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JOBS & CAREER

Advertisement for 2,000 police posts in Meghalaya, recruitment system reforms



The Meghalaya cabinet has decided to issue an advertisement for 2,000 police posts. The announcement comes after a comprehensive restructuring of the state's police recruitment system. The new framework aims to streamline selection procedures, increase transparency, and reduce delays in filling vacancies. After the advertisement is published, candidates will be notified through official channels and the recruitment process will commence.

SARKARI YOJANA

Meghalaya CM gives Sixth Pay Commission eight months to submit report



Shillong, Meghalaya – Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma has constituted the Sixth Pay Commission to review the salary structure of state employees. In a brief press conference, the CM stated that comprehensive reforms are necessary to align salaries with the current cost of living.

The commission has been given a strict eight-month deadline to complete its study process, gather input from stakeholders, and present a detailed report to the government. Officials said this timeframe was set to implement any recommended changes before the next financial year.

The commission's membership has not yet been made public, but it is likely to include senior officials, financial experts, and representatives from employee unions. The government said the commission's report will be presented in the upcoming legislative assembly session, after which legislative approval will be sought for any changes to the pay scale.

This move follows similar pay commissions in other Indian states, aimed at eliminating wage disparities and boosting the morale of public sector employees. No additional information was provided about the scope or methodology of the process at the time of the announcement.

POLITICS

Meghalaya CM orders investigation into ropeway issue



The Chief Minister of Meghalaya stated that the state government has initiated a detailed investigation into the recent malfunction of the ropeway. Meghalaya Express reported that the cause will be determined by reviewing the technical report and safety records.

The ropeway is a vital mode of transport for tourists and locals in the region, particularly in hilly areas where road access is limited. Previous incidents have raised safety concerns, leading to strict monitoring of maintenance standards.

A specialized team of engineers and safety officials has been constituted for the investigation. The team will present its findings to the Chief Minister within the next two weeks, after which corrective measures will be taken.

Ropeway services have been suspended during the investigation, and the government has coordinated alternative transport options to minimize inconvenience for passengers.

EDUCATION

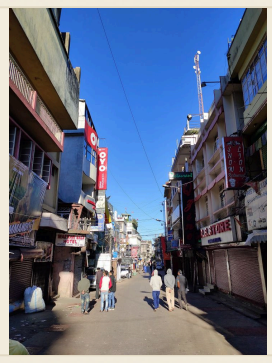
Meghalaya Chief Minister Warns of Teacher Shortage and Financial Implications



The Chief Minister of Meghalaya announced that the state government is facing a shortage of teachers. He warned that this deficit could place financial pressure on the education sector. The chief emphasized that the government should carefully assess the fiscal impact before taking further action. No specific remedial measures were mentioned in the statement.

TECHNOLOGY

Meghalaya Police Launch Cybersecurity Training in Nongranga



The Meghalaya Police Department has announced a cybersecurity training programme for its officers in Nongranga. The programme's primary goal is to train personnel in digital crime investigation, online threat identification and digital forensics techniques. This initiative forms part of a wider effort to strengthen cyber security across all law-enforcement agencies in the state. Experts from the National Cyber Crime Coordination Centre will lead the training sessions, providing practical workshops for police personnel.

AGRICULTURE

First Scientific Study on Traditional Areca Nut Fermentation in Meghalaya



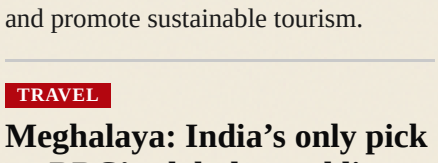
Scientists have completed the first in-depth investigation of areca nut fermentation, a practice followed for generations in Meghalaya. The study details each step of the traditional process and identifies the natural yeasts and bacteria that drive fermentation. Results show that the microbial community significantly contributes to the unique flavor and preservation qualities of the fermented product. Researchers suggest that this documentation can support sustainable agricultural practices and open new possibilities for value-added food products. This report, published through Hub News, marks a significant step in providing scientific validation to indigenous food technologies.

The investigation utilized standard microbiological techniques and chemical analyses, ensuring the data reflects the actual conditions in local households. By listing specific microbial species, this study provides a reference point for future research and potential commercial expansion. While this paper doesn't propose immediate commercialization, it highlights the cultural significance of the practice and its role in regional food security.

food technologists are expected to benefit from these insights, potentially leading to improvements in the sustainability and safety of fermentation. This publication adds another significant contribution to the body of literature bridging traditional knowledge and modern science in northeast Indian states.

