

HEADLINES:-

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- Assam's flood situation continues to remain grim and the death toll rises to 12 in the state.
- In a rare and startling incident, a wild elephant enters a school playground and plays football in Meghalaya's South West Garo Hills.
- The ongoing nationwide Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan is proving to be a beneficial initiative for the farmers of Nagaland.
- Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma officially inaugurates the sailing yacht christened as 'Meghalinor' at the picturesque Umiam Lake to boost tourism and sports sectors.

EVACUATION:

In Sikkim, the government is putting relentless efforts to ensure full evacuation of stranded tourists in North Sikkim. Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang chaired a high-level emergency meeting to assess the critical situation unfolding in Mangan district yesterday. However, constant bad weather in the region has halted helicopter sorties from Pakyong Greenfield Airport for the day, delaying further evacuations. Two MI-17 V5 helicopters remain stationed at Pakyong, on standby for immediate deployment once flying conditions improve. Meanwhile, over 100 stranded tourists have successfully reached Chaten from Lachen through coordinated efforts of the State Government, Indian Army, and local support teams. All tourists have been safely accommodated in nearby hotels and at the Army camp in Chaten, and are prepared for air evacuation as and when weather permits.

FLOOD:

In Assam, the flood situation continued to remain grim, affecting over 6 lakh 30 thousand people in 21 districts, with the death toll rising to 12 in the state. During the last 24 hours, six people had lost their lives in flood-related incidents across the state. More than 1500 villages were affected by floods, and over 14700 hectares of crop areas have been damaged across the state. The State Government has engaged SDRF and NDRF teams for rescue operations. Akashvani Correspondent reports that Assam continues to reel under severe floods on the sixth day today. The river Brahmaputra, Barak and other tributaries are flowing above the danger level. According to the Assam State Disaster Management Authority, nearly 40 thousand people are in the 223 relief camps.

RAIN:

After days of incessant rainfall, the state of Nagaland got a respite yesterday with a light shower. The state capital Kohima yesterday recorded a maximum temperature of 23 degree Celsius and a minimum temperature of 16.9 degree Celsius. While in Dimapur, mercury rose to 33.4 degree Celsius with minimum at 25.2 degree Celsius. Meanwhile, Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority has reported several damages to houses, roads, bridges, paddy fields and jhum cultivations due to the extreme monsoon weather occurrences in the state. Besides a major landslide on National Highway-2 Kohima-Manipur road near Kisama under Kohima district, there were reports of landslides and road blockades at Tuensang, Noklak, Peren, Kiphire, and Zunheboto districts.

ELEPHANT:

In a rare and startling incident, a wild elephant entered the playground of Bashbari Secondary School in Meghalaya's South West Garo Hills yesterday, where it was seen playing football and later interacting with a 500-litre Sintex water tank and a Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) pipe. No injuries or major damage were reported. Students and teachers remained indoors while villagers gathered at a safe distance to witness the unexpected sight. Many onlookers captured photos and videos of the elephant's playful behaviour, which quickly circulated on social media.

FARMERS:

The ongoing nationwide Viksit Krishi Sankalp Abhiyan is proving to be a beneficial initiative for the farmers of Nagaland in particular. Over 400 villages and nearly 40,000 farmers have received trainings on various farming techniques and awareness on government schemes. The teams, comprising scientists from ICAR Nagaland, state departments and Krishi Vigyan Kendras and others, are proactively creating awareness among farmers with a target of reaching 108 villages daily. Senior Scientist & Head, ICAR- KVK, Wokha and Nodal Officer (Press & Media Release), VKSA, Nagaland State, Dr. Sandeep Deshmukh, said the teams aim to reach the unreached farmers in the remotest of the remote villages.

INAUGURATION:

In a significant boost to Meghalaya's tourism and sports sectors, Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma yesterday officially inaugurated the sailing yacht christened as 'Meghalinor' at the picturesque Umiam Lake. In his address, Chief Minister Conrad Sangma highlighted the importance of integrating tourism and sports as a step towards holistic development. He stated that such initiatives not only enhance the tourism appeal of the state but also pave the way for employment opportunities for the youth. Speaking to the press Tourism Minister Paul Lyngdoh has expressed his happiness that the state government of Meghalaya have come up to introduce the Meghalinor Yatch which will boost the tourism sector in the state and to bring up more such yatch at this picturesque Umiam lake and soon the state Government will also introduce the Sea Cruise which will have a capacity of more than 140-150 seats.
