India's First Digital Nomad Village

Yakten, a village in **Sikkim's Pakyong district**, has been officially declared **India's first digital nomad village** under the **'Nomad Sikkim' initiative.**

- **About Yakten Nomad Village:** It is a **step** towards promoting **sustainable tourism**, **remote work opportunities**, and **grassroots entrepreneurship** in the **Himalayan state**.
    - It aligns with **Sikkim CM's "One Family, One Entrepreneur"** initiative to foster **local entrepreneurship** and **youth innovation**.
- **Aim:** It aims to transform **strategic locations** in Sikkim into **year-round hubs** for **digital professionals** across India and abroad, while ensuring **sustainable income opportunities** for **homestay owners** during the **tourist off-season**, which may stretch for **six months.**
    - It offers **high-speed Wi-Fi**, **eco-friendly practices**, and a **zero-waste management system**.
- **About Nomad Sikkim Initiative:** It is a **joint initiative** of the **Pakyong district administration** and **Sarvahitey NGO** to create a **digital nomad hub** for **professionals** seeking a blend of **remote work** and **peaceful living**.
    - A **digital nomad** is a person who uses **technology to work remotely,** earning a living online while moving between **different locations of their choice**.
- The State holds the distinction of being **India's first fully organic state** (2016), the **first state to introduce organic aquaculture** (fish farming), and the **first state to achieve 100% Open Defecation Free (ODF) status (2016).**

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