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## 737 Meitei Voters Omitted from Draft Electoral Roll During SIR

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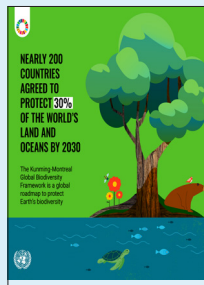
As Manipur's ongoing Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls progresses, a report has claimed that 737 Meitei voters from the Churachandpur Assembly constituency have been excluded from the draft electoral roll published after the completion of the enumeration phase.

According to the draft roll, the omitted voters have been classified under categories such as "Missing," "Absent," "Dead," and "Shifted Residence." The development has sparked concern among displaced members of the Meitei community, many of whom were forced to leave Churachandpur following the ethnic violence that erupted across Manipur in May 2023.

Community members and affected families fear that the exclusions could result in the loss of voting rights if their names are not restored before the publication of the final electoral roll. A large number of those reportedly left out are believed to be internally displaced persons (IDPs) who have been residing outside their original constituencies since the outbreak of the conflict. The Special Intensive Revision is being undertaken by the Election Commission to update and verify voter records ahead of future elections. The exercise involves door-to-door verification, scrutiny of voter details and assessment of eligibility based on residence and other criteria before the preparation of the final electoral roll.

The reported omission of hundreds of voters from a conflict-affected constituency has added a new dimension to the ongoing discussion surrounding electoral representation, voter rights and the challenges faced by displaced populations in Manipur.

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# Meghalaya Tops Northeast in NITI Aayog's Investment Ease Rankings

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Meghalaya has emerged as the best-performing Northeastern state in regulatory ease, securing the highest score among the region's states in NITI Aayog's first-ever Investment Friendliness Index (IFI).

According to the report, Meghalaya scored 8.5 points under the Regulatory Ease pillar, outperforming all other Northeastern and hilly states assessed in the index.

Nagaland and Tripura followed closely with 8.2 points each, while Himachal Pradesh recorded 7.9 points. Assam and Uttarakhand were placed next, both scoring 7.7 points.

The Regulatory Ease pillar measures how effectively state-level regulations support investment by evaluating the transparency, predictability and efficiency of administrative processes that businesses encounter while establishing and operating



enterprises.

NITI Aayog's assessment examines whether regulatory systems reduce barriers for investors and create a business-friendly environment capable of attracting domestic and external investment.

Among the key indicators considered are the time required to establish a business, the number of statutory approvals and licences needed, procedures for

industrial land allotment, and the speed of securing electricity and water connections.

The evaluation also looks at the efficiency of environmental clearances, the effectiveness of single-window clearance systems, investors' perceptions of regulatory processes, the functioning of commercial courts and the ease with which businesses can exit or wind up operations.

According to the report,

states with transparent and predictable regulatory frameworks are generally more attractive to investors because they reduce compliance burdens, minimise uncertainty and lower the costs and time involved in setting up and running businesses. While Meghalaya topped the regulatory ease category among the Northeastern and hill states, the overall findings indicate that the state still has room to improve its broader investment ecosystem.

In the overall Investment Friendliness Index, Meghalaya was placed in the "Emerging Performers" category, suggesting that progress in regulatory reforms has not yet been matched by advances in several other critical areas.

The report highlighted the need for Meghalaya to strengthen sectors such as physical infrastructure, business ecosystem development and resource availability to improve its overall competitiveness as an

investment destination. For Meghalaya, the ranking is a significant endorsement of recent governance and regulatory reforms aimed at improving the ease of doing business. The strong performance also reflects growing efforts by the state government to streamline administrative procedures and create a more investor-friendly environment.

The findings are expected to provide momentum for further reforms as Meghalaya seeks to attract greater private investment, generate employment opportunities and accelerate economic growth while positioning itself as an emerging investment destination in the Northeast.

Although Assam remains one of the region's largest economies, Meghalaya's higher score in regulatory ease highlights the increasing importance of administrative efficiency and investor-focused reforms in shaping investment competitiveness across the Northeast.

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# Assam Flood Toll Rises to Five; Over 57,000 Affected as Army, IAF Kept on Standby

GUWAHATI

The flood situation in Assam deteriorated sharply on Sunday, with one more death reported and the number of affected people rising to over 57,000 across seven districts. In view of the worsening conditions, the state government has placed the Indian Army and the Indian Air Force on standby for possible evacuation and rescue operations.

According to the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA), a flood-related death was reported from Sivasagar district, taking the overall death toll from this year's floods to five.

The latest ASDMA flood bulletin stated that more than 57,100 people have been affected in Charaideo, Dhemaji, Dibrugarh, Jorhat, Sivasagar, Tinsukia and Udaiguri districts. The figure marks a significant increase from nearly 24,000 people affected across four districts a day earlier.

Charaideo remains the worst-hit district, with nearly 24,000 people impacted, followed by Dhemaji,



where more than 22,000 residents have been affected. Dibrugarh district has reported over 4,000 affected people.

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said the state government has sought the support of the armed

forces as floodwaters continue to rise in several Upper Assam districts.

"As the flood situation in Sivasagar, Charaideo and Jorhat continues to worsen, the Government of Assam has requested the Indian

Army and the Indian Air Force to remain on standby to support evacuation and rescue operations, if required," Sarma said in a post on X.

The Chief Minister also directed four cabinet ministers-Ajanta Neog, Bimal Borah, Keshab Mahanta and Susanta Borgohain-to immediately visit the affected districts and oversee rescue and relief measures on the ground.

Stressing the government's commitment to public safety, Sarma said he was closely monitoring the situation and assured that all necessary steps would be taken to safeguard lives and provide assistance to those affected.

ASDMA officials said 14 relief camps and relief distribution centres are currently operational across four districts, providing shelter and support to displaced residents. At present, 440 people are staying in these facilities.

Rescue operations continued through the day, with personnel of the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) rescuing 10 people

from flood-hit areas of Charaideo district.

Authorities also distributed essential relief supplies over the past 24 hours, including 58.17 quintals of rice, 10.89 quintals of pulses, 3.26 quintals of salt and 326.88 litres of mustard oil.

The floods have submerged 298 villages across the state and damaged nearly 3,875 hectares of agricultural land. Infrastructure, including embankments, roads and bridges, has also suffered damage in several affected districts.

