

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Union Minister for Communications & DoNER, Jyotiraditya M Scindia virtually inaugurates five completed projects in Nagaland and lays foundation stones of 11 projects under DoNER Ministry.
- Manipur government warns anti-social elements trying to disrupt peace, and appeals to general public to report any instance of threat, extortion to nearest police station.
- Joint operation by NCB and CRPF leads to seizure of 5.9 Kg of Meth near Aizawl; 8 persons of a transnational drug syndicate including one kingpin from Assam arrested.
- Tripura Labour Minister, Tinku Roy says introduction of four new labour codes by Central government strengthens women's empowerment and increases women's participation in workforce.
- Union Minister, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia joins thousands of menfolk from Tuophema and neighbouring villages in traditional Stone Pulling Ceremony as part of ongoing Hornbill Festival 2025 in Nagaland.
- American pop-rock artist, Richard Marx performs in Meghalaya as part of fifth edition of Me'gong Festival at Bolbokgre–Watregre in Tura.
- Assam Rifles' Polo Tournament commences at world's oldest polo ground Mapal Kangjeibung Polo Ground in Manipur.

PROJECTS

Union Minister for Communications & Development of North East Region, Jyotiraditya M Scindia yesterday virtually inaugurated five completed projects in Nagaland and laid the foundation stone of 11 projects under the Ministry of DoNER. The five inaugurated projects worth over 202 crore rupees and the foundation stones laid for 11 new projects related to health, sports, innovation, energy, and major road development worth around 443 crore rupees. He said that the Centre in partnership with Chief Ministers of the North Eastern states has embarked on an ambitious plan to advance the "Ashtalaxmi" vision for the region. He also informed that eight high-level task forces, each chaired by a Chief Minister, have been set up with specific mandates to prepare a collective development roadmap for the North East and the government would execute all recommendations emerging from these task forces. The Union Minister stated that the government is focusing strongly on tourism development as he highlighted works undertaken on the Dimapur–Kohima–Kisama–Dzukou tourism circuit, even as he mentioned about the Sohra Tourism Circuit in Meghalaya and upcoming Mata Sundari Circuit in Tripura.

ANTI-SOCIAL ELEMENTS

The Manipur government has issued a warning to anti-social elements and appealed to the general public to immediately report any instance of threat, extortion, coercion or suspicious activities to the nearest police station. A press communique issued by Manipur Chief Secretary yesterday, stated that some organisations are attempting to disrupt peace by threatening and intimidating the

law abiding citizens of the State. Action has already been initiated against such anti-social elements by Manipur Police. Any attempt to intimidate or endanger the safety and security of any citizen is an act against the State and its people. Any individual or organisation without exception found involved in issuing such threats or attempting to disturb the peaceful co-existence shall be prosecuted strictly in accordance with the law. Prompt punitive action will be taken on all credible reports against those threatening the lives and properties of people of Manipur. AIR IMPHAL = 15

NARCOTICS

In a joint operation by the Narcotics Control Bureau and the Central Reserve Police Force, a consignment of 5.9 Kg of Meth was seized near Aizawl and 8 persons of a transnational drug syndicate were arrested, including a kingpin of the syndicate, Jabrul Hoque from Karimganj in Assam. He is a habitual narco-trafficker with three drug trafficking cases already registered against him, including one at Dharmanagar Police Station, Tripura, in which he was on bail. Preliminary investigation disclosed that drugs were smuggled across the Indo-Myanmar border near Champhai in Mizoram and transported to Sonamura in Tripura, for further trafficking into Bangladesh. For better coordination with State Authorities, sharing of real-time intelligence, and effective operational efficiency of the NCB, a new regional office has been established in Guwahati. The new zonal units have been opened at Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh, Siliguri in West Bengal and Agartala in Tripura. Field offices have been also established and made functional at Aizawl in Mizoram and Dimapur in Nagaland.

TRIPURA

Tripura Labour Minister Tinku Roy said that the introduction of four new labour codes by the Central government has strengthened women's empowerment in the country and increased women's participation in the workforce. He was speaking after inaugurating a programme organised at Sarojini Gram Panchayat in Kailashahar yesterday as part of the National Campaign on Gender Equality. The Minister stated that both the Central and State Governments are working continuously for the overall development of women. During the programme, sanitary items were distributed among school girls and members of self-help groups from tea garden areas.

