

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

1. Centre releases last instalment of post-matric scholarship of 85.0779 crore rupees for ST students in Meghalaya for 2023-2024.
2. Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari raises concern over deplorable condition of National Highway-6 which connects Meghalaya with rest of Northeast.
3. Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Nagaland, launches Phase-5 of its Foot-and-Mouth Disease vaccination programme.
4. Meghalaya government orders keeping in abeyance mandatory requirement of immunization for issuance of birth certificates for two months.
5. Nagaland Forest Management Project makes significant strides in improving livelihoods of local communities.
6. Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board conducts comprehensive audit and assessment of industrial units in Byrnihat.
7. Nagaland Governor La Ganesan says Northeast stands at the crossroads of rapid modernization.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

SCHOLARSHIP

The central government has released the last instalment of scholarship amounting to 85.0779 crore rupees to Meghalaya under the 'Umbrella Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for ST Students for the Academic Session 2023-2024'. The funds will reflect in students' accounts within one to two days, chief minister Conrad K Sangma tweeted yesterday. The Meghalaya Government is committed to improving and accelerating the scholarship process each year to ensure even quicker support for the talented students, he assured.

ROAD

Union Minister of Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari has raised concerns over the deplorable condition of National Highway-6 which connects Meghalaya with the rest of the Northeastern region. He assured the Voice of the Peoples Party's Lok Sabha member from Shillong, Ricky AJ Syngkon that the Centre will soon intervene in the matter. Mr Gadkari's assurance came after the MP submitted a letter alleging very poor quality of NH-6 which is the lifeline of the landlocked hill state.

NAGALAND

The Department of Animal Husbandry and Veterinary Services, Nagaland, launched the Phase-5 of its Foot-and-Mouth Disease vaccination programme in Kohima yesterday. Director of Animal Husbandry & Veterinary, Achila Ao, highlighted the importance of vaccination in controlling the spread of FMD, which poses a significant threat to the state's livestock sector. She emphasized that vaccination is the most effective method to prevent the disease and safeguard the health of livestock, crucial to the stability of Nagaland's agriculture-based economy. The vaccination drive till 21st May, aims to vaccinate 68,050 cattle and other susceptible animals across Nagaland.

NOTIFICATION

The Meghalaya government has ordered keeping in abeyance the mandatory requirement of immunization for the issuance of birth certificates for a period of two months. This is to facilitate immediate Aadhaar enrolment and ensure uninterrupted access to Integrated Child Development Services benefits for all newborns. All district Registrars of Births and Deaths have been directed to issue birth certificates to all applicants irrespective of the immunization status of the child.

FOREST

The Nagaland Forest Management Project (NFMP), a key initiative aimed at forest conservation and rehabilitation, has made significant strides in improving the livelihoods of local communities while contributing to environmental conservation across the state. Implemented by the State Department of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, and supported by Japan International Cooperation Agency, NFMP is designed to cover 185 villages with 79,000 hectares to be covered. Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Nagaland, Dharmendra Prakash said that besides employment generation at the village level, the project has an inherent objective of women empowerment with 429 women self-help groups in 144 villages benefiting from it.

BYRNIHAT

Acting on the direction of Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma, senior officials of the Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board on Thursday conducted a comprehensive audit and assessment of industrial units in Byrnihat, Ri-Bhoi district, Meghalaya. The officials examined four industrial units responsible for emitting pollutants. The inspection is part of the government’s efforts to address air pollution in Byrnihat which was tagged as one of the most polluted areas in the world in 2024.

SOCIOLOGY

Nagaland Governor La Ganesan yesterday said the Northeast stands at the crossroads of rapid modernization and the preservation of indigenous knowledge systems. Speaking at the first annual conference of the Sociological Association of Northeast India at Japfu Christian College, the governor emphasized that voices of indigenous and marginalized groups are integral to academic and policy discussions. He called on sociologists, policymakers, and community leaders to collaborate on key issues such as gender equality, economic disparities, migration, and environmental sustainability.

MARATHON

A total of 339 runners took part in a marathon in Tura on the eve of World Water Day yesterday to raise awareness about glacier preservation. The event, organized by the Public Health Engineering Department, West Garo Hills, aimed to highlight the importance of water conservation and the impact of climate change on glaciers. Runners, including students, athletes, and local residents, covered the designated route, promoting the message of environmental sustainability.
