

# NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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- Assam–Mizoram Border Festival pledges to strengthen peace, harmony, mutual understanding and cooperation and progress between two states.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma meets Union Minister for Civil Aviation, K Rammohan Naidu in New Delhi and discusses modalities for expansion of Shillong Airport and inclusion of Baljek Airport under Regional Connectivity Scheme.
- Mizoram Chief Minister, Lalduhoma calls on Union Railway Minister, Ashwini Vaishnaw in New Delhi, and deliberates over key projects including finalisation of alignment of Sairang-Thenzawl railway line in view of Thenzawl Peace City master plan implementation.
- Tripura Chief Minister, Dr. Manik Saha virtually inaugurates Chief Minister Gram Sampark Yojana, and mega griha-pravesh ceremony for 15,000 families in Tripura.
- Documentary film “Battlefield” from Manipur makes its world premiere at 56th International Film Festival of India in Goa.
- Assam Rifles in collaboration with Manipur Hockey inaugurates Second DGAR Hockey Tournament at Khuman Lampak Astro Turf Stadium in Imphal.

## NEWS IN ORDER:-

### **BORDER FESTIVAL:**

The Assam–Mizoram Border Festival, 2025 was held yesterday at Dholai in Cachar district pledging to strengthen peace, harmony, mutual understanding and cooperation and progress between the two states. A delegation from Mizoram, led by Kolasib DC attended the festival alongside senior officials from Vairengte and Mamit. From Assam, attendees included Silchar MP, Dholai MLA, besides DC of Cachar and Dholai and several administrative officials. Speaking on the occasion, Silchar MP, Parimal Suklabaidya highlighted the importance of unity and collective identity, and appealed to the citizens and authorities to move forward with a renewed mindset leaving behind past challenges and focusing on cooperation and development. Dholai MLA, Nihar Ranjan Das said cultural exchanges play a pivotal role in bringing people closer and help erase past misunderstandings. Speaking on behalf of the Mizoram administration, Kolasib Deputy Commissioner Robert C. Lalhmangaiha emphasised the need to ensure that past incidents are not repeated while stressing on the importance of communication and administrative cooperation and people of both the states must continue to uphold peace and work together as responsible citizens. Friendly football and volleyball matches between the two states were also held on the occasion.

### **TRIPURA:**

Tripura Chief Minister, Dr. Manik Saha yesterday virtually inaugurated the Chief Minister Gram Sampark Yojana, the second phase of the Chief Minister Tripura Gram Samriddhi Yojana, and the mega griha-pravesh ceremony for 15,000 families. Speaking at the programme organised at Pragya Bhavan in Agartala, the Chief Minister said that the simultaneous entry of 15,000 families into newly built pucca houses under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana marks a historic day for the state. He added that the benefits of the Gram Sampark Yojana and Gram Samriddhi Yojana must reach the villagers quickly, which will open a new horizon in improving the quality of life in rural Tripura. Meanwhile the Chief Minister handed over certificates and trophies to the respective BDOs and District Magistrates for the Blocks and Districts with good performance under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana.

### **CONRAD:**

Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad Kongkal Sangma yesterday met Union Minister for Civil Aviation, K Rammohan Naidu in New Delhi and discussed the modalities for the expansion of Shillong Airport and to request the inclusion of Baljek Airport under the Regional Connectivity Scheme- Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik. In his post on X, the Chief Minister expressed his gratefulness to the Union Minister for his support and commitment to strengthen the aviation sector in the state of Meghalaya.

### **MIZORAM CM:**

Mizoram Chief Minister, Lalduhoma called on Union Railway Minister, Ashwini Vaishnaw in New Delhi, and deliberated over key projects in the state including the need to finalise the alignment of the Sairang-Thenzawl railway line in view of the Thenzawl Peace City master plan implementation. Vaishnaw informed the Mizoram Chief Minister that the alignment review would be completed by February, 2026. Meanwhile Lalduhoma also urged the Union Minister to reschedule train services between Sairang and Guwahati, and Sairang and Kolkata to ensure that trains reach Sairang earlier than the existing timings for the convenience of commuters.

