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New Transport Bus Inaugurated at Meghalaya House, Kolkata to Support Visitors from Meghalaya

Shillong, Sept 24: GAD Minister Sosthenes Sohtun on Thursday officially inaugurated a new transport bus at Meghalaya House, Kolkata, aimed at providing safe, convenient and affordable transportation for people from Meghalaya visiting the city.



Addressing the gathering, Sohtun said the core objective of Meghalaya House in Kolkata was to support the people of the state, officials and particularly students visiting the city for educational excursions, study tours and other programmes.



He said the new bus would provide a seamless, secure and efficient mode of transportation, especially in view of the high cost of regular transport services in Kolkata.

The Minister said Meghalaya House has been catering to the needs of students, teachers, groups, organisations and delegations from the state that require government support while visiting Kolkata and other parts of West Bengal.

He highlighted the importance of educational visits, stating that students and teachers from different parts of Meghalaya visit other states to learn about educational systems and practices. Kolkata, he added, has a rich legacy and a close historical connection with Meghalaya.

Drawing a parallel with the STEMS bus service in Shillong, Sohtun said the initiative had helped address transportation difficulties faced by students and parents and had contributed to easing traffic congestion in the city.

He said the bus service in Kolkata was intended to provide similar support to people from Meghalaya visiting West Bengal.

Sohtun urged the people of Meghalaya, particularly educational institutions, to make the best use of the facility. He also called upon users to take a sense of pride and ownership, stating that those travelling on the bus would represent Meghalaya as ambassadors of the state.



The Minister expressed appreciation to the management and staff of Meghalaya House, Kolkata, and the GAD Department for their efforts in making the initiative possible. He also wished the officers and staff of Meghalaya House success in providing services to the people of the state.