

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN
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HEADLINES:-

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah reiterates government’s target to eliminate menace of drugs by 31st December, 2029 on Police Commemoration Day.
- States in North East observe police commemoration day and pay tributes to police personnel who sacrifice their life in safeguarding the nation.
- Miscreants set several houses on fire at Khoikai village in Kamjong district in Manipur.
- Two Bangladeshi nationals detained by Border Security Force on charges of illegal infiltration near Rayermura border in Tripura.
- Nagaland Chief Minister and Naga People’s Front president, Neiphiu Rio calls for greater participation of women and youth as party marks its 64th Foundation Day.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K. Sangma visits Wangala festival site and reviews progress of works and assesses preparations for upcoming 1000 Drums Wangala Festival.
- Assam-based entrepreneur Jahnabi Phookan, founder of Lahé Looms, named among winners of this year's Meaningful Business 100.
- Vijaya Dashami celebrated across Tripura and Meghalaya as immersion of idols mark culmination of Durga Puja celebrations.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K. Sangma inaugurates Synthetic Football Turf at Mandalgitok Playground, Siju and lays foundation stone for new Siju C&RD Block Office Building in South Garo Hills district.
- Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh conferred Grand Master 9th DAN by Global Traditional Taekwondo Federation.

AMIT SHAH:

Union Home Minister Amit Shah yesterday reiterated the government’s target to eliminate the menace of drugs from India by 31st December, 2029. Speaking at the Police Commemoration Day ceremony at the National Police Memorial in New Delhi, Shah called upon police forces across the country to work towards eliminating narcotics by the end of 2029. He termed drug menace a serious challenge as it damages future generations, places an undue burden on the economy. The Home Minister said that a total of 36 thousand 852 police personnel laid down their lives in the line of duty since Independence and their sacrifices had laid the foundation for the country’s progress and development. Earlier, Shah flagged off a nationwide motorcycle rally from the National Police Memorial organised under the theme Fight Against Drugs to mark the National Police Commemoration Day.

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COMMEMORATION:

Along with the rest of the country, Police Commemoration Day was observed in various states of the North East yesterday. In Nagaland, the commemoration was held at the Police Headquarters in Kohima. Additional Director General of Police, Renchamo P. Kikon while paying homage to the martyrs, urged the serving personnel to uphold integrity, professionalism and dedication, and strengthen their resolve to prevent crime, maintain public peace and serve the people of Nagaland with compassion. In Mizoram, senior police officers took part in the main wreath-laying ceremony at the 1st Battalion Mizoram Armed Police Headquarters, Aizawl. In Tripura, Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha paid homage to the brave police martyrs and remembered the supreme sacrifice of the brave personnel while safeguarding the nation.

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma Assam laid a wreath in honour of the 900-plus Assam Police personnel who have made the supreme sacrifice since Independence. This year, tributes were paid to 154 police personnel who died in the line of duty between September 2025, and August 2026.

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MANIPUR:

In Manipur, several houses were set on fire by miscreants at Khoikai village in Kamjong district early morning yesterday. In view of the situation, security forces have taken preventive measures including intensified patrolling and area domination to prevent the recurrence of such incidents and maintain peace and security in the area. Manipur Director General of Police, Mukesh Singh accompanied by senior police officers visited Kamjong district yesterday. He interacted with police personnel and discussed the prevailing law and order situation. Later, a joint security coordination meeting was held with the Assam Rifles and BSF to review the security scenario and strengthen the coordination among the security forces. The DGP also met representatives of civil society organisations and heard their concerns.

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BANGLADESHIS:

In Tripura, two Bangladeshi nationals were detained by the Border Security Force on charges of illegal infiltration near the Rayermura border under Amtali Police Station yesterday. Two Indian alleged agents were also detained. An FIR has been lodged at Amtali Police Station by Shishram Mund, Company Commander of the BSF's 42nd Battalion. The detained Bangladeshi nationals, are both residents of Cox's Bazar district in Bangladesh. Further investigation is underway.

