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- **Union Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia launches multiple DoNER projects in Sohra**
- **Sikkim MP Dr. Indra Hang Subba addresses a UN session on cultural rights in New York**
- **Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu lays foundation for several key infrastructure projects across West Kameng district**
- **Foundation Day of eight states and five Union Territories celebrated with great enthusiasm in Agartala and Imphal**
- **Paragliding set to make its debut in Meghalaya with the Meghalaya Paragliding Association gearing up to introduce the adventure sport across the state's picturesque hills and valleys**
- **The Department of Arts and Culture observes Jan Jatiya Gaurav Diwas in Shillong, honours freedom fighters including Bhagwan Birsa Munda.**
- **77th Information and Public Relations Day observed in Imphal**

SCINDIA

Union Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia on Saturday laid the foundation stone for the Integrated Sohra Circuit Development under the Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North Eastern Region (PM-DevINE) scheme and launched multiple DoNER projects worth 233 crore rupees at Sohra in the presence of Chief Minister of Meghalaya Conrad Sangma, senior state officials, and tourism stakeholders. Speaking on the occasion, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia described Meghalaya as "a heaven on earth, the abode of clouds and cascading waterfalls, where every breeze carries the fragrance of dignity, faith, and the freedom of progress. Scindia highlighted landmark projects such as the 166.8 km Shillong–Silchar Greenfield Expressway and the expansion of Umroi Airport to accommodate larger aircraft, enabling a sharp rise in annual flight operations. The Minister also visited the Mushroom Development Centre in Upper Shillong, where innovative local initiatives are empowering farmers, creating livelihoods and driving self-reliant, sustainable growth across the North East. The Minister underscored the region's enduring spirit of enterprise and its commitment to eco-conscious development.

SIKKIM

Sikkim MP Dr. Indra Hang Subba recently addressed a UN session on cultural rights in New York. Dr. Indra Hang Subba, participated in the Interactive Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on Cultural Rights at the Third Committee during the ongoing 80th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York. Representing India as part of the Parliamentary Delegation, Dr. Subba emphasized the country's commitment to preserving, promoting, and safeguarding traditional cultural expressions across diverse communities.

KHANDU

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu on Saturday laid foundation for several key infrastructure projects aimed at enhancing connectivity, strengthening public facilities, and improving community well-being across West Kameng district of the state. The Chief Minister also inaugurated the newly constructed Police Stations of Bhalukpong and Singchung, and the new Academic Block at Government Higher Secondary School, built under the Rural Infrastructure Development Fund project of Rural Works Department. He also participated in the Bhoomi Pujan of the Proposed Grong Buddha Park at Singchung. The CM also launched Choo-Man-Tar, an engaging initiative by Arunachal Pradesh Police that teaches children about safe touch, empathy, and self-confidence through play. Speaking at a public function, the Chief Minister Khandu, while referring to the alleged misappropriation of government funds in the land acquisition process on the Lada to Sarli portion of the Frontier Highway in East Kameng district reiterated that no form of corruption will be tolerated by the state government and those found guilty will be taken to task as per rule of the land.

FOUNDATION

The Foundation Day of eight states and five Union Territories was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the Raj Bhavan in Agartala on Saturday. Governor Indrasena Reddy Nallu felicitated the representatives of these states and Union Territories on the occasion. The states that observed their Foundation Day were Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Haryana, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Karnataka. The Union Territories included Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Puducherry, Chandigarh, Lakshadweep, and Delhi. In his address, the Governor said that every state in the country has its own language, culture, and traditions, but we are all one — we are Indians. He also called upon everyone to work together to make India a developed nation by 2047. Representatives from Andhra Pradesh, Chhattisgarh, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, and Karnataka, as well as from Puducherry and Delhi, also spoke on the occasion.

MUNDA

The Department of Arts and Culture including the Tribal Research Institute on Saturday organised a programme at the State Central Library in Shillong as part of the Jan Jatiya Gaurav Diwas. Janjatiya Gaurav Divas is celebrated to honor tribal freedom fighters, particularly Bhagwan Birsa Munda, a renowned tribal leader and freedom fighter. The celebration this year was more special as it commemorates the 150th Birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda. Director of Arts and Culture Department, I Majaw along with a prominent author, Daniel Stone Lyngdoh also paid rich floral tributes to the bust of three Khasi freedom fighters on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion, they highlighted the sacrifices made by the freedom fighters for the independence of the country.

MANIPUR

In Manipur, the Commemoration of the Foundation Days of some States and Union Territories was held at Raj Bhavan in Manipur. Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla graced the commemoration function. The ceremony featured video messages from the Lt. Governor of Ladakh, Governor of Punjab and Governor of Kerala. As part of the programme, artistes from Jawaharlal Nehru Manipuri Dance Academy presented a spectacular

choreographic performance based on the theme 'Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat' showcasing the spirit of unity in diversity through art and expression. Addressing the gathering, Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla emphasised that India's true strength lies in its unity amid diversity where every State, culture and citizen contributes to the nation's collective progress.

PARAGLIDING

Paragliding is set to make its debut in Meghalaya, with the Meghalaya Paragliding Association gearing up to introduce the adventure sport across the state’s picturesque hills and valleys. Led by President Nickolai Singh, a professional pilot and former Indian Air Force officer, and General Secretary Bajop Pyngrope, the association aims to promote adventure tourism, train local youths, and ensure the highest safety standards through certified equipment and professional supervision. Singh, who has over 14 years of flying experience and has performed rescue and promotional operations across India, said that the initiative will soon put Meghalaya on the national paragliding map. The association also plans to organize a national-level competition in Shillong, featuring pilots from the Indian Army, Indian Air Force, and other states. Potential flying sites include Rapleng and Mawlyndep near Shillong, where practice flights are already being conducted. The association has assured that all safety protocols will be strictly followed, with pilots being guided by ground teams during every flight.

EXCHANGE

Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU), the lone central university of Arunachal Pradesh, on Saturday hosted the inauguration of the first batch of the Ashtalakshmi Darshan Youth Exchange Programme at Rono Hills campus in Doimukh, Arunachal Pradesh. The event marked the commencement of two week-long intercultural and educational exchange involving 40 student delegates from Goa and Uttarakhand, alongside RGU students, faculty, and distinguished guests. Chanchal Kumar, Secretary, Ministry of DoNER, addressed the gathering virtually. Acknowledging the vision and pro-active initiative of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he highlighted that the Ashtalakshmi Darshan Youth Exchange Programme, aims to promote inter-regional understanding, cultural appreciation, and awareness about the North-Eastern region’s developmental aspirations.

IPR

In Manipur, the 77th Information and Public Relations (IPR) Day, 2025 was observed at the Auditorium of the Directorate of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) in Imphal on Saturday. Chief Secretary, Dr. Puneet Kumar Goel, Secretary (IPR), Hungyo Worshang and former Commissioner (IPR), M. Joy Singh graced the function. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Secretary appreciated the DIPR for taking pivotal roles in communication between Government and general public and encouraged the Directorate for active and responsible use of official social media platforms such as Facebook, X, Instagram and YouTube stressing that these are the most visible window of Government communication and must remain verified, credible and engaging. The main highlight of the celebration included the felicitation of retired officials of the Directorate and distribution of prizes to winners of the short film competition in five different themes.
