

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- ❖ Union Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman chairs meeting to review performance of Regional Rural Banks of North East Region.
- ❖ Meghalaya Government meets the 16th Finance Commission and also presents a comprehensive overview of the current status and the challenges faced by the state.
- ❖ Centre approves the release of 675 crore rupees to the flood-affected States of Gujarat, Manipur and Tripura as an advance from the National Disaster Response Fund.
- ❖ Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang Goley chairs high-level meeting between the Border Roads Organization and the Government of Sikkim in Gangtok.
- ❖ Tripura Governor Indra Sena Reddy Nallu sworn-in to take additional charge as the Governor of Mizoram at the Durbar Hall, Raj Bhavan in Aizawl

NEWS IN ORDER:-

MEETING:

Union Finance Minister, Nirmala Sitharaman chaired a meeting to review performance of seven Regional Rural Banks of the North East Region covering the seven states of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland and Tripura in Itanagar yesterday. The meeting focused on business performance, upgrading digital technology services, and fostering business growth in allied agriculture and Micro Small and Medium Enterprise clusters. Given the crucial role of Rural Regional Banks in supporting the rural economy, Union Finance Minister urged RRBs, with the active support of their sponsor banks, to also put greater thrust on identification of right beneficiaries while sanctioning loans under various Government of India flagship schemes such as PM Vishwakarma. RRBs were also directed to increase their share in ground level agriculture credit disbursement with special focus on horticulture and allied agriculture activities like piggery, poultry, dairying and fisheries.

COMMISSION:

Meghalaya Government met the 16th Finance Commission and also presented a comprehensive overview of the current status and the multifaceted challenges faced by the state. Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma welcomed Dr. Arvind Panagariya Chairman and Members of the 16th Finance Commission to Shillong. During the meeting, Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma stressed the need to transform Meghalaya into an exemplary state, with assistance from the commission. During the meeting, the state government, in a bid to ensure overall enhancement of the state introduced its mission with a strategic roadmap. The State memorandum was also handed over to Dr. Arvind Panagariya during the meeting. In a social media post, the Chief Minister stated that the state Government is also seeking over 1 lakh crore rupees as grants from the 16th finance commission.

APPROVAL:

The Centre has approved the release of 675 crore rupees to the flood-affected States of Gujarat, Manipur and Tripura as an advance from the National Disaster Response Fund (NDRF). Of the total amount, 600 crore rupees have been approved for Gujarat, 50 crore rupees for Manipur and 25 crore rupees for Tripura. These states have been affected due to extremely heavy rainfall, floods and landslides during the southwest monsoon this year. Ministry of Home Affairs in a statement said that the Central Government is fully committed to providing all possible assistance to flood-affected States. The Ministry added that during this year, Assam, Mizoram, Kerala, Tripura, Nagaland, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Manipur were affected due to extremely heavy rainfall, floods and landslides. The Ministry also stated that during this year, the Central Government has released an amount of over 9 thousand crore rupees from SDRF to 21 States, over 4 thousand 500 crore rupees from NDRF to 15 States and one thousand 385 crore rupees to 11 States from State Disaster Mitigation Fund.

BRO:

Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang Goley chaired a high-level meeting between the Border Roads Organization and the Government of Sikkim at Mintokgang, Gangtok, alongside the Minister for Roads and Bridges, N.B. Dahal, yesterday. The meeting was attended by Lt. General Raghu Srinivasan, Director General of BRO, Brig. Manoj Gupta, Chief Engineer of Project Swastik, and senior officials from the Sikkim government. The discussions focused on strengthening infrastructure and enhancing collaboration to support Sikkim's development and national security. Key issues included identifying solutions for landslide-prone areas, particularly in North Sikkim. It was agreed to conduct joint inspections of critical points, with an emphasis on restoring damaged roads.

SWORN-IN:

In Mizoram, Indra Sena Reddy Nallu, Governor of Tripura was sworn-in to take additional charge as the Governor of Mizoram at the Durbar Hall, Raj Bhavan in Aizawl yesterday. He will hold the office "during the absence on leave" of the incumbent Governor Dr Hari Babu Kambhampati. Shri Indra Sena Reddy Nallu was administered the oath of office by Justice Nelson Sailo, Judge, Gauhati High Court. The swearing-in ceremony was attended by Chief Minister Pu Lalduhoma, Speaker Pu Lalbiakzama, Home Minister Pu K.Sapdanga, other Cabinet Ministers, Minister of states, Lok Sabha MP, Chief Secretary, DGP, other high-ranking officials and invitees.
