

HEADLINES:-

- Union Home Minister Amit Shah says government determined to dismantle every drug cartel.
- Employees' Provident Fund Organisation, Regional Office Shillong, conducts engagement session with local employers on Employment Linked Incentive Scheme.
- North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences, Shillong, becomes first public hospital in North East to perform endoscopic lumbar spine discectomies.
- Meghalaya Government felicitates traditional healers under Voluntary Certification Scheme.
- Forty-three Health and Wellness Centres from Khasi-Jaintia Hills awarded National Quality Assurance Standards certification.
- Training on Aadhaar card verification conducted at Ampati for BSF and police personnel.
- North Shillong MLA Adelbert Nongrum launches youth training initiative to promote self-reliance and entrepreneurship.

NEWS IN ORDER:-**HOME:**

Union Home Minister Amit Shah has said that the government is determined to dismantle every drug cartel and protect the youth. He congratulated the Narcotics Control Bureau and all agencies on busting a global drug cartel. The probe set a stellar example of multi-agency coordination, resulting in eight arrests and seizures of five consignments. The move triggered crackdowns in the US and Australia against the ring that operates across four continents and over 10 nations. In one of the most far-reaching crackdowns against illegal pharmaceutical drug trade, the Narcotics Control Bureau has successfully dismantled a transnational drug trafficking syndicate.

SCHEME:

The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation, Regional Office Shillong, yesterday conducted an engagement session with local employers to disseminate information on the newly approved Employment Linked Incentive Scheme. It was a move to promote formal employment and enhance social security coverage in the region. The Scheme not only incentivises employment generation but also strengthens India's vision of inclusive growth and formalisation of the workforce. With social security being a critical pillar of sustainable development, the scheme is expected to encourage more employers to register under the Employees' Provident Fund Act. They are expected to offer long-term benefits to their employees, such as provident fund, pension, and insurance coverage.

NEIGRIHMS:

The North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences, Shillong, has become the first public hospital in the North East to successfully perform endoscopic lumbar spine discectomies, using the advanced Destandau technique. The Orthopaedics and Trauma Department

operated on two patients from Tripura and Mizoram suffering from severe lumbar disc prolapse and incapacitating sciatica. The surgeries, led by Dr. Sachlang Debbarma and Dr. Bhaskar Borgohain, were successful, and both patients are recovering well. NEIGRIHMS Director Professor Nalin Mehta hailed the milestone as the beginning of a new era in minimally invasive spine surgery, reducing costs, hospital stays, and enabling quicker recovery.

FELICITATION:

The Meghalaya Government, through the Bio-Resources Development Centre yesterday felicitated nine traditional healers under the Voluntary Certification Scheme for Traditional Community Healthcare Providers at the Secretariat Wellness Centre, Shillong. The event was aimed at honouring indigenous healthcare providers. Dr. Joram Beda, Commissioner and Secretary, Health Department, lauded the healers’ role in grassroots medical care. Certificates and tokens of appreciation were presented, with a call for integrating traditional and modern systems to ensure inclusive, culturally rooted healthcare in Meghalaya.

CERTIFICATION:

Forty-three Health and Wellness Centres from the Khasi-Jaintia Hills region have been awarded National Quality Assurance Standards certification. The Ganesh Das Hospital in Shillong received bronze certification for its Operation Theatre and Labour Room. West Khasi Hills district recorded the highest with 12 Wellness Centres recognised. This aligns with the Union Health Ministry’s goal to achieve 50 percent National Quality Assurance Standards certification by December 2025. Meghalaya’s Joint Directorate Quality Committee, formed in 2023, is spearheading quality improvements in public health facilities.

AADHAAR:

A one-day training programme on Aadhaar card verification was conducted yesterday at the DRDA Conference Hall in Ampati for BSF and police personnel, Election Department enumerators, and staff from the Deputy Commissioner's office. Organised by the South West Garo Hills District Administration, the session aimed to address concerns over the misuse of fake Aadhaar cards for cross-border crimes and identity fraud. The training was held following a request from BSF authorities along the India-Bangladesh border.

TRAINING:

North Shillong MLA Adelbert Nongrum yesterday launched a youth training initiative in collaboration with the Meghalaya Social Development Society to promote self-reliance and entrepreneurship. The programme was aimed to equip young participants with essential skills and confidence to pursue independent livelihoods. Addressing the gathering, Mr Nongrum highlighted limited government job opportunities and urged the youth to focus on self-sufficiency. He emphasised that real development lies in investing in human potential rather than just infrastructure.