IMD

The India Meteorological Department has forecast cold wave conditions in Haryana, Chandigarh & Delhi, Jharkhand, Odisha and Punjab and similar conditions are expected in isolated pockets of Assam, Meghalaya, Nagaland, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura during the next two days. The IMD said that heavy rainfall accompanied with thunderstorms and lightning are likely to prevail over Andaman and Nicobar Islands, Tamil Nadu, Puducherry and Karaikal. Meanwhile, the air quality in Delhi-NCR has been registered in the Very Poor category till yesterday.

KALA AKADEMI AWARDS

Manipur Governor, Ajay Kumar Bhalla yesterday presented the Manipur State Kala Akademi Award 2023 and 2024 during the presentation ceremony held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Manipur Dance Akademi Imphal. A total of 69 distinguished individuals were conferred with the prestigious Manipur State Kala Akademi Awards in a diverse range of categories including the MSKA Lifetime Achievement Award. The Lifetime Achievement Award was conferred to Thoidingjam Tombi Singh recognizing his significant contributions to the arts and

culture of the State. While congratulating all awardees, the Governor in his address said that the Manipur State Kala Akademi Awards 2023 and 2024 was an occasion to celebrate both individual excellence and collective cultural heritage of the State. Members of the public, eminent personalities from the arts and culture and senior government officials also attended the ceremony.

CAMP

A special awareness camp was organised in Sepahijala district in Tripura with an objective of returning long-pending unclaimed deposits to the rightful heirs of bank account holders. The camp titled “Your Money, Your Right” was held at the DPRC hall in Bishramganj, organised by the LDM of Punjab National Bank. The initiative aims to help the legal heirs of deceased bank customers reclaim their unclaimed deposits, which often remain unknown to the families. In her inaugural address, Supriya Das Dutta, Sabhadhipati of the Sepahijala Zilla Parishad said that the three-tier Panchayati Raj system in Sepahijala district will extend full support to ensure the successful implementation of this campaign as every citizen’s rights should be protected. AIR

STONE PULLING

In Nagaland, thousands of menfolk from Tuophema and neighbouring villages took part in the traditional Stone Pulling Ceremony held as part of the ongoing 26th Hornbill Festival 2025. Union Minister of Communications & DoNER, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, dressed in traditional Angami attire joined the community in the culturally revered act of stone pulling, witnessing firsthand the unity and collective strength that define the Angami way of life. Addressing the ceremony,. Scindia described the Stone Pulling Ceremony a very important day for all, not only for Tuophema village but for the people of Nagaland and the entire country. As part of his visit, Scindia also inaugurated the Regional Craft and Resource Centre at Tuophe Phezou, Tuophema, in the presence of Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio and Deputy Chief Minister Y. Patton. Later, the Minister witnessed a series of cultural performances presented by troupes from neighbouring villages, showcasing the rich Angami heritage and community spirit.

ME’GONG

In Meghalaya, the fifth edition of Me'gong Festival, commenced yesterday at Bolbokgre–Watregre in Tura. The festival showcased the state's thriving music scene, featuring international artists alongside local talents. The opening night featured American pop-rock artist Richard Marx, who performed hits like "Wherever You Go" and "Magic Hour" from his upcoming album Afterhours. Bollywood singer, Neeti Mohan paid tribute to Zubeen Garg with a soulful rendition of "Mayabini" besides performances by local artists, Haystack Ladies, Strum Stories, and Ahaia. The Chief Minister's Meghalaya Grassroots Music Project has provided a platform for emerging artists, including Nictophilia and Magneficient Obsession. Beyond music, the festival offered a diverse cultural experience, featuring the Great Garo Hills Cook Off, traditional sports, and local food and handicraft stalls. The event mainly promotes tourism, music, and cultural enterprise. Day two of the festival promises to feature British boy band, Blue, electronic duo Yellow Claw, Kanika Kapoor, and Prateek Kuhad and others.

POLO TOURNAMENT

In Manipur, the 2nd DGAR Men and Women Polo Tournament 2025 commenced yesterday at Mapal Kangjeibung Polo Ground in Imphal, an oldest polo ground in the world. The opening ceremony was graced by IG Assam Rifles (South), President of All Manipur Polo Association and other dignitaries. Organised by the Assam Rifles under its Civic Action Programme in collaboration with the All Manipur Polo Association, the tournament marks a significant revival of major

polo events in Manipur after a four year hiatus caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic and ethnic unrest in the State. A total of 38 teams comprising 33 men's and 5 women's teams from across the region are participating in the tournament which will continue till the 20th of this month. The competing teams include three from Assam Rifles, including the Assam Rifles Women's Polo Team which was launched last year.
