

**HEADLINES:-**

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi takes stock of situation after blast in New Delhi last evening.
- Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla calls for special action plan for development of north-eastern states.
- Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio urges legislatures to reaffirm commitment to parliamentary democracy and cooperative federalism.
- Noney District Administration in Manipur bans hunting, catching, killing and selling of migratory Amur Falcons.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma inaugurates year-long Golden Jubilee Celebration of Amlarem Civil Sub-Division in West Jaintia Hills district.
- Meghalaya Governor C.H. Vijayashankar cautions against monoculture plantation practices, highlighting their threat to ecological balance.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma attends CM Connect Block-Level Community Interaction Programme at Amlarem Playground.
- East Khasi Hills Superintendent of Police, Vivek Syiem says there's no pressure to release arrested leaders of Meghalaya Commercial Truck Owners & Drivers Association.
- Sardar Unity March held in Bishnupur district of Manipur to strengthen spirit of nationalism.
- National Strength Lifting & Incline Bench Press Championship underway at Gangtok with 600 participants from across country.

**NEWS IN ORDER:-**

**BLAST:**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi took stock of the situation after a blast near the Red Fort in New Delhi last evening claimed at least eight lives, and spoke with Home Minister Amit Shah. A high-intensity explosion ripped through a car near the Red Fort metro station, gutting several vehicles. Twenty-four people were injured in the blast that took place on a busy evening when the area was milling with people. The injured were taken to hospital. A high alert has been sounded in Delhi.

**BIRLA:**

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has called upon legislatures to frame policies through collective dialogue and public participation, to ensure inclusive and sustainable development. Speaking at the inauguration of the 22nd Annual Conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association India Region Zone-III at the Nagaland Legislative Assembly in Kohima, he urged public representatives to ensure that citizens' voices are meaningfully reflected in policymaking. Acknowledging the Northeastern region's unique geographical conditions and climate-related challenges, he emphasized the need for a special action plan for the development of the states, and to specifically address emerging climate risks. He said, the people of North East are vibrant and industrious, and deserve greater opportunities to realise their abilities. The Speaker stressed upon stronger collaboration among the Centre, state governments, and local communities, to harness the immense potential of the North East while preserving its rich biodiversity and cultural heritage.

**RIO:**

Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has urged legislatures to reaffirm their commitment to parliamentary democracy and cooperative federalism. Addressing the Conference of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association India Region Zone-III yesterday, he called for the Association to continue playing a proactive role in shaping policies for inclusive development and greater integration of the North Eastern region with the rest of the country. Mr Rio highlighted key development projects still pending in Nagaland, including the proposed Indian Institute of Science Education and Research, the Ciethu Airport, upgrades to railways and the Nagaland Institute of Medical Science and Research. He also raised concerns over the reimposition of the Protected Area Permit in the state. The Chief Minister appealed to the union government for focused attention on Nagaland's infrastructure and connectivity.

## **MANIPUR:**

The Noney District Administration in Manipur has issued an order banning the hunting, catching, killing and selling of migratory birds, including Amur Falcons, locally known as Akhuaipuina. The Amur Falcon is a small raptor of the falcon family that migrates from Eastern Siberia and Northern China to reach Manipur. The birds stop in the jungles of Tamenglong and Noney districts from October to November every year to build fat reserves. They fly five to six days non-stop across Peninsular India and Arabian Sea to reach their next stopover Somalia. The order issued today said that the consumption or possession or otherwise of this migratory bird is a punishable offence under Section 50 and 51 of Wildlife Protection Act, 1972. All villagers have been ordered to deposit their air guns to the authorities until the last flock of Amur Falcon leaves their roosting place or till the end of this month.

## **JUBILEE:**

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma yesterday inaugurated the year-long Golden Jubilee Celebration of the Amlarem Civil Sub-Division in West Jaintia Hills district. The celebration is being held on the theme ‘Amlarem at 50 – The Legacy of Leadership, the Promise of Tomorrow’. Joined by Ministers Sosthenes Sohtun and Lahkmen Rymbui, chief minister Sangma unveiled memorial tablets for Nongtalang Government Secondary School’s upgrade and laid foundation stones for two multipurpose halls. He also announced 20 lakh rupees for the celebration, a Mini Secretariat, and the Amlarem Water Supply Scheme.

## **CONFERENCE:**

At the International Conference on Sustainable Development held at Raj Bhavan in Shillong yesterday, Meghalaya Governor C.H. Vijayashankar cautioned against monoculture plantation practices, highlighting their threat to ecological balance. Referring to his visit to Lum Sohpetbneng, he noted the dominance of non-native pine trees and urged restoration with indigenous species. The two-day event, organized by North Eastern Hill University’s Economics Department along with other organizations, featured a keynote by Prof. A.C. Mohapatra and discussions on sustainable development in Northeast India.

## **CONNECT:**

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma yesterday attended a CM Connect Block-Level Community Interaction Programme at Amlarem Playground. The initiative enabled citizens raise their concerns directly while officials from various departments shared suggestions and ideas. Expressing satisfaction, the Chief Minister said the programme has become a vital platform for shaping effective governance and people-centric policies. He emphasized that such interactions strengthen trust between the government and citizens, ensuring that development reflects the real needs and aspirations of the people.

## **POLICE:**

East Khasi Hills Superintendent of Police, Vivek Syiem has stated that there is no pressure to release the arrested leaders of the Meghalaya Commercial Truck Owners & Drivers Association. The leaders, arrested during an incident at Mawryngkneng junction, face four cases, including stone pelting and damage to vehicles. The bail decision rests with the judiciary, the SP told reporters yesterday. Mr Syiem explained that the crowd had been warned by the magistrate on duty not to obstruct truck movement, but they resorted to violence, prompting police to use mild lathi charge. The SP dismissed allegations of police excesses, stating that the action was minimal and necessary to restore order.

## **UNITY:**

In Manipur, the Sardar Unity March was held in Bishnupur district honouring Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's legacy and to strengthen the spirit of nationalism. The event was organised by District Administration, Bishnupur under Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports and in collaboration with My Bharat, Bishnupur and NSS Cell, Manipur. Rajya Sabha member Maharaja Leishemba Sanajaoba along with Bishnupur Deputy Commissioner Pooja Elangbam, flagged off the Sardar 150 Unity March. Students, My Bharat volunteers and members of the Bharat Scouts & Guides participated in the march. MP Maharaja Leishemba Sanajaoba appealed to the youth of Manipur to cultivate patriotism, civic responsibility and self-reliance. He urged them to work towards building an Aatma Nirbhar Bharat by promoting good habits and contributing their best to the nation's development.

## **LIFTING:**

The 35th National Strength Lifting & Incline Bench Press Championship 2025 was inaugurated by the Minister of Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of Sikkim, Raju Basnet at Indoor Gymnasium of Paljor Stadium in Gangtok yesterday. The four-day long championship is being organised by Sikkim Strength Lifting Association under the aegis of Indian Strength Lifting Federation. Around 600 athletes from different States are participating in different categories of the championship, which will close on 13th November. Sikkim is hosting this prestigious national championship for the first time, coinciding with its 50 years of statehood.

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