

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

1. Centre sanctioned 951.27 crore rupees for construction of Tura Bypass in Meghalaya.
2. Meghalaya Government prohibits business of renting out of private two-wheelers and four-wheelers for commercial purpose.
3. Second batch of Phase-2 of National Geospatial Knowledge-Based Land Survey of Urban Habitations to be inaugurated today.
4. Science and Technology Minister Dr Jitendra Singh announces policy reforms to enhance Ease of Innovation and Ease of Doing Research.
5. Home Minister Amit Shah reviews preparation for Census with Union Home Secretary.
6. Indian Army thanks civilians for unwavering support during Operation Sindoor.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

BYPASS

The Central government has sanctioned 951.27 crore rupees for the construction of the Tura Bypass in Meghalaya, which will connect National Highway-127B to NH-217 and built to a two-lane configuration with paved shoulders. Union Minister for Road Transport & Highways, Nitin Gadkari announced the project, which will span 29.03 kilometres and holds significant strategic value for the region. The NH-217, formerly known as NH-51, is expected to ease the burden on Tura's internal roads, significantly reduce congestion, boost road safety, promote smoother freight movement, and enhance connectivity to the international border with Bangladesh. The bypass will run from NH-127B near Sanchonggre village to NH-217 at Jenggitchakgre village in the West Garo Hills district.

VEHICLE

The Government of Meghalaya has strictly prohibited the business of renting out of private two-wheelers and four-wheelers for commercial purpose across the state. At present, the Rent-a-Motorcycle and Rent-a-Cab Schemes have not been implemented in the State of Meghalaya. An order issued by the Commissioner of Transport cautioned that such activities are in clear contravention of the Motor Vehicles Act, 1988. Any person found violating these provisions by operating or advertising rental services shall be liable to legal action, including seizure of the vehicles, imposition of fines, and imprisonment.

NAKSHA

The second batch of Phase-2 of the National Geospatial Knowledge-Based Land Survey of Urban Habitations – NAKSHA Capacity Building Programme will be inaugurated today. Under this training programme, 128 Urban Local Bodies-level and district officers have been nominated. These officers will undergo a week of hands-on training in leveraging modern geospatial technologies for effective urban property surveys. The surveys will be conducted at four Centres of Excellence in Pune, Guwahati, Chandigarh and Mysuru. The Ministry of Rural Development said, the training aims to equip the officers and field staff with technical and practical skills required to oversee high-accuracy urban land surveys.

RESEARCH

Science and Technology Minister Dr Jitendra Singh yesterday announced policy reforms to enhance the Ease of Innovation and Ease of Doing Research, providing long-awaited relief to innovators, researchers, scholars, scientists and institutions across the country. One of the most consequential decisions announced is the delegation of procurement powers to institutional heads. They can now approve Global Tender Enquiries up to 200 crore rupees - previously a power reserved for central authorities. The Minister said that in the years to come, space economy is going to be a very important component of India’s growth story. Some of the most unexpected decisions were taken by the Modi government in the last 10 years, including the opening of the space to the private sector and this year’s announcement about the nuclear sector.

CENSUS

Home Minister Amit Shah yesterday reviewed the preparation for the forthcoming Census with the Union Home Secretary and other senior officials. The gazette notification of the census will be issued today. The census will include caste enumeration for the first time. As many as 34 lakh enumerators and supervisors and around 1.3 lakh census functionaries will conduct the operation with cutting-edge mobile digital gadgets. The Census will be conducted in two phases. In phase one, which is House-listing Operation, the housing conditions, assets and amenities of each household will be collected. In the second phase, Population Enumeration, demographic, socio-economic, cultural and other details of every person in each household will be collected.

ARMY

The Indian Army has thanked the civilians for their unwavering support, deep admiration and gratitude to them during Operation Sindoor. In a social media post, the Army shared that they received a heartfelt compilation of letters from the civilians. The Army assured that they are always in service of the nation, with honour and dedication.