TRAVEL

Meghalaya launches ‘Living Meghalaya’ luxury tented circuit, to attract metro travelers



The tourism department of the state of Meghalaya announced the launch of a new luxury tented circuit called “Living Meghalaya”. The initiative combines the state’s natural beauty with comfortable accommodation to offer a premium experience.

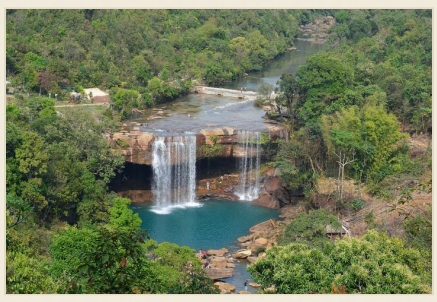
Under the circuit, high-end tents will be erected at selected scenic sites, allowing tourists to enjoy mountains, waterfalls and cultural attractions without any inconvenience.

Primarily targeting the domestic market, special emphasis is placed on attracting travelers from India’s major metro cities—Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Bengaluru.

By drawing metro travelers, the state hopes to increase off-season arrivals, generate income for local communities and promote sustainable tourism.

TRAVEL

Meghalaya: India’s only pick on BBC’s global travel list



BBC has released its annual global travel list, featuring Meghalaya as the sole representative from India. The northeastern state is known for its living root bridges, mist-covered hills, and rich indigenous culture, and has been included among various destinations worldwide.

According to BBC’s travel editors, Meghalaya’s unique blend of eco-tourism and cultural heritage appeals to travelers seeking lesser-known adventures. This recognition is expected to boost the state’s visibility on the international tourism map and potentially increase visitor numbers in the coming season.

State officials have welcomed the acclaim, noting that it aligns with ongoing efforts to promote sustainable tourism and improve infrastructure. While exact visitor estimates have not yet been determined, the publication is expected to inspire both domestic and international travelers to explore Meghalaya’s natural landscapes and community-based attractions.

The BBC list, prepared after extensive research and site visits, underscores Meghalaya’s growing reputation as a must-visit destination in India, reinforcing the country’s broader tourism strategy.

Meghalaya Named in BBC’s Top 20 Travel Destinations for 2027



The BBC has announced that Meghalaya will be included in its list of the top 20 travel destinations for 2027. The selection prominently features the state’s lush landscapes, waterfalls, and rich tribal culture. This news was reported by India Today NE, a regional news outlet.

Known as the “Abode of Clouds,” Meghalaya is renowned for its misty hills, dense forests, and unique living root bridges. The BBC’s recognition is expected to boost tourism and draw international attention to the region’s attractions.

Local officials welcomed the news, stating that it will promote sustainable tourism and support the livelihoods of indigenous communities. The state’s tourism department has planned to launch promotional campaigns to leverage the BBC’s endorsement.

Travelers will have the opportunity to explore locations such as Cherrapunji, Mawlynnong, and Nohkalikai Falls, which have been featured prominently in the BBC’s travel guide.

JOBS & CAREER

Meghalaya Health Department Passes Three New Service Rules to Stop Irregular Promotions



The Meghalaya Health Department has approved three new service rules to stop irregular promotions among its employees.

These rules establish clear eligibility criteria, a structured performance evaluation process, and a defined promotion cycle, replacing the previous discretionary system.

By standardizing the promotion process, the department aims to reduce bias, boost employee morale, and bring human resource practices in line with state civil service standards.

Officials say this new framework will be implemented across all health facilities in the state from the coming financial year.

Meghalaya government decides to settle teachers' pending DA; CPF case in court



The Meghalaya administration has confirmed that it will settle the accumulated DA arrears for teachers. This decision comes after a long delay in salary adjustments, which has affected thousands of teachers. While resolving the DA issue, the dispute related to the CPF is still ongoing in court. Officials stated that the arrears will be paid in the next financial cycle, ensuring teachers receive their due compensation. The government also noted that it will closely monitor the CPF case until the court delivers its verdict.

TRAVEL

New Travel Experiences in Meghalaya with Curated Luxury Stays



Today's Traveller has presented a selection of specially chosen luxury accommodations in Meghalaya. This list includes boutique resorts, heritage homestays, and eco-lodges, blending modern amenities with the state's natural beauty.

Featured properties include a hill-top villa in Shillong, a rainforest retreat near Cherpunji, and a sea-side cottage in Mawlynnong. These all offer amenities like spas, fine-dining, and private guided tours, as well as reflecting local architecture and craftsmanship.

This curated list aims to attract high-end tourists and promote sustainable tourism in the region. By promoting premium experiences, this initiative aims to increase per capita tourist spending and encourage the conservation of cultural-environmental heritage.

Bookings for these accommodations can be made through Today's Traveller's online platform, where detailed descriptions, photo galleries, and contact information are available.

