



PRESS RELEASE



North Garo Hills steps up the fight against Tobacco

Resubelpara, August 12, 2025: North Garo Hills Police have intensified their fight against public smoking and illegal tobacco sales recording 1,545 Challan and collecting ₹1.52 lakhs in penalty over the last two years under Cigarettes and other Tobacco Products Act (CoTPA), 2003.

This sustained effort makes North Garo Hills as one of the strongest performers in Tobacco control enforcement.

The drive targeted smoking in public places and the sale of Tobacco Products in nearby educational institutions with top performing units leading the way such as WageA•si OGC collecting 259 challans and ₹ 30,050 in fine, Mendipathar WPS with 231 challans and penalty charges ₹ 17, 200, Mendipathar PS collected 218 challans and ₹ 31,600 while Rari OGC gathered 198 challans and ₹ 19,750.

GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
DIRECTORATE OF HEALTH SERVICES
NATIONAL TOBACCO CONTROL PROGRAMME (NHM)
COTPA ACT 2003
42661
Enforced by Kharkutta P.S. Dept.
CASH RECEIPT FOR SPOT FINE
Date 23/03/24
Name Shri. Samil Rukha
Address Nehru Bazar
Section under offenders are punished
• Violation Section 4
• Violation Section 6
• Others
Fine amount
₹ 100/-
Name & Designation of the authorized officer
Signature of authorized officer

Superintendent of Police, North Garo Hills, Shri. Pawar Swapnil Vasantrao, IPS commended the dedication of officers across all stations, said "our mission is not only to enforce the law but to protect lives. Every challan represents a step towards making our district safer and healthier for all."

The campaign is supported through capacity building, awareness materials and school outreach by the National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) under the Health & Family Welfare Department, NHM Meghalaya.

Dr. Nabneeta D Mawrie, State Nodal Officer for NTCP Meghalaya lauded the Police's role. "Tobacco is a leading cause of cancer and premature death, North Garo Hills' consistent enforcement have set an example for other districts", she added.

Community members have also voiced strong support. "We see fewer people smoking in market areas now which is good for our children's health", said a shopkeeper in Resubelpara.



With consistent checking in school zones and public transport hub, North Garo Hills Police is demonstrating a committed action towards creating public health impact.