

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Tripura Government declares entire state as Natural Calamity Affected Area; Inter-ministerial central team conducts spot assessments of most affected places.
- Assam assembly passes Assam Repealing Bill, 2024 to abolish The Assam Moslem Marriages and Divorces Registration Act, 1935 and bring registration of Muslim marriages and divorces under government system.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma informs State Assembly that North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (Other Than Roads Infrastructure) was introduced by Ministry of DoNER during 2023-24 and only one project has been sanctioned for Meghalaya during 2023-24.
- Union Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya inspects projects taken up in Bishnupur district of Manipur under central sponsored schemes.
- Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting L Murugan says that North East has made tremendous progress under Prime Minister Narendra Modi.
- Discussion meeting of programme heads of All India Radio Stations from eight North Eastern States concluded in Shillong.
- Meghalaya Assembly Speaker appoints senior most legislator, Dr. Mukul Sangma as new Leader of Opposition while Ronnie V. Lyngdoh as Opposition Chief Whip in Meghalaya Legislative Assembly.
- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu says State Government is giving priority to promote sports in state and declaring this year as 'Year of the Youth' in the state budget will significantly boost this effort.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

TRIPURA

The Tripura Government has declared the entire state as a Natural Calamity Affected Area, even as the inter-ministerial central team is conducting spot assessments of the most affected places. The Inter-Ministerial Central Team which began its assessment for the losses incurred in Gomati and South Tripura districts, will also visit Khowai and Sepahijala districts which were battered by rains and floods. So far 32 persons have lost their lives. Meanwhile, the flood water has contaminated water resources and therefore poses high risk of the outbreak of water-borne diseases. The Health Department continues to conduct health camps and the Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation has issued standard operating procedures to mitigate the risk of water-borne diseases and ensure safe disposal of waste.

BILL

The Assam assembly has passed the Assam Repealing Bill, 2024 abolishing The Assam Moslem Marriages and Divorces Registration Act, 1935. Taking part in the discussion, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said that the aim was not only to abolish child marriage but also to get away with the Kazi system. He stressed that the objective was to bring registration of Muslim marriages and divorces under the government system. Recently the Assam cabinet has approved the Repealing Bill to abolish The Assam Moslem Marriages and Divorces Registration Act and Rules of 1935, which permitted underage marriages under specific conditions. Revenue and Disaster Management Minister Jogen Mohan earlier tabled the Bill in Assembly.

PROJECTS

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma yesterday informed the State Assembly that the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (Other Than Roads Infrastructure) was introduced by the Ministry of DoNER during 2023-24. Replying to a question raised by the Opposition on the number of projects sanctioned, approved cost and fund released under Scheme during the last 5 years, Sangma said that only one project has been sanctioned during 2023-24 namely, Bulk Water Supply to adjoining rural villages of Tura town. He further clarified that the

approved cost was 97.77 crore rupees. Sangma said that as per the guidelines issued by the DoNER Ministry, there was no mention of a specific time frame for the projects sanctioned under NESIDS (OTRI) as the timeline for completion of projects differs from one project to another.

MoS MANIPUR

Union Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution, Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya yesterday inspected projects taken up in Bishnupur district of Manipur under the central sponsored schemes. After arriving at Imphal yesterday afternoon, she visited Naranseina village under Bishnupur district and inspected the condition of a public pond being renovated under MGNREGA. Smt. Bambhaniya interacted with workers at the Handloom Cluster site formed under the National Handloom Development Program at Ningthoukhong. Later, the Minister inspected the house constructed under the PMAY-G and interacted with the beneficiaries. She also chaired a meeting at DC Complex in Bishnupur in which major schemes, projects and programs implemented in Bishnupur district were reviewed with the district level officers.

BROADCASTING

Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting L Murugan said that North East has made tremendous progress under Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Talking to newsmen in Guwahati yesterday, Murugan said that the Prime Minister has given priority to development of this region. The Union Minister who is on a visit to Chirang district in Assam said that he would oversee and review various development activities in the district. He will also review the activities of Information and Broadcasting ministry in Guwahati with the senior officials. Yesterday, senior officials of the ministry received him at the Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoli airport in Guwahati upon his arrival.

DISCUSSION

A discussion meeting of the programme heads of All India Radio Stations from the eight North Eastern States concluded in Shillong yesterday. During the concluding meeting, Ashish Bhattanagar, Additional Director General, All India Radio, (North East Zone) stated that programme heads played a crucial role in conveying the government's ambitious programme to the public and advised them to ensure active participation of listeners. He also placed special emphasis on creating content in local dialects.

APPOINTMENT

In Meghalaya, the Assembly Speaker has appointed senior most legislator, Dr. Mukul Sangma as the new Leader of Opposition while Ronnie V. Lyngdoh as the Opposition Chief Whip in the Meghalaya Legislative Assembly.

ARUNACHAL

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu said that the State Government is giving priority to promote sports in the state. He said that declaring this year as the 'Year of the Youth' in the state budget will significantly boost this effort for not only in the sports sector but also in others too. He said this while addressing a gathering of sportspersons on the occasion of National Sports Day celebration in Itanagar yesterday.