Meanwhile, the Burhidhing River continued to flow above the danger mark at Chenimari in Dibrugarh district's Khowang area. ASDMA further reported that more than 37,500 domestic animals and poultry have been affected by the floods.

With water levels remaining high and rainfall continuing in several catchment areas, authorities remain on alert as the state braces for further challenges in the coming days.

## National Award-Winning Manipuri Filmmaker Oken Amakcham Passes Away

IMPHAL

Veteran Manipuri filmmaker, music director and actor Oken Amakcham, a pioneering figure in regional cinema and recipient of the National Film Award, passed away on Sunday after a prolonged illness. He was 64.

The news of his demise was announced by Manipur Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh, who paid tribute to the acclaimed filmmaker and described him as one of the most influential personalities in the history of Manipuri cinema.

Expressing grief in a message on social media, the Chief Minister said Amakcham's contributions to filmmaking, music and the performing arts would continue to inspire future generations. "His work and artistic legacy will endure for years to come," Singh said while extending condolences to the bereaved family. Born on March 1, 1962, at Kongba Kshetri Leikai in Imphal East district, Amakcham began his artistic career in theatre and performing arts after graduating from Dhanamanjuri College in 1981. He received training under several noted theatre practitioners and later pursued formal education in music, earning a Visharad degree from Bhathkhande Sangeet Vidyapeeth, Lucknow. His entry into cinema came as an actor in Sanakhyabotombi's 1986 film Iche Sakhi. However, it was his work behind the camera that established him as one of Manipuri cinema's most respected creative voices. Amakcham made his directorial debut with Khonthang (1992), a landmark film that was selected for the Indian Panorama section of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) in 1993. The film later gained international exposure through screenings at various film festivals. National recognition followed with Mayophyee Macha (1994), scripted by renowned writer M.K. Binodini Devi. The film won the National Film Award for Best Feature Film in Manipuri at the 42nd National Film Awards and remains one of the most celebrated works in the state's cinematic history.

## Tripura DGP Anurag Dhankar Found Dead at Police Headquarters in Agartala



AGARTALA

Tripura Director General of Police (DGP) Anurag Dhankar was found dead inside his office chamber at the Police Headquarters (PHQ) in Agartala on Monday, sending shockwaves across the state's administrative and law enforcement circles.

According to preliminary reports, the senior IPS officer was discovered unresponsive inside his office at the PHQ. He was immediately taken to the Govind Balabh Pant (GBP) Hospital, where doctors confirmed his death.

Officials said initial indications point to a suspected suicide, though the exact circumstances surrounding the incident remain under investigation.

Senior police officers and administrative officials rushed to the headquarters following the

discovery. The area has been secured, and a detailed inquiry has been launched to determine the sequence of events leading to Dhankar's death.

Authorities have stated that the exact cause of death will be established after a post-mortem examination. Investigators are also examining all relevant aspects of the case as part of standard procedure.

No official statement detailing the circumstances of the incident had been issued by the police department at the time of filing this report.

Dhankar, a senior Indian Police Service officer, was serving as the head of the Tripura Police and played a key role in overseeing law enforcement and security matters across the state.

Further details are awaited as the investigation progresses.

## IMD Forecasts Heavy Rain, Thunderstorms Across Assam for Next Four Days

GUWAHATI

The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast moderate to heavy rainfall accompanied by thunderstorms and lightning across Assam over the next three to four days, prompting authorities to remain on high alert amid an already challenging flood situation in several parts of the state.

According to the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA), prevailing monsoon conditions are expected to trigger widespread rainfall ranging between 6 cm and 12 cm in a 24-hour period at isolated locations, including Guwahati and several other districts. The weather warning comes as a continuation of the heavy rainfall forecast issued by the IMD on July 13, with officials cautioning that the fresh spell of rain could worsen waterlogging, urban flooding and flash flood conditions in vulnerable areas.

In a statement, ASDMA said the anticipated rainfall may lead to slow vehicular movement, disruption of daily activities and

an increased risk of localized landslides in landslide-prone and hilly regions of the state.

"The coming three to four days are likely to witness thunderstorms with lightning and moderate to heavy rainfall across Guwahati and other districts of Assam. The prevailing weather conditions may aggravate waterlogging, flooding, flash floods and localized landslides," the authority said.

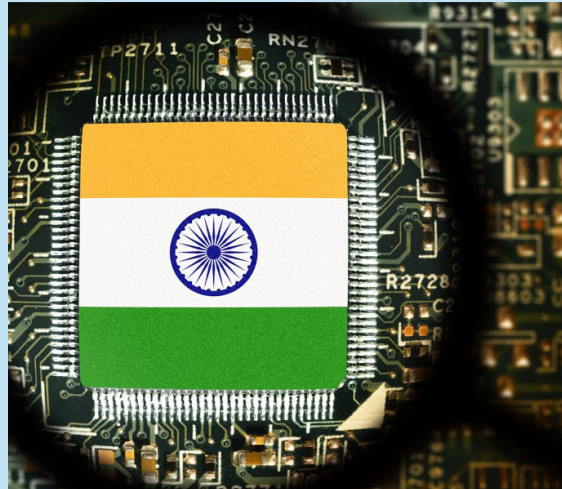
District administrations across Assam, along with ASDMA, are closely monitoring the evolving weather situation. Emergency response mechanisms have been activated and disaster management teams have been kept on standby to respond to any eventuality.

Authorities have urged residents, particularly those living in low-lying and hillside areas, to remain vigilant and take necessary precautions. People have been advised to stay updated with official weather bulletins and avoid venturing into flood-prone or landslide-prone locations during periods of intense rainfall.



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Nearly every gadget in the world contains a sliver of silicon. The washing machine, the car, the smartphone, the pacemaker, and the fighter jet - all of them run on chips. Semiconductors have quietly become the defining resource of the twenty-first century, much as oil defined the twentieth. Whoever controls the chip controls, to a very real extent, the pace of a nation's industry, its defence capability and its digital future. It is against this backdrop that the Union Cabinet's approval of the Rs 1.27 lakh crore Semicon 2.0 programme and the Rs 62,500 crore mobile phone manufacturing scheme deserves to be read not as one more incentive package but as a course correction of genuine strategic weight. It is a timely decision in the present circumstances prevailing world wide. For too long, India has been content to be the world's back office - brilliant at software, services and system integration, yet almost entirely dependent on imports when it comes to the hardware that makes all of it possible. Every chip that goes into an Indian-assembled phone, laptop or automobile has, until now, largely been designed and fabricated elsewhere. That dependence is not a minor inconvenience. It drains foreign exchange year after year, and in a world where supply chains can be weaponised overnight by war, sanctions or export controls, it leaves India's electronics and defence sectors exposed to decisions taken in capitals it does not control. The current global shortage of memory chips is a timely reminder of just how quickly this vulnerability can bite. Leading handset makers worldwide have already raised prices to absorb rising component costs, and India, despite being the second-largest mobile phone manufacturer on the planet, has been unable to insulate itself from the squeeze. Scale of assembly, it turns out, is no substitute for command over the underlying technology.

