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HEADLINES:-

- Northeast emerging with improved connectivity, stronger scientific infrastructure and expanding opportunities, says Union minister Jitendra Singh.
- Several visible improvements and advancements are taking place across various sectors in the north-eastern region, reflecting the central government's continued focus on holistic development and inclusive growth.
- Flood conditions continue to affect several districts of Assam, Arunachal, Tripura and other north-eastern states.
- Old Saraighat Bridge over Brahmaputra closed for two months for repair and maintenance work.
- India Meteorological Department issues heavy rainfall alert for several districts in Tripura.
- One Assam Rifles personnel killed in suspected improvised explosive device blast in Nagaland.
- Three militants of two banned outfits arrested in Manipur for alleged involvement in extortion.
- Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma emphasizes on preserving indigenous craftsmanship and promote better market access for tribal artisans.
- Second Inter-Media Publicity Coordination Committee meeting held at Akashvani Kohima.
- Tripura Tribal Welfare Minister Bikash Debbarma discusses with Union Textiles Minister Giriraj Singh comprehensive development of textile.
- Green fodder cultivation being promoted in Tripura's Unakoti district under National Livestock Mission.
- Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang announces 'Anubad Setu Award', marking 'Adikavi' Bhanubhakta Acharya's 212th birth anniversary.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

SCIENCE:

The Northeast has undergone a remarkable transformation over the past decade, emerging as a region with improved connectivity, stronger scientific infrastructure and expanding opportunities for its people. Union Minister of State for Science & Technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh said after chairing a review meeting of Science and Technology institutions at the North East Centre for Technology Application and Reach in Shillong yesterday. States which once had little or no railway connectivity are now being connected through expanding rail networks, airports have been developed across the region, and road infrastructure has significantly improved, reducing travel time and enhancing accessibility.

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Several visible improvements and advancements are taking place across various sectors in the north-eastern region, reflecting the central government's continued focus on holistic development and inclusive growth. Union minister of state for science and technology, Dr. Jitendra Singh said these developments have not only improved connectivity and infrastructure but have also brought the Northeast closer to the national mainstream. He observed that the region's youth are increasingly excelling in sectors such as aviation, tourism, healthcare and nursing. The minister cited the recent recruitment of nurses for Japan in which a large number of selected candidates were from the Northeast, particularly Meghalaya. He added that similar

progress is being witnessed in telecommunications and digital connectivity, further accelerating the Northeast's integration with the country's growth story.

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ASSAM:

Flood conditions continue to affect several districts of Assam, while urban flooding has caused disruptions in Kamrup and Metropolitan districts. At Jorabat's Nine Mile and Ten Mile, vehicles travelling to Upper, North and Central Assam remained stranded for hours on muddy roads. According to the Assam State Disaster Management Authority, six districts - Sivasagar, Lakhimpur, Darrang, Sonitpur, Dhemaji and Jorhat, remain affected by floods. Ten revenue circles and 61 villages have been impacted, affecting 9,616 people. In Guwahati, water-logging and artificial flooding in several localities have disrupted vehicular movement. Water-logging has also been reported from parts of Sivasagar town. Local authorities have initiated drainage and de-watering measures to provide relief to affected residents.

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BRIDGE:

The Old Saraighat Bridge over Brahmaputra has been closed for two months from yesterday to facilitate repair and maintenance work. During this period, vehicular traffic will be diverted through the New Saraighat Bridge. The Railway Department is carrying out the repair work, and the bridge will remain closed till the 15th of September.

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ARUNACHAL:

Fresh floods and landslides triggered by incessant rain disrupted road connectivity and damaged public infrastructure in several districts of Arunachal Pradesh yesterday. The ongoing spell of rain-triggered floods and landslides has so far claimed seven lives and left 29 people injured across the state. At least 97,182 people have been affected by the flood in 425 villages in all 26 districts. The calamity has caused widespread damage to agriculture and public infrastructure. The state government is coordinating with paramilitary forces, police and other stakeholders to assess the damage and carry out relief measures.

