

## NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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### HEADLINES:-

1. Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju calls for uplift of citizens of North East in fostering unification of the country.
2. Union minister Chirag Paswan lauds initiatives taken by Meghalaya government in food processing and organic cultivation.
3. North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences organizes poster competition to raise awareness about Alzheimer's disease.
4. Itanagar Municipal Corporation Mayor, Tamme Phassang warns of fining individuals and business establishments that litter in public places.
5. North-Eastern Hill University and Pandit Ravishankar Shukla University sign Memorandum of Understanding for academic community of Northeastern region and central India.
6. Territorial Army (Infantry Battalion), in collaboration with Pasteur Institute, organizes blood donation camp in Shillong.
7. Third edition of Sohra International Half Marathon concludes with 7200 runners from across the world.

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### NORTHEAST

Union Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju has called for the uplift of citizens of the North East in fostering unification of the country. Addressing the 7th North East Student Festival in New Delhi yesterday, Mr Rijiju said that the recognition and awareness of the North Eastern people have changed since 2014. He added that discrimination against the North Eastern people in other parts of the country has decreased. Lauding the successive conduction of the North East Student Festival, he said that events like these spread awareness about the North Eastern culture.

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### FOOD

Union minister Chirag Paswan visited the Meghalaya Pavilion at World Food India 2024, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi yesterday and lauded the initiatives taken by the Meghalaya government in food processing and organic cultivation. He particularly appreciated the Meghalaya Collectives, an innovative approach to promote farmer-producer organizations, rural entrepreneurship, and sustainable agriculture practices.

Mentioning about the way Meghalaya is growing, especially in the sector of food processing, the minister assured full support to the state government from the Centre.

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## DAY

The department of neurology, North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (NEIGRIHMS), Shillong, organized a poster competition to raise awareness about Alzheimer's disease and dementia on World Alzheimer's Day yesterday. The theme was "Time to Act on Dementia, Time to Act on Alzheimer's Disease", reflecting the growing need to address these conditions, that are increasing worldwide. Dr. Nalin Mehta, director, NEIGRIHMS, highlighted the critical role of caregivers in managing dementia, calling for increased societal support. In the absence of a cure for Alzheimer's disease, Dr Mehta emphasized the need to educate and train family members of patients, so that they are cared for with dignity, respect and without any stigma attached.

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## MUNICIPAL

The Itanagar Municipal Corporation Mayor, Tamme Phassang yesterday announced that the urban local body will impose fine on individuals and business establishments that litter in public places. He said this while interacting with media persons after a cleanliness drive organized as a part of "Swachhata Hi Seva" Campaign at different parts of the Itanagar Capital Region. Mr Phassang emphasized the importance of public participation, or "Jan Bhagidaari", in maintaining a clean and green city. He said fostering a sense of civic responsibility among residents is crucial to effectively combat the ongoing garbage crisis.

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## MOU

The North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong, and Pandit Ravishankar Shukla University (PRSU), Raipur, signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the academic community of both the Northeastern region and central India. The MoU aims to foster cooperation in academic programs, research activities, faculty and student exchanges, and innovation initiatives. It was signed by Professor Prabha Shankar Shukla, Vice-Chancellor of NEHU, and Professor K.N. Pani, Vice-Chancellor of PRSU.

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## BLOOD

The 119 Territorial Army (Infantry Battalion), in collaboration with Regional Blood Center, Pasteur Institute, organized a blood donation camp at Kenche's Trace in Shillong yesterday. The event, organized as part of the platinum jubilee celebrations of the Territorial Army, aimed to support the local community and bolster the blood supply at the Pasteur Institute's Blood Bank. Commanding Officer of the 119 Territorial Army, Colonel Devashis Nailk said that the blood collected will be processed and made available for patients in local hospitals.

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## RUN

The Sohra International Half Marathon concluded its third edition yesterday with 7200 runners from across the world as well as a sizable number of local community participants. The event was organized by the Department of Sports and Youth Affairs, Government of Meghalaya, the Meghalaya State Olympic Association, and the Meghalaya Athletics Association. The event is a part of the Government's

ongoing initiatives to support a healthier lifestyle amongst the citizens of Meghalaya and develop tourism infrastructure, increasing scope for local jobs and entrepreneurs.