It would be dishonest, however, to pretend that India is anywhere close to the frontier of chip-making. The most advanced semiconductor nodes - the ones that power the latest AI processors and high-end computing - remain the preserve of a handful of countries: Taiwan, South Korea, the United States and one or two others. India is simply not in that league yet, and no policy announcement will change that overnight. But this is precisely where a dose of realism should breed confidence rather than despair. The overwhelming majority of chips the world actually consumes are not exotic, cutting-edge devices at all, but mature-node components of a fairly basic kind, used in everything from washing machines to automobiles to industrial sensors. This is the segment where India can realistically compete soon.

The Government appears to have grasped this distinction, and the recent flurry of activity suggests the ball is finally being set in motion rather than merely discussed. The Micron assembly, testing, marking and packaging facility at Sanand was the first tangible marker of intent. Semicon 2.0 now widens the ambition considerably, targeting chip design, equipment and materials, fabrication, advanced packaging and talent development in one sweep, with the country's first fabrication unit expected to come on stream by 2028. Equally significant, though less publicised, have been the agreements struck during the PM's foreign visits with global semiconductor equipment makers for the transfer of machinery and know-how - arrangements that are just as important as the capital outlay. It happens through collaboration, exposure and the slow accumulation of institutional know-how, much as it did for Hindustan Aeronautics or Tata Motors in other sectors.

India does possess the raw ingredients to make this work: an abundant pool of skilled, comparatively inexpensive engineering talent, a fast-growing domestic electronics market, and now a policy establishment willing to back its ambitions with real money. What has been missing is the connecting tissue of investment, equipment and technology transfer, and that is precisely what the current push is designed to supply. None of this will make India a fabrication powerhouse within a year or two; the challenges are capital-intensive, technologically formidable and geopolitically delicate. But the direction of travel has changed. High-value jobs are beginning to emerge, ancillary industries are taking shape, and export ambitions are being recalibrated upwards. The semiconductor revolution in India has, in a modest but unmistakable way, begun.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

Advice is seldom welcome; and those who want it the most, always like it the least.

- Philip Stanhope

# A Citizens' Initiative for Peace in Manipur FROM THE MANAGEMENT OF VIOLENCE TO THE REBUILDING OF TRUST



PRAMOD BORO

Manipur stands at a decisive historical juncture. The violence that began on 3 May 2023 has taken hundreds of lives, displaced nearly 60,000 people, destroyed settlements and places of worship, and fractured relationships formed over generations. Beyond these visible losses lies a deeper injury in terms of the erosion of trust among citizens. This is why the challenge before Manipur cannot be understood only as a question of law and order, as it presents a cavernous crisis of social cohesion, democratic confidence and shared belonging.

However, the present conflict must not become the only lens through which Manipur, or the wider Northeast, is viewed. The region possesses a substantial inheritance of coexistence. Village councils, customary institutions, traditional authorities, women's collectives, elders and community assemblies have historically mediated disputes and maintained social order. These systems were neither uniform nor free from inequality, but they demonstrated an important principle upon which peace and harmony get sustained through legitimate institutions that enable recognition of grievances and reparation of relationships.

This inheritance also reflects an ecological ethic where our shared civilization was rooted in respect for nature. Land, forests and rivers were not understood merely as economic assets but those which are deeply entwined to identity, ancestry, livelihood and responsibility to future generations. Air, water, and the environment were sacred inheritances for posterity. Communities respected each other's identities, cultures, languages, customs, and traditions because these institutions formed the moral foundation of society itself. This social wisdom is the greatest political inheritance of Northeast India. This provides to us also the key for a durable peace framework where we acknowledge that our conflicts over identity, territory, representation and resources are interrelated.

Unfortunately, the decades of insurgency, militarization, ethnic polarization, political competition, and administrative failures have gradually weakened these institutions. The Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act was extended across Manipur in 1980, marking the beginning of one of the longest periods of militarization in independent India. The decades that followed witnessed insurgency, counter-insurgency operations, disappearances, extortion, assassinations, bomb attacks, and repeated cycles of violence. The memories of Operation Bluebird (1987), the Naga-Kuki conflict of 1993, the 2004 Manorama incident, and countless untold stories remain deeply embedded in the collec-

tive memory of our people. Thousands of civilians, militants, and members of the armed forces have lost their lives since the insurgency intensified in the early 1990s. During the most violent years between 2004 and 2010 alone, annual fatalities frequently exceeded 300 people. By 2022, violence had reduced dramatically, creating genuine hope that Manipur was finally moving towards lasting peace.

Then came 3 May 2023. The new violence was unlike previous insurgencies. It was no longer simply a confrontation between armed groups and the State. It entered villages, homes, neighbourhoods, schools, places

every administration. Society, however, remains. In Manipur, the need of the hour is a Citizens' Initiative for Peace. A broad, non-partisan and institutionally supported framework. It should complement rather than replace the constitutional responsibilities of the Union and State governments. Its purpose should be to create credible spaces in which communities can acknowledge suffering, clarify grievances, resist misinformation, and develop practical forms of cooperation.

Such an initiative must include women, youth, tribal and non-tribal institutions, internally displaced persons, religious

reject both collective blame and enforced erasures. Individuals responsible for crimes must face due process, and survivors must have access to justice, reparation and dignified rehabilitation. At the same time, entire communities cannot be treated as permanently guilty. Restorative approach that asks not only which laws were broken, but also who was harmed, what obligations arise from that harm, and how civic relationships can be rebuilt without compromising accountability provides a plausible path-

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Hearty congratulations to India's darling @Pvsindhu1 on winning the Japan Open !! You have made India proud again! Well done . ~ Kiren Rijiju, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Minister of Minority Affairs, GoI



of worship, and families. Communities that had lived side by side became divided by fear and suspicion. By the end of 2024, more than 225-260 people had been killed, while approximately 60,000 citizens had been displaced from their homes.