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TRIPURA:

The India Meteorological Department has issued a heavy to very heavy rainfall alert for several districts in Tripura, including West Tripura, Sepahijala, Khowai, Gomati, and South Tripura, effective until 16th July. West Tripura District Magistrate Dr. Vishal Kumar has issued an urgent advisory under the Disaster Management Act, 2005, strictly prohibiting public and vehicular movement along the highly vulnerable Katakhal Embankment and the road connecting Durga Choumuhani to the Pragati area. Commuters have been urged to take alternative routes. The district administration has stepped up its disaster preparedness.

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BLAST:

One Assam Rifles personnel was killed and four others were injured in a suspected improvised explosive device blast at Khopanala, near Shukhovi in Chümoukedima district yesterday. Director General of Nagaland Police, Rupin Sharma said, the blast is suspected to have originated from an auto-rickshaw and investigation is on. Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has asserted that the perpetrators would be identified and brought to justice. Mr Rio affirmed that such acts would not be allowed to threaten the peace and security of the people in Nagaland.

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MANIPUR:

Three militants belonging to two banned outfits were arrested from two districts of Manipur for their alleged involvement in extortion activities, a police statement said yesterday. Another person with alleged links with insurgents was also nabbed and arms and ammunition were seized from his possession.

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MIZORAM:

Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma yesterday emphasised the need to preserve indigenous craftsmanship and promote better market access for tribal artisans. Inaugurating the week-long

Zo Fair in Aizawl, Lalduhoma said the history and identity of the people of the North East have long been preserved through traditional attire, crafts and indigenous skills, even before they were recorded in written form. Jointly organised by the Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India under the Ministry of Tribal Affairs and the Mizoram Cooperation department, the fair brings together artisans from across the North East and different parts of Mizoram. They are showcasing traditional handicrafts, handwoven textiles, bamboo products, forest produce and indigenous food items. The chief minister said that the products displayed at the fair reflect generations of inherited craftsmanship and cultural traditions.

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MEET:

The second Inter-Media Publicity Coordination Committee meeting was held at Akashvani Kohima yesterday. Additional Director General, PIB Regional Office Imphal, Engam Pame stressed the need for greater coordination among government media and communication agencies to support the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047. The committee reviewed publicity activities carried out during June, discussed communication plans for the coming month, and resolved to hold IMPCC meetings on the first Friday of every month. The meeting brought together representatives from Press Information Bureau, Akashvani, Doordarshan, Information and Public Relations Department, Central Bureau of Communication, and the Defence.

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TEXTILE:

Tripura Tribal Welfare Minister Bikash Debbarma met Union Textiles Minister Giriraj Singh in New Delhi yesterday, to discuss comprehensive development of the state's textile, handloom, handicraft and sericulture sectors. Mr. Debbarma presented several proposals aimed at promoting Tripura's traditional industries and tribal heritage at the national and international levels. These included setting up an Integrated Textile Park, Silk Park, National Institute of Design, Indian Institute of Handloom Technology, and Central Silk Reeling School in Tripura. Development of bamboo, pineapple and banana fibre-based industries, establishment of a Craft Village and Handicrafts Museum, strengthening export infrastructure, and enhancing the capacity of related institutions were proposed.

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FODDER:

Under the Central Government's National Livestock Mission, green fodder cultivation is being promoted in Tripura's Unakoti district. Farmer Sukumar Singha from Jaruitali Panchayat in Kailashahar has successfully grown high-yield Napier grass on his 2.5 kani of land with government support. The fodder meets the needs of his cattle, while surplus grass sales provide additional income. Animal Resources Development Department Deputy Director Tapan Roy said more farmers are being encouraged to take up fodder cultivation, with two new beneficiaries likely to be selected this year.

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SIKKIM:

Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang yesterday announced the institution of the 'Anubad Setu Award', carrying a cash prize of 3 lakh rupees, on the occasion of 'Adikavi' Bhanubhakta Acharya's 212th birth anniversary. The annual award, to be introduced from next year, will honour a distinguished literary figure for outstanding contributions to Nepali literature and language, the lingua franca of Sikkim.
