

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

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- North Eastern Council releases nearly 4 crore rupees of funds for various development projects in Nagaland.
- Union Home Minister Amit Shah congratulates workers of the country on the nationwide implementation of the new Labour Codes.
- France confirms as a country partner for Hornbill Festival 2025 at Nagaland's premier cultural event.
- Manipur Sangai Festival 2025 kicks off and will continue till 30th of this month.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K. Sangma visits the Umsning Sports & Cultural Club Ground at Umsning Patarim in Ri Bhoi District.

SEIZURE

In Agartala, the BSF and Directorate of Revenue Intelligence yesterday seized huge quantity of Etaddol and Tapentadol tablets including cash from Udaipur. On receiving the information that consignment of Yaba tablets was being moved from Agartala towards Bishramganj, a joint team set up a Mobile Check Post near BSF Gokulnagar. Around 8:30 am, a Suzuki Eeco van tried to escape the checking point and fled towards Udaipur. Around 9:30 am, the van was found abandoned near Kalkaliya High School. After searching it, the team recovered 10 kg of Yaba tablets worth ₹8 crore, three cartons of Etaddol and Tapentadol tablets worth ₹20.32 lakh and ₹25,400 in cash, and the van itself. The total value of the seizure was ₹8.21 crore. In another operation at Sonamura, BSF also seized 1 kg of Yaba. All seized items were handed over to DRI Agartala. The operation shows BSF's strong efforts and teamwork with DRI to stop drug smuggling along the Indo-Bangladesh border.

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NEC

The North Eastern Council has released nearly 4 crore rupees of funds for various development projects in Nagaland. This was included in an update provided by the NEC under the DoNER Ministry on Nagaland Projects for October 2025. The projects, under Scheme of NEC, include setting up piglet production farms in Nihoto and Vidima villages, construction of a Working Women Hostel in Kohima, infrastructure development at Kohima Orphanage Home, and Conservation & Propagation of indigenous fodder for sustainable livestock development. The NEC

also approved a new project to upgrade the Lampong Sheanghah-Nyasa Village road in Mon District, with an estimated cost of 23 crore rupees. Additionally, the Model Dairy Farm project, sanctioned in 2017 was completed in October. As part of this project, six model dairy units were set up across the state and 60 milch cows were introduced.

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COMMISSIONER

In Manipur, Nungshitombi Athokpma has become the new State Information Commissioner from yesterday. She was administered the oath of office by Manipur Governor- Ajay Kumar Bhalla during the Swearing-In Ceremony held at the Durbar Hall of Raj Bhavan. The ceremony was attended by MLA Th. Biswajit Singh, Chief Secretary, Security Advisor, Additional Chief Secretary, Advocate General and other senior officers of the State Government. She was the former Commissioner (Law), Government of Manipur.

VISIT

Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K. Sangma, personally visited the Umsning Sports & Cultural Club (US&CC) Ground at Umsning Patarim to listen to the concerns and requirements of the public and the local community conveyed through the Sports Club, especially regarding their long-standing aspiration to have a well-developed playground at Patarim playground. The President of the Umsning Sports & Cultural Club, Rostarson Kylla, expressed that the Club has repeatedly approached the Government through the Sports Department, requesting assistance for upgrading the playground to a proper standard. However, despite numerous assurances over the years, no concrete support has been received from the Government for the improvement of the ground. Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma assured that he would personally take responsibility to oversee and initiate the development work at the playground. He stated that the ground is indeed important and that efforts would begin with key components such as boundary fencing, a VIP gallery, and overall improvement of the playing field. He further assured that he would work diligently to fulfil the aspirations of the people and the Sports Club. The inspection visit was accompanied by Sosthenes Sohtun, Minister of C&RD; Dr. Celestine Lyngdoh, MLA Umsning; Damanbait Lamare, MLA Umroi; Charles Marngar, MLA Mawhati; Rona Khymdeit, MDC Nongpoh, government officials, and Club leaders including Eric Benjamin Mawlong, Secretary, along with members from Umsning.