In such a situation, security measures may be necessary to protect life, prevent escalation and restore public order. Political dialogue, judicial processes, relief measures and administrative action are equally indispensable. Yet experience from conflict-affected societies shows that official interventions, by themselves, rarely reconstruct trust at the level of everyday life.

Peace agreements signed on paper cannot substitute for trust built between neighbours. The greatest challenge before Manipur today is not simply ending violence.

It is rebuilding relationships. How do neighbours trust one another again? How do children grow up without inheriting the hatred of adults? How do communities remember their pain without allowing that pain to define their future? These questions cannot be answered through legislation or security operations alone. Political leadership changes, Bureaucrats are transferred. Policies evolve with

leaders, educators, customary authorities, artists, entrepreneurs, journalists, scholars, retired public servants and civil-society organisations. Women and young people, in particular, must be recognised as co-authors of peace rather than merely beneficiaries of decisions made elsewhere. It must create permanent spaces where people speak honestly, listen respectfully, acknowledge suffering across communities, and work together on common challenges.

The initiative could pursue four interconnected priorities. First, it should facilitate carefully designed inter-community dialogue, supported by trained and trusted mediators. Second, it should document losses and experiences across communities with methodological care, protecting both truth and human dignity.

Third, it should promote joint civic action around education, health, livelihoods, environmental restoration and youth engagement to gradually rebuild confidence. Fourth, it should develop peace education and responsible communication so that schools, universities, media institutions and digital platforms do not become channels for inherited prejudice or inflammatory misinformation.

A credible peace process must

way. This balance is difficult, but has now become essential for our collective healing.

The significance of peace in Manipur reaches far beyond the State. India's democratic strength depends on whether diversity can be governed through constitutionalism, dialogue and mutual respect.

The Northeast is a region of timeless traditions, ecological knowledge and community institutions which can enrich India's understanding of pluralism and peacebuilding.

In sum, our collective future cannot be built on fear. On the one hand, governments must ensure security, justice and an enabling institutional framework and, on the other hand, citizens must undertake the slower work of restoring trust.

Manipur needs both. Let this generation be remembered not for transmitting grievance to its children, but for transforming pain into a collective healing. I believe that the most meaningful victory in Manipur will be the recovery of a political community in which every person can live with dignity, safety and hope. ( Pramod Boro, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha)



# Ibobi Singh Targets BJP Over Exam Leaks, Governance and Law-and-Order Concerns in Manipur



**IMPHAL**  
Former Manipur Chief Minister and Manipur Pradesh Congress Committee (MPCC) president Okram Ibobi Singh on Sunday launched a broad attack on the BJP-led governments at the Centre and in the state, accusing them of failing to ensure accountability in education, gov-

ernance and law and order. Addressing a press conference in Imphal, the veteran Congress leader cited recent protests led by Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, over recurring examination paper leak controversies and alleged that the Centre had failed to safeguard the interests of

students. Ibobi claimed that since the BJP assumed office at the Centre in 2014, more than 150 examination papers, including those related to the National Eligibility-cum-Entrance Test (NEET), had allegedly been leaked, undermining the credibility of the education system and affecting the future of millions of students. "Repeated examination irregularities have shattered the hopes and aspirations of young people. The government cannot evade responsibility for these failures," he said. The Congress leader further alleged that examination controversies had caused severe distress among students and referred to reports of student suicides linked to academic uncertainty and frustration. Calling for accountability, Ibobi said those responsible for overseeing the edu-

cation sector should accept moral responsibility. "The Union Education Minister should take responsibility and resign," he asserted. Criticism Over Education Portfolio Turning his attention to the state government, Ibobi expressed concern that Manipur continues to function without a dedicated Education Minister. "Education is the backbone of society. It is unfortunate that Manipur still does not have a full-fledged Education Minister," he said. He argued that the absence of a minister exclusively responsible for the department raised questions about the government's commitment to addressing educational challenges in the state. Questions Over Cabinet Expansion The former Chief Minister also criticised the pace of governance under the current administration, alleging that the

Council of Ministers had not been adequately expanded despite several months having passed since the formation of the new government. According to Ibobi, Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh is currently handling more than 20 departments, a situation he described as administratively unsustainable. "How can one individual effectively manage so many departments? What can the people expect from such a system of governance?" he asked. He contended that the concentration of multiple portfolios under the Chief Minister could affect administrative efficiency and policy implementation. Raises Issue of Naga Civilian Killings Ibobi also highlighted the case involving the killing of six Naga civilians whose bodies were recovered on June 10, stating that their families were still waiting for justice. He urged authorities to expedite

investigations and ensure that those responsible are identified and prosecuted. "The families continue to wait and cry for justice. The rule of law must prevail, and those responsible should be brought to justice," he said. The remarks come amid continuing political debate in Manipur over governance, security and administrative issues, with opposition parties increasingly seeking to hold the government accountable on matters ranging from education and public administration to law and order. As the Monsoon Session of Parliament begins and national attention focuses on issues such as examination irregularities and governance, Ibobi's comments signal the Congress party's intention to intensify its criticism of both the Centre and the BJP-led government in Manipur on questions of accountability and public administration.

## Assam Unveils Rs 4,000-Crore Pressurised Irrigation Plan to Boost Farm Productivity

**GUWAHATI**

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has announced an ambitious Rs 4,000-crore irrigation initiative aimed at transforming agricultural water management across the state through a modern pressurised piped distribution network over the next five years.

The project, unveiled as part of the Assam Budget 2026, seeks to improve irrigation efficiency, reduce water wastage and expand irrigation coverage to farmlands by replacing traditional open canal-based systems with a more sustainable and technologically advanced model.

Sharing details of the initiative, Sarma said the programme is guided by the principle of "Per Drop More Crop", focusing on maximising water use efficiency and ensuring that irrigation resources reach farmers with minimal losses.

According to the Chief Minister, conventional irrigation canals of ten lose between 40 and 50 per cent of water due to seepage, leakage and evaporation before it reaches agricultural fields. The proposed pressurised piped network is expected to significantly reduce such losses while delivering water more effectively to farming areas.

