

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

1. Meghalaya chief minister Conrad K Sangma holds high-level meeting to assess situation arising out of evictions in Assam.
2. Meghalaya government completes Phase-1 of street vending reorganization in Shillong.
3. Daily minimum wages for workers across various sectors revised in Meghalaya.
4. Meghalaya government to draft comprehensive mission-mode policy to tackle rise in HIV/AIDS.
5. Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council forms recruitment committee.
6. Sikkim records significant decline in seasonal rainfall.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

BOUNDARY

Meghalaya chief minister Conrad K Sangma held a high-level meeting yesterday to assess the situation arising out of the evictions in Assam. The focus of the review was to evaluate any possible impact on Meghalaya and to ensure there is no infiltration into the state. The deputy commissioners of all districts, especially those bordering Assam have been instructed to remain vigilant and report any cross-boundary movement immediately. Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio chaired a high-level meeting with Chief Secretary J Alam, police, and other senior officials yesterday to strengthen vigilance mechanisms along the Assam-Nagaland boundary. Mr Rio said that the state government is actively engaging with all stakeholders to prevent illegal infiltration, and has intensified patrolling along the inter-state boundary.

RELOCATION

The Meghalaya government has completed Phase-1 of its street vending reorganisation in Shillong, marking a major milestone with the relocation of hawkers from Khyndailad Police Bazar to newly constructed stalls at the MUDA parking lot. Of the 407 eligible vendors, 282 received stalls through a lottery. The initiative, led by the Urban Affairs Department and district administration, aims to decongest roads and formalise livelihoods. Certified vendors will get 10,000 rupees as one-time support and 2,000 rupees monthly for five months to ease transition. With 365 stalls ready, the

government plans to expand relocation to other key areas in the next five months.

WAGES

The Meghalaya government has revised the daily minimum wages for workers across various sectors, effective from the first of April. According to the Labour Department's latest notification, unskilled workers will now receive five hundred and forty-one rupees, semi-skilled workers five hundred and eighty-three, skilled workers six hundred and twenty-four, and highly-skilled workers six hundred and sixty-five rupees per day. These include a component for Variable Dearness Allowance. The standard eight-hour workday and weekly day of rest remain unchanged, with double pay for overtime. Wages will be reviewed twice a year based on inflation.

POLICY

The Meghalaya government has decided to draft a comprehensive mission-mode policy to tackle the alarming rise in HIV/AIDS cases. Health Minister Ampareen Lyngdoh said that Meghalaya ranks sixth nationally in HIV/AIDS prevalence. The government is also exploring legislation to mandate pre-marital HIV testing, similar to Goa's law. Ms Lyngdoh highlighted the urgent need for targeted screening, stressing that HIV is treatable but under-reported.

KHADC

The Khasi Hills Autonomous District Council has formed a permanent three-member recruitment committee to ensure transparency and fairness in its job recruitment process. The committee will oversee all recruitment, review service rules, and make recommendations on exams and interviews.

SIKKIM

The Indian Meteorological Department has released the latest data on rainfall distribution across Sikkim, highlighting a significant decline in seasonal rainfall. Sikkim received 561.3 millimetres of rainfall from the 1st of June till 23rd July, which is 29 per cent below the normal average. Our Correspondent reports that the Gyalshing district recorded the highest shortfall, receiving 453.5 mm of rainfall, 44 per cent less than the normal of 814.5 mm. On the other hand, Gangtok reported 691.6 mm of rainfall, 35 per cent less than normal.

HEALTH

The National Health Mission, Nagaland, under the Rashtriya Bal Swasthya Karyakram, signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Apollo Children's Hospital yesterday to provide screening and treatment for congenital heart diseases in children aged 0 to 18. Under the MoU, NHM will organize screening camps, and children requiring treatment will be referred to Apollo Hospital, Chennai. Costs will be covered under RBSK norms, with any

excess borne by the Apollo Hospital Charitable Trust. Free accommodation for one attendant per patient will also be provided. The agreement includes training for government doctors and support staff in paediatric cardiac care.

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