POLITICS

Anurag Agarwal appointed as Meghalaya’s Acting DGP



The Meghalaya government announced that IPS officer Anurag Agarwal will serve as the Acting Director General of Police (DGP) following the retirement of former DGP Nongrang.

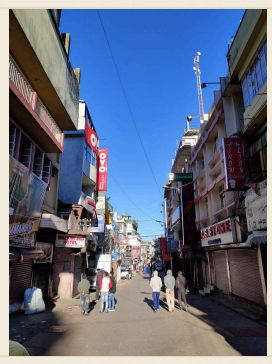
the Indian Police Service and will oversee the police force during this interim period until a permanent appointment is made.

This move is part of the state government’s regular rotation of senior police leadership, ensuring continuity in law and order administration.

An official statement from the Meghalaya Police Department welcomed Agarwal’s experience and confirmed his appointment to guide the force during the transitional phase.

LOCAL

Meghalaya appoints acting DGP following Nongrang’s retirement



The Meghalaya government has appointed an acting DGP following the retirement of the state’s top police officer, Director General of Police (DGP) Nongrang. This interim appointment is intended to ensure continuity within the police force.

Under the procedural criteria established by the Supreme Court, the Union Public Service Commission (UPSC), and the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), the permanent DGP will be appointed after a transparent evaluation of eligible candidates. This process is in line with constitutional and administrative rules.

The acting DGP will assume full responsibility for police operations, law and order, and ongoing investigations across the state until the regular appointment is completed.

State officials stated that this temporary arrangement will not affect the efficiency of the police department, and the final selection will be announced once the necessary approvals are received.

HEALTH

Meghalaya health officials warn against overuse of antibiotics



Health officials in Meghalaya have expressed serious concern over the increasing misuse of antibiotics in the state. They warn that this overuse is contributing to a rise in antibiotic resistance, a global health crisis that jeopardizes our ability to treat common infections. Officials have urged the public to use antibiotics only when prescribed by a doctor and to complete the full course as directed. They also emphasized the importance of good hygiene and vaccination in preventing infections.

Meghalaya artisan company showcases traditional crafts at India International Trade Fair



At the India International Trade Fair held in Delhi, a Meghalaya-based company showcased its traditional handloom and bamboo crafts. The stall featured handwoven fabrics, intricately carved bamboo furniture, and decorative items that reflect the state's cultural identity.

Company representatives stated that their participation aims to expand their market reach at the national level and attract larger buyers. They emphasized the use of local bamboo and natural dyes as sustainable practices, making their products environmentally friendly options.

Organizers of the trade fair noted a growing interest in Northeastern crafts, describing Meghalaya's display as a prime example of India's diverse artisanal landscape. The company hopes that this exposure will lead to new orders and collaborations, thereby improving the income of local artisans.

The stall drew a significant crowd, with buyers and trade representatives inquiring about bulk purchasing and export opportunities. Officials from the Ministry of Textiles were also present, underscoring government support for promoting regional crafts on a national platform.

Overall, the company's participation highlighted the economic potential of traditional craftsmanship while marking a significant step toward preserving cultural heritage.

INTERNATIONAL

Xi calls for open trade in Asia-Pacific region



Chinese President Xi Jinping has declared that open trade is essential for the Asia-Pacific region.

In his remarks, Xi stated that a more open trade environment would benefit all economies in the region, fostering cooperation and mutual development.

This comment was reported by Meghalayan Express, highlighting its relevance amidst ongoing geopolitical and economic discussions in the Asia-Pacific.

The call for open policy aligns with China's broader strategy focused on regional economic integration and strengthening trade relations with neighboring countries.

Analysts believe such statements could influence trade policies and diplomatic relations in the region.

Meghalaya adopts medium-term borrowing strategy, secures ₹100 crore incentive



The Meghalaya state cabinet approved a medium-term borrowing strategy to manage debt over the coming years. The plan outlines methods for raising funds, repayment schedules, and aligning borrowing with development priorities.

Alongside the strategy, the government secured an additional ₹100 crore incentive, which will be added to the state's financial resources. This incentive will support capital-intensive projects without immediately increasing the debt burden.

Officials said the new framework will strengthen Meghalaya's credit profile and provide a predictable financial foundation for initiatives in infrastructure, health, and education, while keeping debt levels within sustainable limits.

POLITICS

Meghalaya government approves Sixth Pay Commission recommendations, new pay structure set



The Meghalaya government approved the recommendations of the Sixth Pay Commission in a meeting on Thursday, aiming to overhaul the pay scales of state employees. The proposed changes by the commission will affect various public servants, including civil servants, police personnel, and teachers, potentially leading to increases in their salaries and allowances. State officials stated that this step is crucial for boosting morale and attracting competent professionals to public service. Following the approval, the recommendations will be sent to the Governor for ratification, after which a formal notification will be issued to implement the changes.