As a first step, the government will undertake a comprehensive assessment of lean-season water availability in several major rivers across the state. These include the Barak, Subansiri, Manas, Beki, Puthinari, Jia Bharali, Dhansiri and Kopili rivers.

The study will help determine the feasibility and design of future irrigation schemes by identifying sustainable water sources during periods of low river flow.

Based on the findings, the state plans to establish a series of small and medium lift irrigation projects linked to pressurised piped distribution systems. These schemes will transport water directly from river sources to agricultural land, ensuring more reliable irrigation for farmers.

## Tripura Appoints New State Election Commissioner Ahead of Crucial TTAADC Polls

**AGARTALA**

The Tripura Government has appointed retired IAS officer Dr Pradeep Kumar Chakraborty as the State Election Commissioner with immediate effect, ahead of the upcoming elections to the Village Committees under the Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council (TTAADC).

The appointment comes at a critical time as preparations are expected to begin for one of the state's most significant grassroots electoral exercises. Dr Chakraborty succeeds former Chief Secretary Manoj Kumar, who had been serving as the State Election Commissioner since November 2025.

A veteran administrator with extensive experience in the state bureaucracy, Chakraborty has held several key positions in the Tripura Government during his career. Prior to his new assignment, he was serving as Secretary to the Chief Minister after retirement.

Officials said the appointment is expected to provide continuity

and administrative expertise as the State Election Commission gears up for the politically important TTAADC Village Committee elections. The Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council, which administers large tribal-dominated areas of the state, remains a significant political arena, making its local body elections closely watched by political parties and stakeholders. Following Chakraborty's appointment, the state government has undertaken a reshuffle of administrative responsibilities.

Senior IAS officer Kiran Gite has been appointed as the new Secretary to the Chief Minister and has also been given additional charge of the Information and Cultural Affairs Department.

Meanwhile, Tapas Ray has been assigned responsibility for the Education (Youth Affairs and Sports) Department, while the General Administration (Confidential and Cabinet) Department will continue under the supervision of Chief Secretary J.K. Sinha.

## Gaurav Gogoi Presses Centre on Ayodhya Donation Theft, Manipur Ahead of Monsoon Session

**NEW DELHI**

Congress leader and Deputy Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Gaurav Gogoi, has intensified pressure on the Centre ahead of Parliament's Monsoon Session, demanding detailed discussions on a range of public issues, including the alleged theft of donations at the Ram Temple in Ayodhya, student concerns, ethanol blending policies and the continuing situation in Manipur.

Speaking to reporters after the all-party meeting convened by the government on Sunday, the Jorhat MP said the Opposition had urged the Centre to prioritise debates on matters directly affecting citizens rather than focusing exclusively on its legislative agenda.

"The Opposition raised several important issues and sought discussions on them in Parliament. The most significant among them is the alleged theft of donations at the Ram Temple in Ayodhya. The government must demonstrate sensitivity and accountability on



such matters," Gogoi said.

He also referred to ongoing student protests and concerns related to the education sector, questioning what he described as the government's reluctance to accept moral responsibility.

"We are witnessing protests by students across the country, yet no one in the government appears

willing to take responsibility. These are issues that deserve serious parliamentary discussion," he added.

Gogoi accused the government of ignoring concerns raised by the Opposition and warned that avoiding debate on public issues could carry political consequences.

"Whether it is ethanol blending, student issues, theft inside institutions, the situation in Manipur or the alleged temple donation theft, these are matters that affect people. If the government chooses to evade them, it will eventually have to answer to the public," he said.

The remarks came a day before the start of the Monsoon Session, which is expected to witness intense exchanges between the treasury benches and the Opposition over a host of political, governance and legislative matters.

The all-party meeting, chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, brought together leaders from both the ruling alliance and

Opposition parties to discuss the smooth functioning of Parliament during the session.

The Monsoon Session will run from July 20 to August 13 and is scheduled to hold 19 sittings.

While the government is preparing to introduce and debate several key bills, Opposition parties are expected to push strongly for discussions on issues such as the situation in Manipur, student unrest, the alleged misappropriation of donations at the Ayodhya Ram Temple, women's reservation, delimitation and other governance-related concerns.

For Gogoi, who has repeatedly raised issues concerning Manipur and the Northeast in Parliament, the upcoming session presents another opportunity to press the Centre for answers on matters he says require urgent national attention.

With both sides preparing for a politically charged session, the stage appears set for heated debates as Parliament reconvenes on Monday.

## Three Killed, Several Feared Trapped as Landslides Ravage Nagaland's Mon District

**KOHIMA**

Torrential monsoon rains triggered devastating landslides and flash floods in Nagaland's Mon district on Sunday, leaving at least three people dead and several others feared trapped under debris as rescue teams raced against time amid continuing adverse weather conditions. The disaster struck following hours of intense rainfall that inundated low-lying areas, damaged homes and severely disrupted road connectivity across the district headquarters and surrounding localities.

Officials confirmed that the bodies of a man and a woman were recovered from landslide debris, while a third person succumbed during the ongoing rescue operations. Authorities fear the toll could rise further as reports suggest that several individuals may still be trapped beneath mud and rubble.



According to Johnny Ruangmei, Joint Chief Executive Officer of the Nagaland State Disaster Management Authority (NSDMA), heavy rainfall since the early hours of Sunday led to widespread waterlogging, flash floods and multiple landslides across the district.

The landslides blocked major roads, disrupted traffic movement and hampered access to several affected areas, complicating rescue efforts. Teams from the district administration, State Disaster Response Force (SDRF), Nagaland Police, Assam Rifles and other emergency agencies have been deployed

to conduct search and rescue operations. Personnel have been working under challenging conditions, with continuous rainfall and unstable terrain posing significant risks.

Residents from the worst-affected localities have been evacuated to safer locations, while relief measures have been initiated to assist displaced families.

Expressing grief over the tragedy, Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said the state government was closely monitoring developments and coordinating rescue efforts through multiple agencies.

"Deeply distressing reports of heavy landslides in Mon. My heartfelt condolences to those who have lost their loved ones. The State Government is closely monitoring the situation," Rio said in a statement.

He added that the NSDMA, district administration, District

Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), SDRF, police, Assam Rifles and local communities were working together on the ground to carry out search and rescue operations.

The Chief Minister also announced immediate ex gratia assistance for the families of those who lost their lives and relief support for affected residents, although the compensation amount has not yet been disclosed.

