

HEADLINES

- Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal will meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi to apprise him of primary damage of the current wave of flood in state.
- Nearly 34 lakh people affected in the second wave of flood in Assam.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister, Dr. R.C. Laloo holds review meeting to take stock of the damage caused by incessant rain and heavy down pours in the state.
- 31 persons arrested by police following their alleged involvement of killing two persons in Tinsukia district of Assam.
- Young Mizo Association decides to undertake village population registration in places where Chakmas reside on its own if the state government does not take any steps in this regard.
- Clean Shillong Website and Hackathon 2017 launched by Meghalaya Chief Secretary Y. Tsering to improve and maintain the cleanliness in Shillong city.

NEWS IN DETAIL

MEET

Assam Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal will meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi to apprise him of preliminary damage of the current wave of flood. Chief Minister will also discuss on the probable modus operandi for thrashing out a permanent solution of flood and erosion in the state. During Narendra Modi's last visit to review the flood situation in Guwahati, the Prime Minister announced 100 crore rupees for an in depth study of the river Brahmaputra and its tributaries to find out permanent solution to flood problem.

FLOOD

In Assam, nearly 34 lakh people are affected in the second wave of flood this year. The death toll has risen to 40 due to the flood. Roads, embankment, bridges, fisheries, educational institutes and crop areas are submerged. Rescue and relief operations are underway by various agencies including National Disaster Relief Force and State Disaster Relief Force in several districts. 4 thousand people were evacuated to safer places yesterday. Helicopters have been pressed into services to provide food items. However, flood situation at Kaziranga national park has slightly improved as water level receded. Forest minister Pramila Rani Brahma who visited the park yesterday said that 143 animals were drowned and 13 rhinos died at Kaziranga. The minister also announced to set up a high level committee to ensure the safety related issues of inhabitants of the park.

REVIEW

In Meghalaya, a review meeting was held yesterday to take stock of the prevailing situation arising out of the incessant rain and heavy downpour across the State. Deputy Chief Minister In-charge Revenue & Disaster Management Department, Dr. R.C. Laloo chaired the meeting with all the important Heads of the Department. The Chairman urged all the Departments to have a contingency plan to meet the exigencies and address the grievances of the affected people. West Garo Hills is the most affected district where a total population affected.

BRIDGE

In Arunachal Pradesh, 21 students and a teacher sustained grievous injuries when the suspension bridge they were

crossing collapsed at Jamupani in Lower Dibang valley District on Tuesday. 11 critically injured patients were airlifted by Indian Air Force Helicopter to Dibrugarh in Assam for treatment. The remaining patients were evacuated by road to Dibrugarh. Chief Minister Pema Khandu has expressed shock and concern over the unfortunate incident and ordered for immediate release of relief to the victims and wished for their speedy recovery. He also ordered an enquiry to ascertain the cause of the accident.

ARREST

In Assam, 31 persons have been arrested yesterday by police following their alleged involvement of killing two persons in Tinsukia district. Tinsukia Superintendent of Police Mughdya Jyoti Mahanta said that they have been arrested of suspected involvement in witch hunting. Mahanta said the incident occurred at Raidang tea estate where all accused killed a couple for their alleged witch practices.

CHAKMA

The Young Mizo Association has decided to undertake village population registration in places where Chakmas reside on its own if the state government does not take any steps in this regard. In a statement the association said, they had tried to organise Chakma census to detect foreigners or illegal immigrants among them but deferred the move after being assured by the state Government that it was contemplating to do the same. If the state Government don't take the initiatives, the association would go ahead with the village population registration without coordinating with the government, the statement added.

WEBSITE

The Clean Shillong Website and Hackathon 2017 was launched yesterday by the Meghalaya Chief Secretary Y. Tsering to improve and maintain the cleanliness in Shillong city. The Online portal cleanshillong.nic.in was launched to enable all stakeholders to handle the waste management in Shillong, and also to enable the citizens of Shillong to actively participate in the process of cleaning up the city. The portal has a provision to file online complaints so that prompt and necessary action can be taken up by the agency concerned. Hackathon 2017 was launched with the theme of making Shillong a Clean and Liveable City.
