

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

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- 2. At least seven people have lost their lives due to landslides or drowning triggered by heavy rainfall in Tripura.**
- 3. The Assam Cabinet yesterday approved a bill to abolish the Assam Muslim Marriages and Divorce Registration Act and Rules of 1935, which permitted underage marriages under specific conditions.**
- 4. The banned Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council (HNLC) had conspired with its Bangladesh-based cadre to plant improvised explosive devices in the Khasi and Jaintia Hills region, the Meghalaya police informed.**
- 5. A local court in Shillong remanded the cashier of the North Eastern Council to judicial custody for 14 days for allegedly molesting a 23-year-old co-worker.**
- 6. The Techno Incubation Centre for Jackfruit Processing was set up at the College of Community Science, Tura under the Mission Jackfruit in Meghalaya.**
- 7. The Sikkim government has begun using Nepali as an official language, besides English, across all its gazettes and notifications.**

WATER:

Union Minister of State for Jal Shakti, Raj Bhushan Choudhary reviewed various central schemes being implemented in Meghalaya during his visit to Shillong yesterday. Meghalaya Minister of Water Resource Department, C Ymbon was also present during the meeting in the state secretariat along with senior officials. The Minister expressed satisfaction with the progress in the implementation of schemes in Meghalaya and offered suggestions for mitigating scarcity of water during the dry season, including construction of reservoirs. On the issue of Maternal Mortality Ratio and Infant Mortality Rate, he highlighted the importance of education and specifically on the importance of increasing female literacy.

WEATHER:

At least seven people have lost their lives due to landslides or drowning triggered by heavy rainfall in Tripura. Normal life has also been severely affected with vehicular traffic disrupted due to incessant rain. Vast low lying areas, including cropping fields have been

inundated due to water logging. Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha chaired a review meeting with senior officials to assess the current flood situation across the state. He has instructed all officials to leave no stone unturned to ensure timely support and relief to the affected people.

ASSAM

The Assam Cabinet yesterday approved a bill to abolish the Assam Muslim Marriages and Divorce Registration Act and Rules of 1935, which permitted underage marriages under specific conditions. Earlier this year, the state cabinet had approved the abolition of the Act. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said that the cabinet has taken a significant step to ensure justice for the daughters and sisters of Assam by putting additional safeguards against child marriage. The new bill is to be tabled in the assembly in the next session. The Chief Minister further said that the cabinet has decided to reduce VAT on CNG to five percent. The cabinet approved a financial sanction of 200 crore rupees for the Assam Cancer Care Foundation to support the Assam Cancer Care Project for 2024-25.

IED

The banned Hynniewtrep National Liberation Council (HNLC) had conspired with its Bangladesh-based cadre to plant improvised explosive devices in the Khasi and Jaintia Hills region of Meghalaya during the run-up to and on the Independence Day this year, the state police informed yesterday. Ri-Bhoi district Superintendent of Police, Jagpal Singh Dhanoa said that three HNLC cadres, who were arrested in this connection have been booked under the Unlawful (Activities) Prevention Act.

COURT :

A local court in Shillong remanded the cashier of the North Eastern Council (NEC) to judicial custody for 14 days for allegedly molesting a 23-year-old co-worker, a casual employee at his official quarter. The Laitumkhrah police have registered a case against him under various sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita. East Khasi Hills District Superintendent of Police, Sylvester Nongtnger said that the woman was sent for medical examination and then, a case was registered against the accused.

JACKFRUIT:

The Techno Incubation Centre for Jackfruit Processing was set up at the College of Community Science, Tura under the Mission Jackfruit in Meghalaya, marking a significant advancement in the region's agricultural and entrepreneurial landscape. This initiative aims to transform jackfruit, an underutilized resource into a commercially viable product, offering sustainable income opportunities for local farmers and entrepreneurs. The Centre was inaugurated by Vice-Chancellor, Central Agriculture University, Imphal, Anupam Mishra. Addressing the gathering virtually, Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma said this was one of the important developmental projects dedicated for the people of the north eastern region.

LANGUAGE:

The Sikkim government has begun using Nepali as an official language, besides English, across all its gazettes and notifications since yesterday. The announcement was made by Chief Minister PS Tamang at a function held to mark the Nepali Bhasha Manyata Diwas. In a notification, the state government said the Sikkim Official Language Act, 1977, recognizes Nepali as one of the official languages of the state.