Deputy Chief Minister Yanthung Patton also conveyed condolences to the bereaved families and assured all possible assistance to those impacted by the disaster.

"Deeply saddened by the tragic landslides reported from Mon district. My heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families, and my prayers are with everyone affected," Patton said, adding that the government remained committed to supporting rescue and relief efforts.

## Assam to Build Seven Dedicated Facilities in Delhi, Expand Bhawans Across Major Cities

**NEW DELHI**

The Assam government has unveiled an ambitious plan to strengthen its presence in the national capital and other metropolitan centres by expanding residential, cultural and public-support infrastructure for people from the state.

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced on Sunday that Assam is developing seven dedicated facilities in New Delhi, including new Assam Bhawans, community hostels and a large cultural-cum-convention centre, aimed at providing affordable accommodation and support services for patients, students, officials and visitors from the state.

Addressing the media in the national capital, Sarma said the initiative is part of a broader effort to improve facilities for Assamese citizens who frequently travel to Delhi for medical treatment, education, employment and official work.

New Assam Bhawans Taking Shape Delhi currently houses two state-run facilities-Assam House and Assam Bhawan. While Assam House has already undergone renovation, the rebuilt Assam Bhawan is expected to be completed by the end of this year.

According to the Chief Minister, the new Assam Bhawan will accommodate the office of the Resident Commissioner,



provide space for Cabinet meetings and support various government functions.

Once official activities shift to the new complex, additional accommodation space at Assam House will be made available for public use.

Sarma also announced that a third Assam Bhawan in Dwarka is nearing completion and is likely to be inaugurated around the Durga Puja season.

The facility, being developed alongside Karbi Bhawan and Dimas Bhawan, will primarily serve patients travelling to Delhi for long-term medical treatment, students seeking admissions and other visitors requiring extended stays.

Designed to accommodate around 40 people, the Dwarka complex will include dedicated dormitory facilities and will remain largely reserved for public use

rather than government officials.

To improve accessibility, the government also plans to introduce transport connectivity between the Dwarka complex and the main Assam Bhawan.

With all ongoing projects completed, the Chief Minister said government-run facilities in Delhi would be capable of accommodating nearly 200 people at any given time.

He further revealed that the government is exploring the possibility of establishing a separate Barak Bhawan in the national capital to cater to residents from the Barak Valley region.

Beyond residential infrastructure, Assam is planning a major cultural landmark in Delhi. A proposed Assam Cultural-cum-Convention Centre and Naamghar will be built on land allotted in Sector 17, Dwarka. The state government has acquired the land at an estimated cost of Rs 35 crore. The project will include a convention facility, cultural spaces and a 100-room accommodation block that can host community events and gatherings for Assamese residents in Delhi.

A traditional Naamghar, a spiritual and cultural institution central to Assamese society, is also planned as part of the complex.

Construction is expected to begin early next year and may take two to three years to complete.

Officials say the centre will serve as a permanent cultural hub, promoting Assamese heritage while providing a venue for community events, conferences and cultural programmes in the national capital.

The infrastructure push is not lim-

ited to Delhi.

Sarma said a new Assam Bhawan in Bengaluru is nearing completion and is expected to be inaugurated later this year.

In Kolkata, the government is undertaking a major redevelopment project on Russell Street, where a modern six-storey Assam House with 90 rooms is being constructed to meet growing demand for accommodation.

The Chief Minister also indicated that existing facilities in Mumbai are being upgraded as part of the state's broader strategy to improve public accommodation and support services in key metropolitan cities.

Emphasising accessibility, Sarma said the government intends to keep accommodation charges significantly lower than prevailing hotel rates in metropolitan cities. "Accommodation is the primary concern for people visiting Delhi. We will keep charges affordable so that patients, students and ordinary citizens can benefit from these facilities," he said. In a social media post later in the day, the Chief Minister said the projects reflect Assam's commitment to creating a stronger support network for its people outside the state.

With multiple residential complexes, community hostels and a dedicated cultural centre in the pipeline, Assam's expanding footprint in Delhi and other major cities is expected to provide much-needed assistance to thousands of residents travelling for healthcare, education, employment and official purposes while also strengthening the state's cultural presence beyond its borders.

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Delhi Police invoke section 163 ahead of Parliament session, bar CJP’s ‘Chalo Sansad’ march



NEW DELHI

Security has been tightened across the New Delhi district ahead of the Monsoon Session of Parliament and the Cockroach Janta Party’s (CJP) proposed “Chalo Sansad” march on Monday, with Delhi Police enforcing prohibitory orders under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS).

The CJP has called for the march to protest alleged irregularities in the NEET examination and demand the resignation of Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan.

In a public advisory issued on X on Sunday, Deputy Commissioner of Police (New Delhi) Sachin Sharma said the police had neither received nor granted permission for any such protest march.

“Delhi Police categorically clarifies that no permission has been sought or granted for any such protest march/procession,” the advisory said.

The DCP noted that prohibitory orders under Section 163 of the BNSS (formerly Section 144 of the CrPC) remain in force across the New Delhi district.

Under the restrictions,

protest marches, processions, demonstrations and assemblies of five or more people are prohibited, except at the designated protest site at Jantar Mantar and only with prior permission.

The advisory warned that anyone violating the prohibitory orders could face prosecution under Section 223 of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) and other applicable laws.

“Delhi Police appeals to all citizens to respect the law, refrain from participating in any unauthorised gathering or march, and cooperate in maintaining public peace, safety and security,” Sharma said.

According to police sources, security arrangements have been significantly strengthened with the deployment of additional personnel, multi-layered barricading and intensified vehicle checks at key entry points into the capital.

Sources said the CJP had not obtained permission for the proposed march and that police would not allow any unauthorised procession towards the high-security Parliament area.

Preventive deployment will remain in place throughout the Parliament session, they added.

Authorities have designated several locations in New Delhi, Central Delhi and parts of North Delhi as high-security zones, with enhanced CCTV surveillance, anti-sabotage checks and round-the-clock patrolling.

A senior police official said elaborate preventive measures had been put in place to maintain law and order during the Monsoon Session.

“Every vehicle entering the New Delhi district is being thoroughly checked. Additional pickets have been set up at strategic locations, and reserve forces have been kept on standby. CCTV surveillance has also been intensified across sensitive areas,” the official said.

