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HEADLINES:-

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- Meghalaya chief minister Conrad K Sangma handed over land allotment documents to Varun Beverages for setting up industrial unit at Mendipathar in North Garo Hills district yesterday.
- The Assam government is committed to encourage the state startup environment system, chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said yesterday.
- The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Sarbananda Sonowal yesterday announced a major investment of more than 645 crore rupees to develop ten waterways projects.
- The National Law University Meghalaya inaugurated its 1st Moot Court Competition, organized in collaboration with National Human Rights Commission India.
- The state BJP president Rikman G Momin has said that the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) is a closed chapter for Meghalaya since Sixth Schedule areas have been exempted from its purview.
- Professor A J Patowary, Head of the Department of Forensic Medicine in the North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences has been granted a patent for developing Multifunctional Autopsy Workstation.

SECURITY

The Additional Director General of Eastern Command, Border Security Force, Ravi Gandhi, paid a courtesy call on Meghalaya Governor Phagu Chauhan at Raj Bhavan in Shillong yesterday. Discussions centered on regional security, border management, and collaboration between BSF and the state government. The Governor praised BSF's dedicated service in safe-guarding borders and emphasized ongoing cooperation for citizen safety. The ADG also reaffirmed the BSF's commitment to peace along the eastern borders and readiness for close collaboration with the state administration.

LAND

Meghalaya chief minister Conrad K Sangma handed over land allotment documents to Varun Beverages for setting up of an industrial unit at Mendipathar in North Garo Hills district yesterday. Mr Sangma said the industrial unit has set the pace for private investments in Meghalaya. With the setting up of this industrial unit for packaging soft drinks and other beverages, the lives of people will be transformed as employment opportunities for local people will open up. The company will in future explore the possibilities of packaging drinks and products from locally available products like pineapples also. The plant, besides supplying products to Meghalaya will also distribute to the neighboring states.

ASSAM

The Assam government is committed to encourage the state startup environment system, chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said yesterday. The government will set up incubation centres in Assam Engineering College and Jorhat Engineering College, Mr Sarma said in a social media post. The government

will continue its efforts to build entrepreneurship mindset among the youth by setting up stable tinkering labs in schools across Assam.

PORTS

The Union Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and Ayush, Sarbananda Sonowal yesterday announced a major investment of more than 645 crore rupees to develop ten waterways projects under the flagship Sagarmala programme. The projects will be implemented with 100 percent financial assistance from the Centre to enhance terminals and riverine infrastructure along the Brahmaputra (National Waterways-2) to boost connectivity and foster economic growth. The projects include slipways at strategic locations at Maya Ghat in Dhubri district and Majuli district, establishment of passenger terminals at Ghagor in North Lakhimpur district and Bahari in Barpeta district of Assam.

LAW

The National Law University Meghalaya inaugurated its 1st Moot Court Competition, organized in collaboration with National Human Rights Commission India. The competition drew law students nation-wide, spotlighting high-level debates on crucial human rights issues. Meghalaya's Advocate General Amit Kumar emphasized legal education's role in human rights. The competition will concluded tomorrow with a valedictory ceremony to announce the winners.

CAA

The state BJP president Rikman G Momin yesterday said that the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA) is a closed chapter for Meghalaya since Sixth Schedule areas of the state have been exempted from its purview. Mr Momin expressed gratitude to the Government of India and especially Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah for respecting the sentiments of the tribal people by exempting the Sixth Schedule areas from the Citizenship Amendment Act of 2019. Such steps taken by the Centre reassures the commitment of the Modi government to uplift the lives of the tribal community through various governmental schemes, Mr Momin told media persons.

PATENT

Professor A J Patowary, Head of the Department of Forensic Medicine in the North Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health and Medical Sciences (NEIGRIHMS), Shillong, has been granted a patent for developing a Multifunctional Autopsy Workstation. It streamlines the autopsy process by integrating essential features directly into the workspace. This patent signifies advancement in forensic medicine, offering a more efficient, organized, and ergonomic approach to autopsies, a statement issued by the Institute said.
