

## NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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### HEADLINES:-

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah lays foundation for a new campus of the 10th Assam Police Battalion.
- New integrated terminal at Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport in Guwahati to commence commercial operations from today
- Shillong MP Late Dr. Ricky AJ Syngkon laid to rest with full honours in Meghalaya.
- New Education Policy aims to transform India's education system, says Union Minister of State Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya in Nagaland.
- India and Bangladesh Cannot Function Without Each Other, says Tripura CM Dr Manik Saha
- Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh pay his last respects to BJP legislator Vungzagin Valte who passed away at the age of 61
- Meghalaya's Sanfida Nongrum named in India's 26-member squad for AFC Women's Asian Cup to be held in Australia

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### ASSAM

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday laid foundation for a new campus of the 10th Assam Police Battalion at Kachutoli in Kamrup Metro district in Assam in the presence of Governor Laxman Prasad Acharya, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma and others. The cost of this project is over 260 crore rupees. Addressing a public meeting on the occasion, Union Minister said Assam would become industrial hub of India within five years. Stating that that law-and-order situation has improved significantly in Assam under BJP rule and large industrial houses are now turning to Assam, Shah also criticised the Congress for neglecting Assam during their tenure. Earlier, the union Home minister addressed a gathering of CRPF personnel during the 87th Raising Day parade at Guwahati.

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### AIRPORT

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has announced that the new integrated terminal at Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport in Guwahati will commence commercial operations from today marking a major addition to the state's aviation infrastructure. In a post on social media, Assam CM said the terminal had been constructed with local participation and symbolised Assam's growing role as a key gateway to the northeastern region and beyond. The integrated terminal is expected to significantly enhance passenger handling capacity and improve overall operational efficiency, in view of increasing air traffic in the region. Lokapriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport serves as

the primary aviation gateway to the northeastern region, connecting Guwahati with major cities across India and select international destinations.

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## **MP**

Amid an outpouring of grief and solidarity, thousands of people from across the Khasi and Jaintia Hills gathered on Saturday to bid a final farewell to the Member of Parliament from the Shillong Parliamentary Constituency, Ricky AJ Syngkon, whose last rites were performed with full honours. Syngkon passed away on the evening of 19th of this month after suffering a cardiac arrest while playing futsal at Mawiong. The funeral service was held at the ICAR ground in Nongsder, Ri Bhoi district. The programme began with tributes from prominent personalities of the state, including Deputy Chief Minister Sniawbhalang Dhar, and VPP president Ardent Miller Basaiawmoit, along with members of the bereaved family. As a mark of respect, the VPP draped its party flag over the coffin and laid floral tributes to their departed leader. Following the tributes by dignitaries, the Presbyterian Church conducted the final religious rites at the cemetery.

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## **NAGALAND**

Union Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya, has said that the New Education Policy aims to transform India's education system with a strong focus on holistic and skill-based learning. Addressing students and teachers during her visit to Government Middle School at Kuda village in Dimapur on Saturday, the Minister said the policy places special emphasis on teaching in the mother tongue and equipping children with employment-oriented skills. Emphasizing the role of education in nation-building, the Minister said children are the makers of India's destiny and that education remains the nation's greatest strength.

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## **BUS**

Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha has expressed optimism over the possible resumption of the Agartala–Dhaka Maitree Bus Service, stating that India and Bangladesh share a historic and emotional bond and that the two neighbouring countries cannot progress without mutual cooperation. The Chief Minister said that democracy has been restored in Bangladesh with the formation of a new government under the leadership of Tarique Rahman. The Agartala–Dhaka–Kolkata bus service has remained suspended since 2024 due to unstable situation in Bangladesh. However, with the political situation returning to normalcy in Bangladesh, the visa process between the two countries has been simplified, paving the way for improved connectivity and strengthened bilateral ties.

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## **DEMISE**

Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh upon his arrival in Delhi on Saturday proceeded to Medanta Hospital in Gurugram to pay his last respects to the late Vungzagin Valte. Valte, a veteran Manipur BJP legislator representing the Thanlon Assembly Constituency, passed away at the age of 61 while under intensive medical care. In a solemn display of reverence, the Chief Minister stood in silence before the mortal remains and offered floral tribute. Later, a prayer service was held, seeking the eternal peace of the departed soul. A condolence meeting was subsequently held, which was attended by the Chief Minister, MLAs,

bereaved family members and prominent leaders of the Zomi community based in Delhi.

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## **AI**

Mizoram University has made a strong presence at a major global technology forum as R. Chawngsangpuii, Associate Professor in the Department of Information Technology of the University attended the inaugural ceremony of the India AI Impact Summit 2026 in New Delhi. Chawngsangpuii participated in the summit as an official delegate representing Mizoram University. Her invitation to the prestigious platform reflected recognition of her academic and research contributions in the field of AI. Her presence at the summit signified Mizoram's representation in high-level national and international conversations on advanced technologies. It may be mentioned that the India AI Impact Summit 2026 is providing a significant platform for dialogue and knowledge exchange on harnessing Artificial Intelligence to drive sustainable development.

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## **PROJECT**

As many as 58 out of 84 households from Sitang village have signed the MoU with the Government of Arunachal Pradesh, conveying their consent to facilitate the Pre-Feasibility Report related activities for the Siang Upper Multipurpose Project. The MoU signing took place in the presence of Minister for RD and Panchayati Raj Ojing Tasing, Chairman SUMP Tamiyo Taga, and other officials. The Siang Upper Multipurpose Project is a proposed 11,000–12,000 MW mega-hydropower, flood control, and storage project on the Siang River in Arunachal Pradesh, India. The project aims to be India's largest hydropower project, designed to manage Brahmaputra flood, provide 12% free power to the state, and counter potential water diversion from China.

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## **DOCUMENTARY**

The Indian National Trust for Art and Cultural Heritage (INTACH) Headquarters, New Delhi filmed a documentary at the Living Museum, in Falkawn Mizo typical village near Aizawl. The department organised a special Saturday showcase of the Living Museum to facilitate the documentary production. The Living Museum at Falkawn which recreates a traditional Mizo village complete with indigenous houses and cultural settings has been drawing regular visitors since its inauguration. The project has since received appreciation at the national level for its efforts to preserve and present Mizo heritage in its authentic form. The documentary is expected to highlight the unique cultural landscape of Mizoram and showcase the Living Museum as a model initiative in safeguarding and promoting tribal art, architecture and way of life.

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## **MEET**

The Northeast Entrepreneurs Meet 2026 was held on Saturday at North Eastern Regional Institute of Science and Technology (NERIST), Nirjuli, Arunachal Pradesh. The meet was organised by the North East Business Foundation, in collaboration with Institute Innovation Cell, NERIST. The event aimed to foster an inclusive entrepreneurial ecosystem across northeast India brought together experts from different backgrounds and grassroots leaders sharing their ideas, building collaborations and exploring the opportunities for sustainable growth in the region.

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## SPORTS

Meghalaya's Sanfida Nongrum has been named in India's 26-member squad that will take part in AFC Women's Asian Cup 2026 in Australia next month. Sanfida was part of the Indian team that travelled to Turkey in January for several closed-door friendlies against club sides. She was officially named in the Indian squad by coach Amelia Valverde. Sanfida, known as Polly, is one of six uncapped players in the squad and is among the youngest of her team mates

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