SANGAI FESTIVAL

Manipur Sangai Festival 2025 kicked off yesterday and the festival will continue on till 30th of this month. Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla inaugurated the festival in an event held at Bhagyachandra Open Air Theatre in Imphal. With the beginning of the festival, Cherry Blossom and Flower Festival in Senapati district, Manipur Polo International Tournament, Literary Festival and others which are part of the Manipur Sangai Festival also kicked off at different places from yesterday. The festival returned after two years of gap as the Government had not organised the festival since 2023 after ethnic violence erupted in Manipur in May, 2023. The festival is named after the State Animal- Sangai (Brow antlered deer) which is not found anywhere in the world except in Manipur. The festival will be held at 14 places spread across the State and various events including cultural dances will be showcased during the festival. The main venue of Manipur Sangai Festival 2025 is at Hapta Kangjeibung in Imphal East district and numbers of stalls

are opened to sell handloom and handicraft products, indigenous cuisines, artworks and others.

MARCH

A district-level Unity March was organised in Gangtok yesterday to commemorate the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, the Iron Man of India. The march began at Paljor Stadium and culminated at the District Collectorate Office. Gangtok District President, Gangtok Balaram Adhikari graced the Unity March as Chief Guest, Deputy Director, MY Bharat, Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India, Mangal Jakhar delivered welcome address. Chief Guest Adhikari highlighted the contributions of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel towards the realisation of Vikshit Bharat @2047. He emphasised the importance of youth participation in nation-building and urged students to emulate the values embodied by Sardar Patel in their daily lives, Adhikary also administered the Unity Pledge, following which Adhikary flagged off the Unity March from Paljor Stadium towards District Administration Centre Gangtok. District Collector Gangtok Tushar G Nikhare encouraged the participants to research the life and contributions of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and draw inspiration from his leadership. Nikhare paid tribute to Sardar Patel by highlighting his pivotal role in integrating more than 200 princely states into the Indian Union.

HORNBILL

France has been confirmed as a country partner for Hornbill Festival 2025 at Nagaland's premier cultural event. Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio announced the news on X, saying France's culture and creativity will add value to the festival and promote partnership in culture, investment, and innovation. France joins a growing list of international partners for this year's edition of Hornbill Festival. Earlier in the week, Austria, Malta, the United Kingdom, Ireland and Switzerland were announced as partner countries for the annual 10-day celebration. French Ambassador Thierry Mathou, who signed the agreement with Mr Rio, reaffirmed that France's commitment to development in the North-East India. He noted ongoing engagements with the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) across economic, technological, educational and cultural sectors. Meanwhile, Union DoNER Minister Jyotiraditya M Scindia welcomed the collaboration, and expressed confidence that such partnerships would continue to generate meaningful and enduring benefits for the region.

ENVIRONMENT

In Meghalaya, as part of the Chief Minister's initiative to promote cleanliness and environmental protection under the Chief Minister's Youth for Green Campaign Movement 2025, the Office of the District Sports Officer, Ri-Bhoi District, in collaboration with the Nongpoh Town Committee and the Ri-Bhoi Cycling Association, yesterday organised a programme encouraging the public to walk or use bicycles for short-distance travel. The event aimed to reduce the excessive use of vehicles and included a special Bike Campaign Ride along with an awareness session held in front of the Nongpoh Town Shopping Complex. The objective of the Green Campaign Movement is to motivate citizens to protect and support the environment through simple, sustainable practices that can bring significant positive change.

LABOUR

Home Minister Amit Shah has congratulated the workers of the country on the nationwide implementation of the new Labour Codes. In a social media post, the Home Minister said, These codes, crafted under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, represent the biggest reform in the history of labour laws. Mr Shah said that these codes guarantee minimum wages to workers, social security, equal opportunities for women workers, and legal recognition for gig and unorganised workers. He said, these laws will improve the standard of living for workers and become a role model for the world. The Central government yesterday announced the implementation of four new labour codes aimed at simplifying and streamlining the existing, decades-old labour laws in the country. The new labour codes will guarantee timely minimum wages for all workers, appointment letters for the youth, equal pay and respect for women, social security for 40 crore workers and gratuity for fixed-term employees after one year of employment.
