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HEADLINES:-

- Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma leads delegation of four smaller states from North East to deliberate with Chairman and members of 16th Finance Commission in New Delhi.
- Nagaland continues to reel under flood as many low-lying areas bordering Assam submerge after heavy downpour.
- Tribals Research Institute, Department of Tribal Affairs & Hills, Government of Manipur continues its nationwide information, education & communication campaign of PM JANMAN and PM DAJGUA at various school and college campus of Senapati district in Manipur.
- Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio re-affirms deep-rooted historical and cultural ties between India and Japan, emphasizing shared democratic values, peace, and cooperation.
- Meghalaya Power Minister A.T. Mondal seeks urgent financial assistance from Union Ministry of Power to support state's transmission system upgrade under North Eastern Region Power System Improvement Project.
- Trophies of Durand Cup, 2025 will be unveiled in Shillong in the presence of Chief Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K. Sangma and other officials today.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

FINANCE:

Meghalaya Chief Minister, Conrad K Sangma led a delegation of four smaller states from the North East and deliberated with the Chairman and members of the 16th Finance Commission in New Delhi. Apart from Sangma, the delegation includes Mizoram Chief Minister, Lalduhoma, Tripura Finance Minister, Pranajit Singha Roy, and officials of Sikkim government. During the discussion, Sangma strongly advocated for the 16th Finance Commission to recommend at least a 25% increase in the devolution share for the smaller NER States over the 15th Finance Commission period and a special infrastructure fund for the States. The Chairman and members of the 16th Finance Commission responded positively, acknowledging both the unique challenges and the notable economic progress achieved by the smaller NER States during the current commission period.

FLOOD:

Nagaland continues to reel under flood as many low-lying areas bordering Assam were submerged after a heavy downpour. In Dimapur district, Lengrijan, Bor Lengri, and Riverbelt Colony, were hard-hit with floodwaters inundating homes and roads. Rescue efforts by the State Disaster Response Force are ongoing to evacuate stranded residents. Several parts of Dimapur town also remain waterlogged, disrupting daily life and hindering access to essential services. Yesterday afternoon, Chairman of the Dimapur District Planning and Development Board, Moatoshi Longkumer, visited the flood-hit areas along with the Deputy Commissioner and other officials to assess the situation on the ground. In Chümoukedima district, Ward-4 was also submerged, with several damages to property.

TRIBALS:

The Tribals Research Institute, Department of Tribal Affairs & Hills, Government of Manipur continued its nationwide information, education & communication campaign of PM JANMAN & PM DAJGUA- the two largest tribal empowering schemes in the country, at various school and college campus of Senapati district in Manipur. The team sensitized on enhancing awareness and ensure saturation of benefits under various schemes of the government for the tribal community. As part of the programme, pamphlets, and brochures on various schemes under various ministries were distributed. Later, the head of respective educational institutes such as Mt. Pisgah College, St. Xavier College, Don Bosco College Maram and Asufii Chirstian Institute administered the DAJA pledge.

NAGALAND-JAPAN:

Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has reaffirmed the deep-rooted historical and cultural ties between India and Japan, emphasizing shared democratic values, peace, and cooperation. The Chief Minister, who is leading a high-level delegation of the state government to Japan, held a series of engagements in Tokyo and concluded with several agreements including a Memorandum of Understanding with Kochi Prefecture to enhance employment opportunities for Naga youth in Japan, capacity building, and agri-technology transfer. Discussions were also held with Sasakawa Peace Foundation and Japan-India Friendship Association on youth exchanges, while Nomura Securities expressed interest to work in Nagaland. The Nagaland Chief Minister expressed his gratitude to the Indian Embassy in Tokyo, led by Ambassador Sibi George, and all Japanese stakeholders for their commitment towards Nagaland.

UPGRADE:

Meghalaya Power Minister A.T. Mondal has sought urgent financial assistance from the Union Ministry of Power to support the state’s transmission system upgrade under the North Eastern Region Power System Improvement Project. He highlighted the state's financial constraints and the need to modernise its ageing infrastructure. Mondal stressed on the importance of improving infrastructure in border and forest areas, enhancing cybersecurity measures, and strengthening supply in power-producing regions like Ri-Bhoi. Plans are also in place to develop rural substations and improve reliability in remote districts.

DURAND:

Trophies of the Durand Cup, 2025 will be unveiled at a ceremony being organised in Shillong, the state capital of Meghalaya today. The unveiling of trophies and roadshow of the 134th edition Durand Cup, 2025 will be held in the presence of Chief Minister, Conrad K. Sangma, Sports and Youth Affairs Minister, Shakliar Warjri besides GOC 101 Area, Lt Gen Sanjay Malik, Lt Gen Mohit Malhotra from the Eastern Command who is also the Chairman of the Durand Cup Organising Committee and other officials. After unveiling the trophies at the State Convention Centre, the Chief Minister will also flag off the trophy convoy. Shillong was again added this year to host the 134th Durand Cup, which is Asia’s oldest football competition, which will kick off in Kolkata on the 23rd of this month.