#### **TRIBAL:**

Union Minister for Tribal Affairs, Jual Oram called on Vice-President C P Radhakrishnan in New Delhi yesterday. In a social media post, the Vice-President said that during the meeting, he was briefed on initiatives of the Ministry for the welfare of the tribal population. The Vice President also underlined the need to ensure that benefits of welfare schemes reach all sections of the tribal population. Radhakrishnan also stressed the need to support access to quality higher education for tribal students and appreciated the three-fold increase in budget outlay for the Ministry over the last eleven years. They further discussed efforts to secure tribal rights, measures to enhance education and health outcomes, scholarships for tribal students, programmes for the rejuvenation of tribal culture, livelihood schemes including financial assistance and promoting traditional skills as enterprises.

#### **FILM:**

Director Borun Thokchom's much-anticipated documentary "Battlefield" from Manipur made its world premiere yesterday at the 56th International Film Festival of India in Goa, marking a proud moment for Manipuri cinema with its selection in the prestigious Indian Panorama (Non-Feature) section. The full-length documentary, produced by Manjoy Lourembam, Dr. Radhesyam Oinam, and Viswamithra Universals, delves into the untold history of the fierce Battle of Imphal—one of the decisive turning points of the Second World War—fought between Japanese forces and the Allied troops in Manipur. This year, the Indian Panorama selection committee has shortlisted 25 feature films and 20 non-feature films for IFFI 2025. Meanwhile, adding to Manipur's presence at the festival, Dinesh Naorem's feature film "Oitharei", selected in the Panorama (Feature) category, is slated for screening on Thursday.

#### **UNITY MARCH:**

Tripura Chief Minister, Dr. Manik Saha said that the country's youth must learn about Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's role in unifying India. He made the remarks after joining the Sardar @150 Unity March near the Gandhi statue close to the Circuit House in Agartala. Dr. Saha informed that he will also visit Gujarat to take part in a padyatra with other Chief Ministers. He said that the Tripura government has provided over 20,000 jobs so far and the recruitment will continue. Youth and Sports Minister, Tinku Roy, Padma Shri Dipa Karmakar, senior ICA officials, West Tripura District Magistrate, and SP were present at the event.

#### **KHELO:**

The fifth Khelo India University Games kicked off yesterday and the grand ceremony was held at Jaipur's Sawai Mansingh Stadium in Rajasthan. Rajasthan Chief Minister, Bhajan Lal Sharma and Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Mansukh Mandaviya lit the ceremonial lamp to mark the beginning of the event. The opening ceremony showcased glimpses of Rajasthan's rich art and culture, while a spectacular drone show thrilled the audience. Around 7,000 participants, including nearly 5,000 athletes from 230 universities across the country including universities from the North East, are taking part in the Games. Athletes compete in 23 sporting disciplines at the Khelo India University Games, while the traditional sport Kho-Kho will be showcased as a demonstration event. These competitions are being held not only in Jaipur but also in Udaipur, Jodhpur, Kota, and Ajmer.

#### **HOCKEY:**

In Manipur, the Assam Rifles in collaboration with Manipur Hockey inaugurated the Second DGAR Hockey Tournament at Khuman Lampak Astro Turf Stadium in Imphal yesterday. The opening ceremony of the tournament was graced by senior officials from Assam Rifles, Olympion Ksh. Thoiba, officials from Hockey India and Manipur Hockey. In the first match, Indian Army registered a commanding victory over YCCIC with a scoreline of 7-0. Organised as part of the Assam Rifles Civic Action Programme, the tournament will conclude on the 2nd of December. This year's edition features a total of 12 teams, 8 men's teams and 4 women's teams making it one of the most vibrant and inclusive hockey events hosted by Assam Rifles in the region.

#### **CHAMPIONS CUP:**

In Meghalaya, the new SSA Champions Cup, 2025 began yesterday with Shillong Premier League champions, Langsning defeating third division runners-up, Umlyangka 2-0 while fourth division winners, Mawkasiang took on second division winners, Myllem Lum in a 1-1 draw on the first day of the tournament at SSA Stadium, First Ground, Polo in Shillong. Both the games

were in Group A. Meanwhile Group B matches will begin today with first division champions, Nongkseh taking on second division runners-up, Laitkyrhong at 1pm and Shillong Premier League runners-up, Shillong Lajong against third division victors, Mawkriah West at 4:30pm. The tournament is the brainchild of the Shillong Sports Association that brings together champions and runners-up of the five men's football divisions into one competition.

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