

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

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2. Manipur Police and security forces recover 86 illegal arms, ammunition, explosives, and warlike stores.
3. Central Bureau of Investigation registers case against Nagaland University Dean, Chitta Ranjan Deb, for alleged corruption.
4. Country's first Digital Nomad Village inaugurated at Yakten in Sikkim.
5. Meghalaya Power Minister Abu Taher Mondal assures of stabilizing steep electricity bills.
6. Captain Williamson Sangma State University holds first-ever Academic Council meeting in Tura campus.
6. Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board, Shillong Municipal Board, and East Khasi Hills district administration seize large quantities of banned plastic wares.

SAFETY

The Meghalaya government has mandated all commercial vehicles to display the driver's name, contact number, license number, and address in a move to enhance passenger safety and prevent criminal misuse. The decision was taken during a high-level meeting chaired by Deputy Chief Minister Sniawbhalang Dhar yesterday. Tourism Minister Paul Lyngdoh said this measure would boost accountability and public confidence in the transport system. A one-month compliance window will be provided following the official notification. The directive, aimed at protecting both tourists and locals, is part of the Meghalaya government's broader effort to ensure transparency and safety in public transport.

SEIZURE

In a massive joint crackdown, Manipur Police and security forces recovered 86 illegal arms, ammunition, explosives, and warlike stores during early morning raids across Imphal East, Imphal West, Thoubal, Kakching, and Bishnupur districts yesterday. The operation followed specific intelligence inputs and involved police, Central Armed Police Forces, Army, and Assam Rifles. IGP (Intelligence) K. Kabib said the operation was aimed at restoring normalcy and public order. He urged public cooperation and called for reporting of any suspicious activity involving arms.

NAGALAND

The Central Bureau of Investigation has registered a case against Nagaland University Dean, Chitta Ranjan Deb, for alleged corruption. The agency has registered a case against the senior professor for allegedly demanding bribes from vendors in exchange for favorable treatment in supply orders for scientific equipment and consumables. The CBI

conducted searches at multiple locations in Jorhat, Lumani, and Agartala, recovering incriminating documents related to bribe transactions and tender documents. The investigation is ongoing.

SIKKIM

The country’s first Digital Nomad Village was officially inaugurated at Yakten village in Pakyong district of Sikkim yesterday. This marks a step towards creating a sustainable, community-driven destination for digital nomads from across the country and the world. Akashvani correspondent reports that the Nomad Sikkim is designed for professionals seeking a balance between remote work and a peaceful lifestyle. The village is equipped with high-speed Wi-Fi networks to ensure reliable connectivity, while also promoting eco-friendly practices. This model not only provides a refreshing work environment but also supports local livelihoods in Sikkim.

SMART METER

Meghalaya Power Minister Abu Taher Mondal has assured action after residents of Nongmensong’s BSUP housing complex in Shillong and the Khasi Students Union flagged steep electricity bills since smart meters were installed. Mr Mondal proposed side-by-side meter comparisons to verify overbilling and said the matter would be taken up with the Meghalaya Energy Corporation Limited. Highlighting that smart meters are part of a nationwide rollout to improve billing transparency, he assured of a resolution next week after the North Eastern Regional Power Committee meet.

CWSSU

The Captain Williamson Sangma State University held its first-ever Academic Council meeting on 11th July at its Tura campus, marking a major academic milestone. Key regulations were adopted, and syllabi for 15 postgraduate and 21 undergraduate disciplines were approved, including subjects across sciences, humanities, and regional languages. These were prepared in line with the National Education Policy 2020 by the respective Boards of Studies.

RAID

The Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board, Shillong Municipal Board, and East Khasi Hills district administration conducted a surprise raid at Laban Last Stop and Polo Market in Shillong yesterday, seizing large quantities of banned plastic cups and glasses. The action followed a High Court directive to strictly enforce Plastic Waste Management Rules. Despite repeated warnings, illegal plastic items below 120 microns and without Central Pollution Control Board certification remain in circulation, an official said.

SOLAR

The Meghalaya New and Renewable Energy Development Agency has begun installing solar systems at 63 BharatNet Phase-1 sites, including schools, ICDS centres, and community halls, to support digital connectivity with clean energy. Under the Chief Minister’s Solar Mission, 125 schools in East Garo Hills and 123 in East Jaintia Hills are also being solarised using off-grid systems. Additionally, almost 500 Prime Minister Awas Yojana beneficiaries in Myllem Block and over 300 in Garo Hills will receive hybrid solar inverters.
