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HEADLINES

- 1. Advantage Assam 2.0 to feature seven partner countries, 350 business meetings, top industrialists, diplomats, and investors.
- 2. Common platform for candidates contesting for forthcoming Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council elections held in Shillong.
- 3. In ongoing efforts to combat motorcycle theft in Garo Hills of Meghalaya, Tura police apprehend two more individuals.
- 4. Meghalaya Education Department deputes government officials to CMJ University at Jorabat, Ri-Bhoi District for inspection.
- 5. Hill Farmers' Shiitake Mushroom Co-operative Society Limited of Meghalaya and YATS Corporation of Japan sign collaborative agreement.
- 6. Annual Investiture Ceremony for Governor's Unit Citation 2025 held at Imphal Raj Bhavan.
- 7. Ampati Degree College in South West Garo Hills of Meghalaya celebrates Silver Jubilee.

NEWS IN ORDER

ASSAM

The lineup to the upcoming Advantage Assam 2.0 is spectacular with seven partner countries, around 350 business meetings, top industrialists, diplomats, and investors. The biggest investment and infrastructure summit in the Northeast will take place on the 25th and 26th February at the Veterinary College Field, Khanapara, Guwahati. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma yesterday said this year's summit will be marked by unparalleled international participation, with seven partner countries. These

include Bhutan, Japan, Australia, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, and the United Arab Emirates. The event will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on 24th February at Sarusajai Stadium.

PLATFORM

A common platform for candidates contesting for the forthcoming Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council elections was held at Nongthymmai ground in Shillong yesterday. The various candidates from National People's Party, United Democratic Party, Voice of the People Party, Bharatiya Janata Party and Congress spoke on topics such as fair recruitment and strengthening of the District Council and protecting the customs and practices of the indigenous people. The UDP conducted a public meeting seeking re-election of its sitting MDC at Nongpoh in Ri-Bhoi district yesterday. Election for members of the autonomous district councils in the Khasi and Jaintia Hills of Meghalaya will be held on the 21st of this month and the results will be declared on the 24th.

BIKE

In a significant breakthrough in their ongoing efforts to combat motorcycle theft in the Garo Hills of Meghalaya, the Tura police apprehended two more individuals. They were believed to be members of a criminal gang involved in sophisticated operations, including creation of counterfeit number plates for stolen vehicles. The suspects, identified as 23 years' Charles D Momin and 25 years' Rezabul Hoque, both residents of Goalpara, Assam, were arrested yesterday.

CMJ

In compliance with the Supreme Court's judgment on 13th February, the Meghalaya Education Department deputed government officials to the campus of CMJ University at Jorabat, Ri-Bhoi District for inspection and to ensure security of the campus. The team of senior officials, which was accompanied by Executive Magistrate, Ri-Bhoi District along with police personnel, interacted with the Vice Chancellor and Registrar of CMJ University. Both were told that an administrator for the University will be appointed and that the University should cease all financial transactions, administrative and academic activities.

SOCIETY

The Hill Farmers' Shiitake Mushroom Co-operative Society Limited of Meghalaya and YATS Corporation of Japan on Friday signed a collaborative agreement to develop market linkage and robust supply chain for mushroom cultivation in the state. The collaboration aims to provide farmers with improved access to international markets, advanced agricultural practices, and cutting-edge technologies to boost productivity and quality.

MANIPUR

The Annual Investiture Ceremony for the Governor's Unit Citation 2025 was held at the Durbar Hall of Raj Bhavan, Imphal yesterday. Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla handed over citations to outstanding Army, Assam Rifles, Central Reserve Police Force, Border Security Force and Manipur Police personnel for their exemplary services in the State. The governor said the event served as a tribute to the unwavering dedication and courage displayed by the units of the various security forces in their duty towards the nation and the people of Manipur in general.

COLLEGE

The Ampati Degree College in South West Garo Hills of Meghalaya celebrated its Silver Jubilee yesterday with a cultural program that showcased the vibrant traditions of the region. Deputy Commissioner Hema Nayak, who attended the function, stressed the need for career counseling and encouraged students to embrace digital learning and social media to explore opportunities in various fields, including agriculture and weaving. The Ampati Degree College was founded on 15th February, 2000. Currently, the college offers eight honors subjects under NEHU affiliation and caters to 550 students annually. With a faculty of 23 lecturers and eight non-teaching staff, it continues to serve as a cornerstone of higher education in the region.
