

## **NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN**

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### **HEADLINES:-**

- Union Minister of Power and Housing & Urban Affairs Manohar Lal chairs the conference of Power Ministers' of North Eastern Region held in Guwahati.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will announce a package for the relief and rehabilitation of flood-hit Assam very soon, says Union Minister of Power, Housing and Urban Affairs, Manohar Lal.
- In Assam, death toll due to flood-related incidents rises to 79.
- Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan calls upon States and Union Territories to work together for building a collaborative education system.
- Controller General of Defence Accounts, Mrs. Devika Raghuvanshi, inaugurates the new Area Accounts Office in Jorhat, Assam.

### **CONFERENCE**

The conference of Power Ministers' of North Eastern Region States of Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura was held in Guwahati yesterday. Mr. Manohar Lal, Union Minister of Power and Housing & Urban Affairs chaired the conference. Power Ministers' of the States, Additional Secretary (Power), Govt of India, along with senior officials from the States and CPSEs also attended the conference. During the Conference, detailed deliberations were held in respect of overall scenario of the Power Sector in the States of North-Eastern Region with a special focus on various aspects of Hydro-power Generation, Power Transmission and Distribution in the North-Eastern States.

### **PM**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will announce a package for the relief and rehabilitation of flood-hit Assam very soon, said Union Minister of Power, Housing and Urban Affairs, Manohar Lal in Guwahati yesterday. Talking to media persons after Chairing review meetings of Power and Urban Ministers from the North-East Region States, Mr. Lal said that the Union Government is committed to help the flood affected people of Assam. He informed that damage assessment of flood is going on in the State and the Prime Minister will announce the package after completion of the assessment. The Union Minister also chaired review meetings with the Power and Urban Ministers of North-Eastern Region (except Arunachal Pradesh) on the Missions and Schemes of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs and Power sectors.

### **POWER**

Meghalaya Power Minister Mr. Abu Taher Mondal attended the NER Power Ministers' Conference in Guwahati. Chaired by Union Power Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, the conference featured discussion of matters related to Power

Generation, Transmission and Distribution in Meghalaya and the Northeastern Region. Matters pertaining to the development of Pumped Storage Projects in Meghalaya were highlighted by Mr. Abu Taher Mondal. The Minister also sought support from Central Government to provide financial assistance for development of PSP. He also raised the matters pertaining to Central Financial Assistance for small hydro power projects in the state which has been stopped as of now by the Ministry. The Minister also requested that the DPR submitted by Meghalaya Power Distribution Corporation Limited for Revamped Distribution Sector Scheme Phase II be approved at the earliest. The Minister also shared the matters related to gap in funding from Central Government between the Sanctioned Cost and the Discovered cost for RDSS Phase I.

## **FLOOD**

In Assam, death toll due to flood-related incidents has reached 72. The flood scenario of the state improved slightly but over 22 lakh people are still reeling under the deluge across 27 districts. More than 3100 villages of 91 revenue circles were affected by flood and over 49000 hectares of crop areas have been damaged across the state. NDRF and SDRF teams rescued 218 people yesterday. River Brahmaputra, Barak and all their tributaries are flowing above the danger level. The flood damaged 127 roads and 2 bridges, apart from other infrastructure, yesterday. The state government has opened 245 relief camps and 298 relief distribution centres. There are over 53 thousand people are in the relief camps.

## **EDUCATION**

Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has called upon States and Union Territories to work together for building a collaborative education system. Addressing the inaugural session of review meeting of Department of School Education and Literacy with States and Union Territories in New Delhi yesterday, Mr Pradhan shared his thoughts on the road map for the next five years for the holistic development of school education. He said that education is a key pillar of the Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Viksit Bharat and called upon States and Union Territories to work together to achieve this goal. He said, the implementation of National Education Policy is key to transforming India into a knowledge superpower and enabling equitable and inclusive access to quality education. Speaking about education in Indian languages, he said that the National Education Policy 2020 stresses upon the importance of education in mother tongue and all Indian languages.

## **COMPTROLLER**

The Controller General of Defence Accounts, Smt. Devika Raghuvanshi, inaugurated the new Area Accounts Office in Jorhat in Assam. The ceremony was attended by Major General Deepak Sharma, GoC 41 Sub-Area, Mr. Ambarish Barman, Controller of Defence Accounts, Guwahati, senior officers from the Defence Services, District Administration, and other dignitaries. Speaking on the occasion. Smt. Raghuvanshi emphasized the Defence Accounts Department's legacy and its role in implementing technological advancements to meet evolving demands. She highlighted the necessity of the new office to address logistical challenges and improve service to units in the Upper Assam Region.

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