

## **NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN**

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### **HEADLINES:-**

- **Union Cabinet approves proposal of Ministry of Power for providing Central Financial Assistance to State Governments of North Eastern Region towards their equity participation for development of Hydro Electric Projects through Joint Venture collaboration between State entities and Central Public Sector Undertakings.**
- **Mizoram government orders closure of schools in four districts - Aizawl, Lunglei, Hnahthial and Mamit due to heavy rain.**
- **Discussion meeting of programme heads of All India Radio Stations from eight North Eastern States commences at auditorium of North Eastern Hill University, Shillong.**
- **Assam government asserts that necessary steps are being taken by Centre and state government to completely seal Assam-Bangladesh border.**
- **Meghalaya government examines suggestions related to setting up of new district within East Khasi Hills district with its headquarters at Sohra.**
- **Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announces that Centre decides to release Aadhar card of over 9.35 lakh people of Assam.**
- **Meghalaya school clinches title in Sub-Junior Boys of 63rd Subroto Cup International Football Tournament as Nongjri Presbyterian Secondary School defeats Major Dhyanchand Sports College, Uttar Pradesh 3-0.**

### **NEWS IN ORDER:-**

#### **POWER-NE:**

**The Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister, Narendra Modi has approved the proposal of the Ministry of Power for providing Central Financial Assistance to State Governments of the North Eastern Region towards their equity participation for development of Hydro Electric Projects through Joint Venture collaboration between State entities and Central Public Sector Undertakings. This scheme has an outlay of 4,136 crore rupees to be implemented from Financial Year 2024-25 to Financial Year 2031-32. A cumulative hydro capacity of about 15,000 MW would be supported under the scheme. The scheme would be funded through 10% Gross Budgetary Support for the North Eastern Region from the total outlay of the Ministry of Power. The Scheme formulated by the Ministry of Power provides for formation of a Joint Venture company for all projects of a Central PSU with the State Government. This scheme shall play a significant role in harnessing the hydro power potential of the North East. It would bring huge investment in the North Eastern Region and would provide large number of direct employment to the local people along with indirect employment / entrepreneurial opportunities through transportation, tourism, small-scale business.**

#### **MIZORAM:**

The Mizoram government has ordered the closure of schools in four districts due to heavy rain, officials said. The District administrations of Aizawl, Lunglei, Hnahthial and Mamit have issued separate public notices yesterday stating that all schools will remain closed as a precautionary measure due to inclement weather conditions and torrential rain in the districts. A notice issued by the Aizawl district administration also said that landslides, mudslides and rock falls have been witnessed in several areas within Aizawl town and its surrounding villages and there is still the possibility of such incidents in certain areas within the district.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

A discussion meeting of programme heads of All India Radio Stations from the eight North Eastern States commenced yesterday in the auditorium of North Eastern Hills University (NEHU), Shillong. The two-day discussion meeting was inaugurated by Deepak Joshi Deputy Director General (Policy), New Delhi. In his Inaugural address, he emphasized that sharing experience and technique of programme heads in reaching out to the public through radio will greatly help in expanding to reach of Ashwani's programmes to the masses. He highlighted that utilizing new technology and exchanging experience by engaging with remote communities will yield meaningful result. During the meeting, Ashih Bhattnagar, Additional Director General, All India Radio, (North East Zone) stated that programme heads play a crucial role in conveying the government's ambitious programme to the public. He advised the programme heads to ensure the active participation of listener, especially those from the grassroots, in radio programmes. Prior to the start of the discussion, Ms R.LM Marbaniang the programme head All India Radio Shillong along with Shree H. Diengdoh the station head welcomed the programme heads from North Eastern States and highlighted the objectives of the Shillong.

#### **SEAL:**

The Assam government has asserted that necessary steps are being taken by the Centre and the state government to completely seal the Assam-Bangladesh border. Assam Agriculture Minister, Atul Bora informed the state assembly that border fencing will prevent illegal immigration. He said that fencing for only 4.35 kilometres is yet to be completed. The Minister informed the house that the Border Guards Bangladesh had raised some issues on the fencing which have been addressed.

#### **DISTRICT:**

The Meghalaya government is examining suggestions related to setting up of a new district within East Khasi Hills district with its headquarters at Sohra. TMC leader Charles Pyngrope has suggested the State government to consider setting up a new district within East Khasi Hills district. Earlier, MLA from Mawsynram constituency, Olan Sing Suin had asked the government whether the long pending demand for the creation of a new civil sub-division at Mawsynram Community and Rural development block will be considered. In his reply, the Deputy Chief Minister said, the government is examining not just a civil sub division and Community Rural Development Block but creating a new district as well.

#### **RELEASE:**

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced that the Centre has decided to release the Aadhar card of over 9.35 lakh people of the state. Talking to newsmen in Guwahati, the Chief Minister said that between February 2019 and August 2019, the allotment process of Aadhar was stopped due to NRC

biometric related exercise in Assam. Sarma said that he recently met Union Home Minister Amit Shah to appraise him on this issue. He further mentioned that these 9.35 lakh people are likely to collect their cards within 15 to 30 days.

**SUBROTO:**

Meghalaya lifted the trophy in the Sub-Junior Boys of the 63rd Subroto Cup International Football Tournament as Nongjri Presbyterian Secondary School defeated Major Dhyanchand Sports College, Uttar Pradesh 3-0 yesterday. Prosperwell Ryntong scored a brace in the 1st minute and 34th minute while Namebanlam Nongkseh scored the third goal in the 48th minute for the winners at the Army Service Corps Centre, Bengaluru. Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor presented the trophy to the winners along with Indian badminton star HS Prannoy and athlete Ashwini Akkunji. The Meghalaya school stunned the Uttar Pradesh side within 30 seconds of the start, taking the lead from the first attack of the match. The winners received 4 lakh rupees while the runner up received 2 lakh rupees. The losing semi-finalists got 50,000 rupees each while the losing quarterfinalist teams were given 25,000 rupees each.

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