

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN
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HEADLINES:-

- 1. Union Minister for DoNER and Communications, Jyotiraditya Scindia visit North Eastern Council in Shillong and launches North East Region Agri Commodity E-Connect web portal and mobile application designed to benefit farming community and buyers in North Eastern Region.**
- 2. Department of Science and Technology in Sikkim holds meeting on Glacial Lake Outburst Floods and discusses serious issue of flash floods from glacial outbursts, particularly South Lhonak Lake incident in October last year.**
- 3. Union government sanctions several road projects for Tripura and Assam to strengthen rural connectivity and accelerate economic growth in North Eastern Region.**
- 4. Flood situation improves further in Assam but more than 2,500 villages under 86 revenue circles across 26 districts are still reeling under flood and over 39,000 hectares of crop areas damaged across the state.**
- 5. Defending champions, Mohun Bagan Super Giant will face Downtown Heroes FC of Kashmir in opening match of 133rd Indian Oil Durand Cup at Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan, Kolkata on 27th of this month.**

SCINDIA

Union Minister for DoNER and Communications, Jyotiraditya Scindia yesterday visited to the North Eastern Council in Shillong and launched the North East Region Agri Commodity E-Connect web portal and mobile application, designed to benefit the farming community and buyers in the North Eastern Region. Speaking on the benefits of the web portal and app, the Union Minister said, the dream of a self-reliant India - Atmanirbhar Bharat and Viksit Bharat can only be realised when we have Atmanirbhar Northeast and a Viksit Northeast. The Union Minister also chaired a review meeting of ongoing schemes and projects wherein a presentation on the first draft of the NER Vision 2047 was delivered by the Secretary of NEC. The DoNER Minister also held a meeting with Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma wherein the areas of core competence and comparative advantage were outlined. He said that ideas were discussed as to how a new modern city with traditional strengths can be built further looking at areas of core competencies of tourism, agriculture, IT and how we should build that further for a Viksit Purvottar.

SIKKIM

In Sikkim, the Department of Science and Technology, yesterday held a meeting on Glacial Lake Outburst Floods. Initiated by MP, Indra Hang Subba, the session was led by Secretary Sandeep Tambe, who discussed the serious issue of flash floods from glacial outbursts, particularly the South Lhonak Lake incident in October last year. The department's scientific team, with years of research on South Lhonak Lake, highlighted the growing risks due to climate change and other factors. They identified 16 high-risk glacial lakes in Sikkim with the National Disaster Management Authority. The meeting emphasized the urgent need for a Regional Centre for Glaciology in Sikkim to enhance research, understand threats, and develop preventive measures.

ROAD PROJECTS

The Union government has sanctioned several road projects for Tripura and Assam to strengthen rural connectivity and accelerate economic growth in the North Eastern Region. The Ministry of Rural Development has sanctioned 78 roads measuring 563 kms and 14 bridges under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana with an estimated investment of over 378 crore rupees for Assam. The Ministry has also sanctioned 42 roads measuring 118 kms with an estimated investment of 114 crore rupees for Tripura. The Ministry said, these projects will improve access to essential services like healthcare, education, and markets. It will also enhance connectivity in rural areas, bridging the gap between remote villages and urban centers. According to the Ministry, the projects will also improve the socio-economic condition of the Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups living in Tripura.

FLOOD

In Assam, the flood situation has improved further but more than 2,500 villages under 86 revenue circles across 26 districts are still reeling under flood and over 39,000 hectares of crop areas have been damaged across the state. There is no report of loss of human life due during the last 24 hours. The rivers Brahmaputra, Burhidihing, Disang and Kushiya are flowing above the danger level. Meanwhile, the India Meteorological Department has warned of heavy to extremely heavy rainfall at isolated places in Assam. The State government has opened up 189 relief camps and 110 relief distribution centres. The NDRF and SDRF teams have also been deployed for rescue and relief operations.

DURAND

Defending champions, Mohun Bagan Super Giant will face Downtown Heroes FC of Kashmir in the opening match of the 133rd Indian Oil Durand Cup at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan, Kolkata on the 27th of this month. All 43 matches will be broadcast LIVE on Sony Sports Network as well as livestreamed on the SonyLiv OTT platform. While matches of Group A, B and C will be held in Kolkata, Group D matches will see hosts Jamshedpur FC take on Bangladesh Army Football Team, one of the two foreign teams competing in the tournament. Group E games will begin in Kokrajhar, Assam on the 30th of this month with local side Bodoland FC taking on ISL side North East United FC. Shillong, which will also host the Indian Oil Durand Cup for the first time, will see hosts Shillong Lajong FC take on Nepal's Tribhuvan Army Football Team on 2nd August in the first fixture of Group F. A total of 24 teams have been divided into six groups with the six group toppers and two best second placed teams slated to qualify for the knockouts.
