nagaland Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio flags off newly inducted Air India Express aircraft at Dimapur Airport as official travel partner for Hornbill Festival 2025.
- Sikkim is set to introduce digital mechanism for issuing permits to travellers for high-altitude and border-adjacent locations.
- Mizoram and Assam will jointly organise first border festival at Dholai in Assam's Cachar district today to establish good relations, mutual trust and friendships between people of two neighbouring states.
- Six of thirteen newly discovered amphibian species in North East found in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Manipur State Film Development Society shows meaningful solidarity for Manipuri young filmmakers and raises 2.27 lakh rupees through special fundraising screening of Oitharei at Palace Auditorium in Imphal.
- Tripura Chief Minister, Dr. Manik Saha says women's progress is essential for overall development of society while addressing women's conference under Atmanirbhar Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan at Muktaadhara Auditorium in Agartala.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

ULFA SURRENDER:

One of the top leaders of the Paresh Baruah faction of the banned United Liberation Front of Asom (Independent) surrendered before troops of Assam Rifles on the Myanmar border yesterday. The self-styled 'major general' Arunodoi Dohutia alias Bijit Gogoi, and his PSO, Francis Axom, surrendered at Pangsau Pass in Arunachal Pradesh. He has been a close aide of ULFA(I) chief, Paresh Barua. Officials said that the two are likely to be brought to Guwahati. Confirming Dohutia's surrender, Assam Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma dismissed the speculation that the surrendered militant would be taken to New Delhi for the ongoing peace process. He also said that peace talks with the ULFA(I) can move forward only if Paresh Barua agrees to join the dialogue.

HORNBILL:

Nagaland Chief Minister, Neiphiu Rio flagged off a newly inducted Air India Express aircraft at Dimapur Airport yesterday, marking the airline's role as the Official Travel Partner for the Hornbill Festival 2025. Celebrating the artistic legacy of the Nagas, the aircraft, VT-BWD, features a tail livery inspired by the Ao Naga tribe's Tsüngkotepsü warrior shawl. The aircraft was received at the Dimapur Airport with a ceremonial welcome, with several officials and traditional dancers. Rio said, the partnership would enable reaching wider audiences, celebrate the rich heritage, and build meaningful connections that go beyond the festival season. Air

India Express Managing Director, Alope Singh said, the special livery is a tribute to Nagaland's artistic legacy and cultural pride. Air India Express has also set up a Hornbill-themed photobooth at Dimapur Airport and community art canvas at Kisama Heritage Village, as well as offering a 15 percent discount on flights to and from Dimapur.

PERMIT:

Sikkim is set to introduce a digital mechanism for issuing permits for travellers to high-altitude and border-adjacent locations. Additional Chief Secretary, CS Rao who is in-charge of Tourism Department said the upcoming system aims to do away with manual paperwork for issuing Restricted Area Permits and Protected Area Permits, streamlining tourist visits to destinations such as Nathu La, Tsomgo Lake, Lachen, Lachung and Zuluk. He said travellers will be able to apply online and receive QR-based permits, enabling quicker checks at various security points.

BORDER FESTIVAL:

In an effort to establish good relations, mutual trust and friendships between the people of the two neighbouring states, Mizoram and Assam will jointly organise the first border festival today at Dholai in Assam's Cachar district. The district administrations of both the states held a meeting last week to review preparedness for the upcoming festival. As part of the festival, teams from Mizoram and Assam will compete in friendly football and volleyball matches to promote unity and sportsmanship. Besides, a cultural programme showcasing dynamic performances by cultural troupes from Mizoram's Vairengte and Mamit, alongside artistes from Cachar. Three Mizoram districts — Aizawl, Kolasib and Mamit — share a 164.6-km-long border with Assam's Cachar, Sribhumi and Hailakandi districts.

AMPHIBIAN SPECIES:

Six of the thirteen newly discovered amphibian species in the North East have been found in Arunachal Pradesh. Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein in a social media post said, this remarkable scientific achievement once again highlights the state as a treasure of biodiversity and a global centre of ecological richness. He appreciated the researchers who continue to reveal the hidden wonders of the state's forests and protected areas. He further added that Arunachal remains committed to preserving nature and supporting scientific exploration that strengthens conservation and inspires future generations.

MANIPURI CINEMA:

In a meaningful show of solidarity for Manipuri cinema's emerging voices, the Manipur State Film Development Society has taken the lead in building a support system for young filmmakers by raising 2.27 lakh rupees through a special fundraising screening of Oitharei at the Palace Auditorium yesterday. Driven by its mandate of nurturing cinema and enabling new storytellers to grow, the Society mobilised the initiative to support crew members of two Manipuri films selected for the Indian Panorama section of the 56th International Film Festival of India, 2025 in Goa, a recognition regarded as one of the highest honours in Indian cinema. This year marks a rare milestone, with two Manipuri films — one documentary and one fiction feature — selected among the best of Indian cinema. Battlefield by Borun Thokchom, a full-length documentary feature capturing the untold history of the decisive Battle of Imphal fought in Manipur between Japan and the Allied forces during the Second World War. Oitharei, a fiction feature that examines the grief, loss, and helplessness endured by the people amid the ongoing ethnic conflict in Manipur.

EMPOWERMENT:

Tripura Chief Minister, Dr. Manik Saha said that women's progress is essential for the overall development of the society and the state government has prioritised women's empowerment. Speaking at a women's conference under the Atmanirbhar Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan at Muktheadhara Auditorium in Agartala, he stressed that the country and state cannot advance without improving the socio-economic condition of rural women. He said the Central government has launched several schemes for rural women, and the state government is actively implementing them. He urged the Mahila Morcha members to ensure these initiatives reach women in all parts of the state. Mayor and MLA, Deepak Majumdar, Mandal President Shyamal Kumar Dey and Mahila Morcha members were present.

ACCIDENT:

In Sikkim, three persons were killed and eight others were injured when a taxi rammed into a parked truck on NH-10. According to police, the incident took place in the early hours of Sunday when a vehicle carrying Sikkim residents, was returning from a wedding in Siliguri in adjoining West Bengal. Of the 11 passengers, three died on the spot, while the remaining, including the driver, were seriously injured and admitted to a hospital.

T.AO-FOOTBALL:

The Dr. T Ao Junior Girls National Football Championship 2025-26 (Tier-2) kicked off at Chümoukedima Football Stadium, marking Nagaland hosting the national football tournament for the first time. In his address, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio lauded the All India Football Federation's decision to rename the event after Dr. T Ao, a tribute to his legacy in Indian football. Rio said that the championship showcased the growing strength and confidence of young women driving the rise of women's football in India. The Chief Minister added that hosting the event signals Nagaland's readiness to develop sports infrastructure and welcome future national and international competitions. In the opening matches, Punjab defeated Andaman and Nicobar 20-0, while host Nagaland lost 1-3 to Uttarakhand. Meanwhile Madhya Pradesh recorded a convincing 5-0 win over Himachal Pradesh while Maharashtra and Mizoram shared points following a 3-3 draw match.

CHAMPIONS CUP:

In Meghalaya, the new SSA Champions Cup 2025 will begin in Shillong today. The tournament is the brainchild of the Shillong Sports Association and it will bring together winners of the association's five men's football divisions into one fast-paced and thrilling competition. The 10 eligible teams have been divided into two groups of five and will play each other once, with the top two from each group progressing to the semifinals. The opening match will be played between 4th Division champions, Mawkasiang and 2nd Division champions, Myllem Lum at 1pm, to be followed by another match between Shillong Premier League victors, Langsning and 3rd Division runners-up, Umlingka at 4:30pm.
