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HEADLINES

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi assures Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma of all support for tiding over financial crisis
- Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb scheduled to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi to seek support to manage financial crisis in the state.
- Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly passes the Arunachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill 2018.
- Neiphiu Rio-led People's Democratic Alliance Government likely to introduce land laws for Nagaland during current Session of the Legislative Assembly.
- Mizoram's Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation Minister Zodintluanga lays foundation stone for Augmentation of Water Supply and Construction of Water Treatment Plant in Aizawl.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi awards Meghalaya for its growth in agriculture sector.
- Tripura Deputy Chief Minister Jishnu Devbarman says Bangladesh is a "natural" friend of India, and the state would do everything possible to further strengthen ties with the neighbouring country.

PM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has assured Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma and his Cabinet colleagues of all support for tiding over financial crisis. The chief minister, accompanied by his Cabinet colleagues and other legislators, had a meeting with Prime Minister Modi at his official residence in New Delhi yesterday. Mr Modi assured all support and advised them to meet the Union Finance Minister Arun Jaitley. The delegation mentioned about the state hosting the National Games that coincides with Meghalaya's golden jubilee of statehood in 2022. Mr Sangma sought for liberal central assistance for sports infrastructure, tourism, urban affairs, roads infrastructure and water supply. The chief minister also took up the issue of blocking of fund allocation under the 14th Finance Commission and urged Mr Modi to revive the allocations to the north-eastern states.

FINANCE

Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb is scheduled to leave for Delhi to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi to seek his support to manage the financial crisis of the state. Tourism and transport minister Pranajit Singharoy said the council of ministers had a detailed discussion over the report of the finance secretary about the fragile financial health of the government. In the final financial evaluation it was revealed that Tripura has a deficit amount of 1588.19 crore rupees.

BILL

The Arunachal Pradesh Legislative Assembly has passed the Arunachal Pradesh Panchayati Raj (Amendment) Bill 2018. Now the state will have two-tier Panchayati Raj System. The 73rd amendment of the Constitution allows states having population of less than 20 lakh to have a two-tier Panchayati Raj system, instead of a three. Arunachal Pradesh has a population of around 14 lakh only. Arunachal Pradesh Assembly also passed bills for setting up a Higher Education Council and to check unplanned cutting of earth that leads to landslides.

LAND

The Neiphiu Rio-led People's Democratic Alliance Government is likely to introduce land laws for Nagaland during the current Session of the Legislative Assembly. Nagaland Minister for Land Revenue, Neiba Kronu said unless the state has its own land laws, outsiders will not come to invest. This will keep on hindering opportunities of the Nagas in the state, he said.

WATER

Mizoram's Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation Minister Zodintluanga laid foundation stone for Augmentation of Water Supply and Construction of a Water Treatment Plant at Tanhril in Aizawl yesterday. The augmentation of water supply scheme is aimed at easing the water problem of Greater Aizawl. The new project is aimed at supplying 37 million litres of water per day. The Greater Aizawl area has a population of 3.3 lakh with the demand for water increasing. The new water project is expected to be completed by June next year.

AWARD

Prime Minister Narendra Modi yesterday awarded Meghalaya for its growth in the agriculture sector. Chief Minister Conrad Sangma received the award in presence of Agriculture Minister Banteidor Lyngdoh in New Delhi. The Chief Minister has dedicated the award to the people of Meghalaya, and especially the farmers. The Chief Minister thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Ministry of Agriculture for recognizing Meghalaya with an award, which was possible because of the hard work of the farmers and the officials of the Department of Agriculture and other stakeholders.

FRIEND

Tripura Deputy Chief Minister Jishnu Devbarman has observed that Bangladesh is a "natural" friend of India, and the state would do everything possible to further strengthen ties with the neighbouring country. The relationship with Bangladesh is very cordial and the country is already engaged in a lot of work to develop relationship with Tripura, he told reporters. The deputy chief minister was speaking at the 99th birth anniversary celebration of 'Bangabandhu' Sheikh Mujibur Rahman at the Bangladesh Assistant High Commission complex in Agartala yesterday. He said the state government will do all that is in its capacity to boost ties with Bangladesh.