Security has also been reinforced around Jantar Mantar with a three-tier deployment comprising two layers of Delhi Police personnel and one layer of paramilitary forces.

Police are maintaining constant surveillance around the protest site, while rapid response teams have been stationed at strategic locations, including Parliament Street, Central Vista, Connaught Place and Shankar Chowk, to deal with any contingency.

The heightened security comes amid fresh developments at the protest site, where CJP founder Abhijeet Dipke continued his indefinite hunger strike after activist Sonam Wangchuk was taken to Safdarjung Hospital on Saturday following a deterioration in his health.

From the hospital, Wangchuk appealed to supporters to participate in the party’s proposed “Chalo Sansad” march on July 20.

NEW DELHI

At least 16 people were killed on Sunday in rain-related incidents as southwest monsoon remained active in northern and eastern India, triggering landslides and flash floods.

The India Meteorological Department forecast active monsoon conditions in north, east and north-east India for the next 6-7 days, and predicted a subdued rainfall activity over west-central and south Peninsular India for the next 7 days.

Jammu and Kashmir was the worst hit, with at least 11 people killed and several others missing after torrential rains triggered landslides and flash floods in the twin border districts of Poonch and Rajouri, prompting a multi-agency rescue operation.

The worst devastation was reported from Surankote tehsil in Poonch district, where most of the fatalities occurred. Rescue teams raced against time to trace the missing amid continuing rain and damaged roads, the officials said.

Chief Minister Omar Abdullah, who was in Delhi for the proposed statehood protest, decided to cut short his stay in the national capital and return to Jammu in the afternoon.

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha reviewed the situation in the rain- and flash flood-hit districts and directed officials to ensure immediate relief and assistance to the affected families.

Moreover, authorities temporarily suspended the Amarnath Yatra in the Pahalgam and Baltal routes as the Met department predicted widespread rainfall across Jammu and Kashmir over the next few days. Officials prohibited onward movement from the Baltal and Nunwan/ Chandanwari base camps in the Kashmir region, and the Bhagwati Nagar Yatri Niwas in Jammu.

The rain began early Sunday with cloudbursts taking place in the forests of Kashmir.

The weather department has forecast moderate to widespread rainfall from July 19 to 23 in Jammu and Kashmir.

In Uttarakhand, two people died after



being struck by lightning in Haridwar district as continuous rainfall affected most parts of the state. The administration has issued red and orange alerts for 10 districts.

According to the State Emergency Operation Centre (SEOC), landslides triggered by incessant rains have blocked 84 roads, including two national highways, at various locations across the state.

The Meteorological Department issued warnings of heavy to extremely heavy rainfall in several parts of the state from Sunday for the next few days.

An ‘orange alert’ was issued for Dehradun, Tehri, Pauri, Uttarkashi, Rudrapur, Haridwar and Bageshwar districts, while a yellow alert is in place for Chamoli, Almora and Pithoragarh districts.

In Nagaland’s Mon district, at least three people lost their lives in flash floods, which washed away houses, blocked roads and trapped several people underneath debris, officials said.

Extensive damage to homes, roads and public infrastructure was reported in Mon town, with several areas inundated and major routes blocked by landslides following hours of heavy rainfall. Authorities have not ruled out the possibility of the death toll rising as several people are still reportedly trapped under the debris brought in by flash floods and landslides.

Incessant rainfall since early Sunday caused flash floods and waterlogging in the low-lying areas, while landslides along hill slopes blocked key roads, disrupting traffic, said Johnny Ruangmei, the joint CEO of Nagaland

State Disaster Management Authority.

In West Bengal, the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted heavy rainfall in the northern districts over the next two days, warning of possible landslides in the hilly areas and flash floods in low-lying areas of the region.

The IMD said that water levels may rise in some rivers in the region, including Teesta, Torsa, Jaldhaka and Raidak, as incessant rain continued to batter the north Bengal districts of Darjeeling, Kalimpong, Jalpaiguri, Alipurduar and Cooch Behar since Saturday.

According to the IMD, extremely heavy rain is likely in the districts of Jalpaiguri and Alipurduar, and very heavy rain in the other sub-Himalayan districts.

INTERNATIONAL

‘War criminal’: NYC Mayor Mamdani explores legal options to arrest Israeli PM Netanyahu at upcoming UN summit



NEWYORK

The New York City administration led by Mayor Zohran Mamdani is evaluating its legal authority to potentially arrest Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu during his upcoming visit for the United Nations General Assembly in September.

Mayor Mamdani confirmed to The New York Times that he is holding ongoing consultations with the city’s legal advisers to determine the exact boundaries of mayoral enforcement powers.

While emphasising that his administration will strictly follow existing statutes rather than write new laws, Mamdani firmly asserted his belief that Netanyahu is a war criminal who “belongs in The Hague” following the arrest warrants issued by the International Criminal Court (ICC).

“Whatever the law allows me to do in New York City, that’s what we will do, but we won’t be writing our own laws to that end,” Mamdani said, clarifying that he is currently maintaining “an active conversation” with the New York City Law Department to address

the situation.

The New York City Mayor further underscored his sharp disapproval of the Israeli premier, asserting his belief that the foreign leader faces accountability on the global stage.

“I believe that Prime Minister Netanyahu belongs in The Hague,” Mamdani stated, referencing the international judiciary. Pointing directly to the outstanding arrest warrants issued by the International Criminal Court (ICC), he remarked, “He’s a war criminal who has been charged by the International Criminal Court.”

Contextualising his strong stance, Mamdani noted that his perspective aligns with a significant segment of global public sentiment.

“And what you will find is that is an opinion that is held by many, purely because of what his actions have wrought over these last many years,” the mayor said. The mayor’s remarks directly stem from recent actions taken by the International Criminal Court (ICC), which issued arrest warrants for Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former defence minister Yoav Gallant. The judicial move follows allegations that the two senior figures committed war crimes and crimes against humanity during the course of Israel’s military campaign in Gaza.

Elaborating on the legal framework of the warrants, an official statement by the court indicated that there are reasonable grounds to believe that both leaders bear criminal responsibility for using starvation as a method of warfare. This charge is rooted in the systematic restriction of vital humanitarian supplies, including food, water, fuel, medicine, and electricity, entering the blockaded enclave.

