

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Government extends the deadline for meritorious students on the National Scholarship Portal for the year 2024-25 till the 31st of this month.
- Union Cabinet approves the auction of 730 FM Radio channels in 234 cities including Jowai in Meghalaya.
- The CBI begins investigation into the alleged illegal online trading scam in Assam.
- In Assam, the bye-polls in five assembly seats will be held as per the pre-delimited constituencies.
- PRIME Meghalaya hosts the CM Elevate Conclave at Vivanta in Shillong.
- Meghalaya police issues advisory to general public who ferries school wars or children to wear helmets to avoid accidents.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

SCHOLARSHIP

Under the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme, scholarships are awarded to meritorious students from economically weaker sections to prevent their dropout after the elementary level, which is class eight. The scheme encourages students to complete their school education up to class twelve.

FM RADIO

The Union Cabinet has approved the auction of 730 FM Radio channels in 234 cities including Jowai in Meghalaya. This initiative will bring a new and enhanced listening experience to radio audiences in cities previously uncovered by private FM radio stations. Since its modest inception in 2001, private FM radio has expanded to 113 cities with 388 channels, significantly contributing to the media landscape. This new expansion is expected to generate new jobs in the radio sector while bringing the entertainment through radio for listeners across the country. The Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Government of India has released the Notice Inviting Applications from prospective bidders for the e-auction available on the Ministry's website.

INVESTIGATION

In Assam, the CBI has begun investigation into the alleged illegal online trading scam in the state. CBI has taken up 41 cases that alleged to duped crores of rupees of investors. The Assam government recently handed over the investigation to the CBI into the illegal online trading scam. Prior to the CBI investigation, and Assam Police made several arrests who were involved in the scam. Today CBI recorded statements of several victims of the scam. A team also went to Dibrugarh to question some of the kingpin of the scam. One of alleged kingpin of the scam Dipankar Barman is still absconding who allegedly duped crore of rupees of the investors.

BYE-POLL

In Assam, the bye polls in five assembly seats will be held as per the pre- delimited constituencies. Talking to newsmen in Guwahati, the Chief Electoral Officer Anurag Goel said that with the issuance of notification, the nomination process has begun yesterday. However, Mr. Goel made it clear that voters shouldn't be worry about the EPIC cards as both old and new cards will be allowed during polling day. It may be recalled that the last Lok Sabha polls in Assam was held on the basis of delimitation process. But the bye-polls will be held as per pre - delimitation. Mr. Goel said that over 9 lakh voters can vote in the bye-polls.

CONCLAVE

PRIME Meghalaya hosted the CM Elevate Conclave at Vivanta Meghalaya, Shillong yesterday. The event was dedicated to empowering and recognising grassroots entrepreneurs who have benefited from the various CM Elevate schemes and aims to celebrate their achievements. The State Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma was the chief guest on the occasion. In his address, the CM said that the government would plan out initiatives to create awareness on the “Meghalayan Age” era. He said that the “Meghalayan Age” is being globally discussed by geologists and it would be apt for the people to learn about it. During the programme, the farmers also raised concerns on market linkage, propagation of Focus and Focus plus financial aid as loan, etc to which the chief minister clarified that the grant and subsidies in aid are given upto 70 percent of the total project cost and not loan.

POLICE

In Meghalaya, East Khasi Hills Superintendent of Police (Traffic) has issued an advisory urging the general public who ferries their school wards or children regardless of any age or minor as a pillion on their two-wheeler to mandate the wearing of helmet in order to avoid any untoward incident which is in contravention with the Motor Vehicle Act. It also stated that the Shillong Traffic Police shall be vigilant and stern action will be taken against violators as per provisions of law.

UPSC

In the light of government’s decision to include the Indian Railway Management Service (IRMS) in the Engineering Services Examination (ESE) 2025, the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) has opened a new application window yesterday for new applicants. This window will remain open until the 22nd of next month. It said the candidates who have already applied need not apply again. To give sufficient time to the aspirants of the Engineering Services Examination 2025 to prepare for the exam, the Commission has also decided to postpone the ESE (preliminary) and ESE (main) exams for 2025. The ESE (preliminary) will now be held on the 8th of June, and the ESE (main) will now take place on the 10th of August next year. NSD

EDUCATION

Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan said that the government is taking all steps to strengthen and facilitate learning in all Indian languages. He said that the government is also making all-round efforts to promote learning in Indian languages, as well as to celebrate, honour, and preserve the linguistic heritage of the country. While interacting with scholars of five newly classified classical languages Prakrit, Pali, Marathi, Bangla, and Assamese, in New Delhi, he said that the Prime Minister Narendra Modi has always stated that all languages of the country are Indian languages. The Chairman of the Bharatiya Bhasha Samiti, Chamu Krishna Shastri, and UGC Chairman M. Jagadesh Kumar, along with academicians, scholars, and officials of the Education Ministry, were also present at the event.
