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HEADLINES:-

- 1. Union Minister of State for Home, Bandi Sanjay Kumar reviews implementation of Centrally-sponsored schemes in Nagaland.
- 2. Meghalaya Chief Secretary DP Wahlang requests protesting students of North Eastern Hill University to suspend their indefinite hunger strike.
- **3.** Meghalaya State Rural Livelihoods Society organizes workshop to address challenges in updating Self-Help Group profiles using Aadhaar.
- 4. Eighty-eight doctors from Meghalaya who completed six-month training program in Chennai honored at Tamil Nadu Secretariat recently.
- 5. On World Toilet Day, observed on 19th November, Meghalaya PHE Minister Marcuise N. Marak announces launch of campaign in state.
- 6. Japan to be partner country for upcoming Hornbill Festival in Nagaland.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

SCHEME:

Union Minister of State for Home, Bandi Sanjay Kumar yesterday reviewed the implementation of Centrally-sponsored schemes in Nagaland. Mr Kumar, who is on a two-day visit to the state, held a review meeting with the departments implementing the schemes at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat in Kohima. After thorough deliberations with the various departments, he said that all the suggestions and challenges faced by the state have been duly noted. The minister assured that these would be put forth for further necessary action to the Central ministry. Nagaland chief secretary J Alam said the review meeting with the senior officials was convened to get an overview of the various schemes and programmes being implemented by the State with assistance from the Centre.

NEHU

Meghalaya Chief Secretary DP Wahlang met with protesting students of the North Eastern Hill University and requested them to suspend their indefinite hunger strike pending the completion of the inquiry into the alleged mismanagement and administrative failures within the University. He was accompanied by the Director General of Police Idashisha Nongrang and East Khasi Hills Deputy Commissioner RM Kurbah. Yesterday was the 15th day of the indefinite hunger strike by the students led by NEHU Students' Union and backed by KSU-NEHU Unit. The students have been demanding the removal of PS Shukla from the post of Vice Chancellor of the NEHU. Last week, Union Ministry of Education constituted a two-member committee to probe the allegations of administrative irregularities in the university. Following this, VC Shukla went on a two-week leave.

DRDA :

The Meghalaya State Rural Livelihoods Society, in collaboration with the District Rural Development Agency, yesterday organized a consultative workshop to address challenges in updating Self-Help Group profiles using Aadhaar. The workshop held at Bishop Hall Nongbah Parish Nongstoin, aimed to improve access to government schemes for community cadres. Project Director DRDA emphasized the government's commitment to implementing schemes through various departments. The director acknowledged that changing government policies can sometimes create difficulties for the people. However, such workshops provide a platform to educate and inform the public about these changes.

FELICITATION:

The 3rd Batch of dedicated doctors who successfully completed their six-month training program in Chennai were honored at a felicitation ceremony held at the Secretariat of Tamil Nadu recently. A total of 88 doctors from Meghalaya have successfully completed the training. The program, supported by the Tamil Nadu Health and Family Welfare Department, is part of a unique inter-state partnership aimed at strengthening healthcare delivery in Meghalaya. The training focused on Comprehensive Emergency Obstetric Care, Life-Saving Anesthetic Skills, and Ultra-sonography. This was part of a coordinated effort to reduce infant and maternal deaths below the national average.

DAY:

On the occasion of World Toilet Day, observed annually on 19th November, Meghalaya Minister in charge of Public Health Engineering, Marcuise N. Marak, announced the launch of the nationwide campaign in the state. The campaign has been named "Hamara Shauchalay: Hamara Samman" of the Ministry of Jal Shakti. It aims to improve sanitation infrastructure, foster behavior change, and strengthen community pride by enhancing the functionality and aesthetics of toilets across the country. The initiative reaffirms India's commitment to maintaining its Open Defecation Free status while promoting behavioral change for cleaner and healthier communities.

HORNBILL:

Japan will be a partner country for the upcoming 25th edition of the Hornbill Festival, scheduled to be held from 1st to 10th of December. This was announced by Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio yesterday. The Chief Minister, his cabinet colleagues and senior officials of the Nagaland Government held a meeting with Deputy Chief of Mission, Embassy of Japan in India, Takashi Ariyoshi, and First Secretary, Embassy of Japan in India, Mayumi Tsubakimoto, at New Delhi. Japan will be participating at various sectors including cultural performances, capacity building and workshops in handicrafts and bamboo products. Both sides exuded hope that the rich legacy and long term relationship would further get strengthened and contribute towards closer cooperation between the two countries.