Meghalaya launches digital transport services and EV subsidy portal



Recently, the Meghalaya government launched a digital platform that integrates transport services and includes an Electric Vehicle (EV) subsidy portal.

The portal is designed to simplify vehicle registration, licensing, and fee payments online, while the EV subsidy section will provide information on incentives for purchasing electric vehicles.

Coinciding with the launch, the state signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways to enhance road safety.

Officials stated that digital services will be available through a dedicated portal and mobile app, allowing residents to manage transport-related tasks from home.

CRIME

Meghalaya Police Chief Identifies Cybercrime and Drug Abuse as Key Challenges



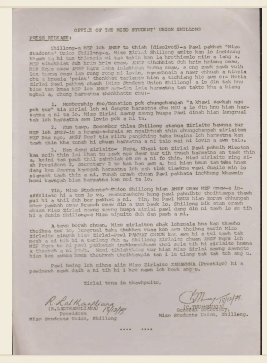
As he departs Meghalaya, the Police Chief stated that cybercrime and drug abuse are the most significant challenges facing the state's police forces. In a statement issued to the press, the DGP highlighted the rising misuse of digital platforms for online fraud, hacking incidents, and illegal activities.

He also emphasized the persistent issue of drug trafficking and consumption within the state's borders, noting that it undermines community safety and erodes public trust in law and order. strengthening cybersecurity measures and intensifying anti-drug operations to control these growing threats. He expressed gratitude for his team's efforts and promised to hand over a robust framework to his successor.

The statement comes as Meghalaya grapples with a rise in cyber incidents and drug-related crimes, increasing the demand for more resources and specialized training for police personnel.

EDUCATION

Show-Cause Notices Issued to Aided School Teachers in Meghalaya for Unauthorized Absence



The Meghalaya State Education Department has initiated disciplinary action against several teachers working in aided schools following reports of unauthorized absence. Each teacher has been issued a show-cause notice, and the department stated that if the explanations are found unsatisfactory, suspension and formal inquiries may follow.

According to the department's order, any teacher who remains absent without prior permission will be considered in violation of state service rules and will face punitive action. The notices instruct teachers to submit written responses within a specified timeframe, after which a decision on suspension or other action will be made.

This step has been taken in light of growing concerns over teacher absenteeism in state schools, which has been affecting students' learning processes. Officials said the move will ensure accountability and maintain the quality of education in aided institutions.

As of reporting, no official response has been recorded from teachers' unions or individual staff members.

Meghalaya Teachers Donate ₹1 to Deputy CM, Pledge to Continue Strike



Teachers in Meghalaya have been on strike for several weeks due to salary arrears, demanding wage improvements.

Recently, striking teachers donated a symbolic ₹1 to the Deputy Chief Minister, indicating that their struggle is about rights rather than politics.

The teachers pledged to continue their strike and demanded an immediate meeting with state officials.

As of now, no official response has been received from the state government.

LOCAL

Meghalaya Signs MoU for Transfer of Baljek Airport



The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on Tuesday at the Meghalaya Secretariat, officially initiating the process of transferring the ownership of Baljek Airport from the central government to the state's civil aviation department.

Baljek Airport, located near Shillong, has long been considered a targeted area for development to promote tourism and improve connectivity in the northeastern region. The MoU outlines the terms of the transfer, including infrastructure, land, and operational assets.

State officials said the transfer will expedite decision-making and investment, enabling upgrades to the runway, terminal facilities, and security systems. The civil aviation department plans to open the airport for commercial flights within the next two years. Minister of Meghalaya and the Civil Aviation Minister, who highlighted the project's potential for job creation and attracting investment to the state's emerging aviation sector.

POLITICS

Meghalaya CM: State to Become Music Capital, Not Just a Concert Hub



Shillong, Meghalaya – State Chief Minister Conrad Sangma said that Meghalaya will be established not merely as a concert venue, but as the music capital of India. In a press briefing, he outlined the government's plan to strengthen local musical talent and heritage.

Sangma spoke about promoting music education, encouraging indigenous instruments, and organizing multiple festivals showcasing various styles. This announcement is a step towards creating a sustained cultural center, moving beyond occasional concerts.

Cultural experts welcomed the move, stating that greater recognition and government support for Meghalaya's rich folk tunes and emerging indie scene will strengthen its position at the national level. The statement lays the foundation for future policies that will give the state a prominent place on the cultural map.