

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

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- The Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority organized a workshop on National Legal Services Authority schemes in the auditorium of the High Court of Meghalaya in Shillong yesterday.
- The Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority yesterday organized National Lok Adalats in all the districts of the State.
- After a lull of months, a fresh case of COVID-19 was detected in Manipur yesterday.
- Meghalaya gets its first woman police chief with the appointment of IPS officer Idashisha Nongrang as the new director general of police.
- Three persons were arrested and drugs worth around seven crore rupees seized in two separate operations in Assam's Cachar district.
- Sikkimese director Samten Bhutia's feature film 'Tara: the Lost Star' selected for market screening at the Cannes International Film Festival.

POLLS

Voting will be held for the 4th phase of Lok Sabha polls tomorrow. One thousand seven hundred 17 candidates from 10 States and Union Territories will contest in this phase of the general elections, campaigning for which ended yesterday. Top leaders of several political parties held back-to-back rallies to seek support in favour of their party candidates. The Election Commission is taking all necessary steps for peaceful polling tomorrow.

RELIEF

The Assam Rifles, under the aegis of IGAR (South) distributed essential relief materials to several villages in Manipur, which were hit by thunderstorms on the 7th of this month. The devastating thunderstorms for two consecutive days had caused severe damage to shelters in the villages, leaving a trail of health issues and habitat destruction.

MSLSA:

The Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority partnered with the Legal Care and Support Centre and Shillong Law College to organize a comprehensive workshop on National Legal Services Authority schemes in the auditorium of the High Court of Meghalaya in Shillong yesterday. The event drew attention from esteemed legal personalities and dignitaries. Chief Justice of the Meghalaya High Court, S. Vaidyanathan emphasized on the essential elements of dignified living. He highlighted food, shelter, education, medical care, and clothing as indispensable

rights that states should ensure for every individual. The chief justice lamented the commercialization of these fundamental necessities in contemporary society.

LEGAL

The Meghalaya State Legal Services Authority yesterday organized National Lok Adalats in all the districts of the State under the aegis of the National Legal Services Authority. In the Lok Adalats, 401 pre-litigation cases and 334 pending cases were taken up for settlement. The total number of cases taken up was 735, of which 124 cases were settled for an amount of eighty seven lakh forty nine thousand rupees.

COVID

After a lull of months, a fresh case of COVID-19 was detected in Manipur yesterday. The patient, a 66 years old woman from Imphal East district is undergoing treatment at Jawaharlal Nehru Institute of Medical Sciences (JNIMS), Imphal. Speaking to Akashvani Imphal, director of JNIMS, Professor L. Deben Singh said that there was no cause of panic and the hospital is fully prepared. He urged the public to follow Covid-19 protocols, avoid unnecessary public gatherings and wear masks.

DGP

Meghalaya got its first woman police chief with Governor Phagu Chauhan yesterday appointing IPS officer Idashisha Nongrang as the new director general of police (DGP) to take charge from the 20th of this month after retirement of the incumbent LR Bishnoi on the 19th. Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma has observed that breaking barriers and making history, Idashisha Nongram becomes the first tribal lady from Meghalaya to hold this position, which is a moment of immense pride for all. Ms Nongrum, who presently holds the post of Director General of Civil Defence and Home Guards, had also held the post of Superintendent of Police, East Khasi Hills District. She has been appointed as the director general of Meghalaya Police for a period of two years with effect from 20th May, 2024 to 19th May, 2026, a notification issued by the State home (police) department said yesterday.

SEIZURE:

Three persons have been arrested and drugs worth around seven crore rupees seized in two separate operations in Assam's Cachar district, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said. The contraband was being transported from a neighbouring state, he informed. In a big boost to Assam's mission of a drugs-free society, the Cachar Police seized over 1.2 kg of heroin, the chief minister said through the social media.

FILM:

Sikkimese director Samten Bhutia's feature film 'Tara: the Lost Star' has been selected for market screening at the Cannes International Film Festival. The film, directed by Bhutia is produced by Sabitri Chettri. With its compelling narrative, 'Tara: The Lost Star' is a feature film in Nepali Language which offers a window into the beliefs of the Himalaya's and Sikkim's vibrant culture. It is a social drama film, starring local artists.