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NPF:

Nagaland Chief Minister and Naga People's Front president, Neiphiu Rio has called for organisational renewal, greater participation of women and youth, and stronger grassroots engagement as the party marked its 64th Foundation Day yesterday. Addressing the occasion, Rio stressed the need to adapt to changing times while upholding the party's founding principles and commitment to public service. On the Naga political issue, Rio reiterated that an honourable, inclusive and acceptable solution remained central to the NPF's agenda. He also called for greater opportunities within Nagaland so that young people could build their future in the State. Welcoming new members into the party, he urged leaders and workers to remain accessible and connected with the common people.

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REVIEW WANGALA:

Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K. Sangma yesterday visited the Wangala festival site at Chibragre, near Tura and reviewed the progress of works and assessed preparations for the upcoming 1000 Drums Wangala Festival which will mark the golden jubilee of the annual celebration. The Chief Minister said that the State government is working in close coordination with the 100 Drums Wangala Festival Committee to ensure the successful organisation of the landmark event. The government has agreed to support the committee's budget proposal of 5.50 crore rupees. In addition, 20 crore rupees has been sanctioned through the Public Works Department for infrastructure development, temporary installations and other essential arrangements, taking the total sanctioned amount to 25.50 crore rupees.

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MEANINGFUL BUSINESS 100:

Assam-based entrepreneur Jahnabi Phookan, founder of Lahé Looms, has been named among the winners of this year's Meaningful Business 100, an annual programme recognising leaders who combine profit with purpose to deliver scalable solutions to complex challenges. A panel of expert judges from organisations including the Gates Foundation, Google, IBM, Saïd Business School, Seedstars Capital and the World Economic Forum selected the winners from more than 900 nominations. Meaningful Business founder and CEO, Tom Lytton-Dickie congratulated Phookan, saying her work at Lahé Looms demonstrated how scalable business models and technology could deliver tangible, positive impact.

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IMMERSION:

Vijaya Dashami was celebrated across Tripura and Meghalaya yesterday. The immersion of idols marked the culmination of the Durga Puja celebrations. Vehicles loaded with idols of Goddess Durga made their way through the streets as thousands of devotees followed in procession to the ghats for the immersion. Prior to the procession, devotees gathered at their respective Durga Puja pandals to bid farewell to Goddess Durga and seek blessings. In Tripura, a Ravana Dahan programme was organised at Badharghat on the occasion of Dussehra, symbolising the victory of good over evil. Tripura Governor, Indra Sena Reddy Nallu attended the event.



TURF AND BLOCK:

Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K. Sangma yesterday inaugurated the Synthetic Football Turf at Mandalgitok Playground, Siju and laid the foundation stone for the new Siju C&RD Block Office Building in South Garo Hills district. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister highlighted the government’s development model, focus on sports and youth, and other initiatives to uplift the state. He said that the development model is holistic development reaching every corner - urban and rural and in all sectors. The Chief Minister expressed joy in seeing a world-class artificial turf in Siju. He said that the State is constructing 58 Artificial Turf grounds, one in each constituency, with a sanction of more than 300 crore rupees. He also said that there are 56 Blocks in Meghalaya and the Government is constructing new block buildings across the state.



GRAND MASTER:

Manipur Chief Minister, Yumnam Khemchand Singh was conferred the Grand Master 9th DAN by Global Traditional Taekwondo Federation yesterday. He was presented the title by the President of GTTF Grand Master, Jun Lee at the inaugural function of the 1st Manipur State Poomsae Taekwondo Championship 2026 at Khuman Lampak Indoor Stadium, Imphal. During the function, Chief Minister showcased his martial arts skills and reflexes, reflecting his years of dedication and experience in the discipline. The Chief Minister said that the championship, being organised with the participation of a team led by GTTF President Jun Lee, who hails from the Republic of Korea, would help elevate the status of Taekwondo aspirants in Manipur to the international level.

