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### Meghalaya Launched its First Drone Station

#### For Delivery of Healthcare Items at Jengjal Sub-Divisional Hospital

**Jengjal, December 5, 2022:** The Government of Meghalaya via the Meghalaya Health Systems Strengthening Project (MHSSP) in partnership with TechEagle launches Northeast's First Drone Delivery Hub and Network to provide Universal Access to Healthcare in Meghalaya.



The Government of Meghalaya unveiled Northeast's First Drone Delivery Hub and Network, in partnership with TechEagle, one of the fastest-growing drone delivery start-up. The groundbreaking effort intends to improve the universal access to healthcare in the state by delivering vital supplies like drugs, diagnostic samples, vaccines, blood and blood components quickly and safely to different regions of the state using a dedicated Drone Delivery Network.



The commencement of the project began with the inauguration of Asia's First Drone Delivery Hub built at the Jengjal Sub-Divisional Hospital, on 5th Dec 2022 by Shri James P.K.Sangma the Hon'ble Minister, Health and Family Welfare, Meghalaya. On the same day, the first official drone flight took off from Jengjal Sub Divisional Hospital (Hub) and delivered medicines to Padeldoba PHC in less than 30 mins which would have otherwise taken 2.5 hours by road.

TechEagle's Vertiplane X3 Drone delivered different healthcare products including Snake venom-2 pax, Labetalol- 4 pax, Human Albumin-1 pax, Cefotaxime (typhoid dose)- 50 pax in its first flight which was 5X faster in comparison to ground transportation.



Shri James P.K.Sangma the Hon'ble Minister, Health and Family Welfare, Meghalaya while launching the project mentioned, "We are seeing something that is unparalleled in any place of the world. It is a matter of pride for the State of Meghalaya that we would be the first state to institutionalise this initiative and have a system that can be expanded to other areas of the State as well."

Ramkumar S, Project Director, Meghalaya Health Systems Strengthening Project stated “I’m very happy that we are able to start such an initiative in the State, which aims at providing access to life-saving drugs and other medical essentials to far-flung and hard-to-reach areas of the State.” He further added “The drone station is meant for regular delivery of medicines, vaccines, blood samples, anti-venoms, etc.”

The significant challenges in last-mile delivery call for an approach to revolutionize the conventional delivery system. With Northeast’s First Drone Delivery Network, the solution provided by TechEagle overcomes the problem of lack of visibility, high delivery costs, outdated technology and inaccessibility through roads and railway networks.

Delighted with the announcement, Mr. Vikram Singh, CEO & Founder of TechEagle said, “Transforming the logistics and healthcare supply chain is at the heart of TechEagle’s vision and this initiative is a first big step forward in the direction of achieving the goal of universal access to healthcare and logistics across the world. We are thankful to the Govt of Meghalaya & MHSSP to provide us this opportunity to create a larger impact on grass root level.”