

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- ✓ Union Minister for DoNER, Jyotiraditya Scindia says five lakh crore rupees spent by 54 Ministries of Modi government in North Eastern States in last ten years.
- ✓ Meghalaya Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Transport, Sniawbhalang Dhar convenes special meeting with representatives from Airport Authority of India and discusses proposed improvement and expansion of Umroi Airport.
- ✓ Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman officially launches NPS Vatsalya Scheme to promote financial literacy and savings among youth; over 100 students from two schools in Shillong take part in interactive session to educate them about importance of financial planning and benefits of National Pension System.
- ✓ Traffic Control Police Wing in Manipur initiates drive against drivers of school vehicles and vehicle associations which do not adhere to students limit in school vehicles for safety of students.
- ✓ Sikkim Chief Minister, Prem Singh Tamang meets and interacts with All India Football Federation president Kalyan Chaubey at Kolkata to nurture young talents of Sikkim.

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Union Minister for DoNER, Jyotiraditya Scindia said that in the last ten years, five lakh crore rupees have been spent by 54 Ministries of the Modi government in the North Eastern States. Scindia also informed that the budgetary allocations for the DoNER Ministry have been increased from two thousand three hundred 32 crore rupees in 2014 to five thousand eight hundred 92 crore rupees now registering a growth of around 152 crore rupees. The Union Minister was addressing a press conference on achievements of his Ministry in 100 days. He informed that the commissioning of rail lines was only 67 kilometres in 2014, but now 180 kilometres. The Minister said that road projects worth 42 thousand crore rupees of five thousand kilometres have been completed. Under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, 46 thousand kilometres roads in rural areas amounting to 50 thousand crore rupees have been constructed in the North Eastern region. On air connectivity, he said that 72 new routes have been started under UDAN scheme.

AIRPORT EXPANSION:

Meghalaya Deputy Chief Minister in-charge Transport, Sniawbhalang Dhar yesterday convened a special meeting with representatives from the Airport Authority of India and discussed the proposed improvement and expansion of Umroi Airport. He also inspected the airport along with the officials. After the meeting, Dhar said that before any development can proceed, certain guidelines must be clarified by the Union Government. Only after these guidelines are approved the expansion plans can move forward. For the expansion plans, the Umroi Airport requires another 22 acres of land including 6 acres for parking of aircrafts. An existing runway at 1,829 metres should be further extended by another 751 metres taking the total length of the runway to 2,400 metres. The Meghalaya government had given 4 crore rupees to the Airport Authority of India for conducting a detailed survey related to the expansion of the airport.

NPS VATSALYA:

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman officially launched the NPS Vatsalya Scheme yesterday, aimed at promoting financial literacy and savings among the youth. The launch was marked by a successful awareness programme conducted by the State Level Bankers' Committee Meghalaya and NABARD, engaging over 100 students from two schools in Shillong. The students were engaged in an interactive session to educate them about the importance of financial planning and the benefits of the National Pension System. As part of the launch, the Union Finance Minister introduced an online platform for subscribing to the scheme and released the official brochure. Additionally, she also distributed Permanent Retirement Account Number (PRAN) cards to new minor subscribers during the event. NPS Vatsalya will allow parents to

save for their children's future by investing in a pension account and ensure long-term wealth with the power of compounding.

STUDENTS' SAFETY:

In Manipur, the Traffic Control Police Wing has initiated a drive against drivers of school vehicles and vehicle associations which do not adhere to the maximum students limit in school vehicles for safety of students. The drive started yesterday in valley districts and some vehicles were found with overloaded students after which the drivers were detained and fined. A press release issued by the Manipur Traffic Control Police Wing said that the initiative came in the wake of growing concerns over overcrowded school vehicles which pose significant risks to the safety and well-being of students. Such risks have also been seriously viewed by the Supreme Court Committee on Road Safety. The Manipur Traffic Control Police Wing said that the safety of school students is paramount and collective efforts are essential to safeguard the well-being of our future generation on the roads.

FOOTBALL-SIKKIM:

Sikkim Chief Minister, Prem Singh Tamang yesterday met and interacted with All India Football Federation president Kalyan Chaubey at Kolkata to nurture young talents of the State. The talks explored a variety of initiatives aimed at providing better opportunities for aspiring Sikkimese footballers. During the meeting, the region's club culture and its role in promoting grassroots football were highlighted by the Chief Minister stressing the importance of nurturing young talent to build the next generation of footballers. The AIFF president lauded the state's efforts in promoting football and assured AIFF's full support in fostering the growth of football in the region.