Furthermore, the warrants accuse the two officials of intentionally directing targeted attacks against civilian populations. They also face charges related to crimes against humanity, which encompass murder, persecution, and various other inhumane acts directly linked to the unfolding humanitarian crisis in the region.

The court noted that its formal findings and subsequent judicial actions are based on extensive evidence gathered by investigators through May 2024.

Russian President Putin meets with North Korean foreign minister in latest high-level diplomacy



SEOUL

Russian President Vladimir Putin met with North Korea’s foreign minister and thanked Pyongyang for supporting his war against Ukraine, in the latest high-level diplomacy between the countries, Russian state media reported.

The visit by North Korean Foreign Minister Choe Son Hui comes without an obvious occasion, such as a multilateral diplomatic event or state anniversary, and has raised speculation that she may be coordinating a possible visit to Russia by North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. North Korean state media said Choe departed for Russia on Saturday at the invitation of Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov but has yet to comment on the purpose of her visit.

Yoon Min Ho, spokesperson for South Korea’s Unification Ministry, which handles affairs related to North Korea, said Monday that Seoul was closely monitoring the meetings but declined to assess whether Moscow and Pyongyang were discussing another summit between their leaders.

Russia’s Tass news agency said Putin during his meeting with Choe at the Kremlin on Sunday praised the countries’ bilateral relations and reiterated his “gratitude to the North Korean leadership and people” for supporting his military operations against Ukraine. Choe told Putin that Kim remains committed to the “comprehensive development” of relations with Russia, Tass said.

Kim traveled to Russia’s Far East for summits with Putin in 2019 and 2023. Putin invited Kim to visit Russia again during their summit in Pyongyang in June 2024, where the leaders signed a strategic partnership agreement pledging mutual aid if either country faces aggression. Kim in recent years has made Russia the priority of his foreign policy, sending thousands of troops and huge supplies of weapons to support Putin’s war in Ukraine, possibly in exchange for economic aid and technology transfers that some experts say are helping advance North Korea’s military capabilities.

Kim has also been seek-

ing stronger ties with China, including hosting Chinese President Xi Jinping for a June summit in Pyongyang, as he embraces the idea of a “new Cold War” and projecting Pyongyang as part of a united front against Washington.

Choe’s visit to Moscow came shortly after North Korea and China exchanged high-level visits, with North Korean Cabinet premier, Pak Thae Song, Kim’s top economic official, meeting Xi in Beijing and Wang Huning, a member of the Chinese Communist Party’s powerful Politburo Standing Committee, visiting Kim in Pyongyang this month.

Kim has suspended all meaningful dialogue with the United States and South Korea since the collapse of his nuclear diplomacy with U.S. President Donald Trump in 2019. He has used Russia’s war on Ukraine as a distraction to accelerate the advancement of his nuclear weapons and missile program, while demanding that Washington abandon its calls for North Korea’s nuclear disarmament as a precondition for talks.

# CubeTen Technologies Pvt. Ltd. Recognized as State Incubation Centre by Government of Manipur



BISWADEEP GUPTA

**IMPHAL:** In a significant milestone for the startup and innovation ecosystem of the state, CubeTen Technologies Pvt. Ltd. has been officially recognized as the State Incubation Centre by the Government of Manipur. The recognition marks an important step in the Government's vision of promoting entrepreneurship, fostering innovation, and creating a robust support system for startups and technology-driven enterprises in Manipur.

The recognition entrusts CubeTen Technologies with the responsibility of nurturing innovative startups, mentoring aspiring entrepreneurs, facilitating industry collaborations, and providing incubation support to transform innovative ideas into successful enterprises. The initiative is expected to strengthen the startup ecosystem by creating employment opportunities, encouraging research and innovation, and supporting the growth of technology-based businesses across the state.

Founded in 2010, CubeTen Technologies Pvt. Ltd. has grown into one of the leading indigenous technology companies in Northeast India. The company was among the first organizations to be empanelled by the Department of Information Technology, Government of Manipur, and has since played a pioneering role in the implementation of several flagship e-Governance and digital transformation initiatives for the Government of Manipur. Over the last fifteen years, CubeTen has earned a reputation for delivering innovative, reliable, and citizen-centric technology solutions that have significantly enhanced public service delivery and governance.

Today, CubeTen is recognized for its expertise in Artificial Intelligence (AI), Digital Governance, Internet of Things (IoT), Robotics, Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Cloud Computing, Cyber Security, Enterprise Software Development, Mobile Applications, Data Analytics, and Emerging Technologies. The company has successfully implemented a wide range of mission-critical projects spanning citizen service delivery, healthcare, education, tourism, environmental monitoring, smart mobility, legislative digitization, digital records management, and AI-enabled governance systems. As the designated State Incubation Centre, CubeTen Technologies will provide aspiring entrepreneurs and startups with comprehensive incubation support, including mentoring, technical guidance, business advisory services, product development assistance, investor connect programmes, market linkages, intellectual property support, capacity-building initiatives, and access to modern innovation infrastructure. The Centre will also collaborate closely with educational institutions, universities, research organizations, industry leaders, and government departments to foster a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship among the youth of Manipur. To mark this important occasion, Dr. R.K. Radhesana Devi, Director, Planning, Government of Manipur, visited the CubeTen Technologies campus and interacted with the management and technical team. During her visit, she toured the company's innovation facilities, including its Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, IoT, GIS, and Software Development laboratories, and was briefed on the various technology solutions and flagship projects being implemented by the company.

The visit was followed by an extensive discussion on strengthening Manipur's startup ecosystem, creating greater opportunities for young entrepreneurs, promoting industry-academia collaboration, and encouraging innovation-led economic growth. Discussions also focused on developing a sustainable ecosystem

where startups can access mentorship, technical expertise, funding opportunities, and institutional support to successfully scale their ventures. Dr. Radhesana

Devi appreciated CubeTen's continued efforts in building local technological capabilities and its contribution towards nurturing innovation within the state. CubeTen Technologies is led by Haobam Joyremba, a renowned technologist, entrepreneur, and innovation leader who has represented Manipur and India at several prestigious international forums. He has participated in United Nations conferences and summits on Artificial Intelligence held in Geneva, Vienna, and Bangkok, where he presented on AI for inclusive development, digital governance, Small Language Models (SLMs), and the importance of developing AI solutions that address local languages and regional challenges. Through these international engagements, he has consistently advocated for the responsible and inclusive use of Artificial Intelligence to bridge digital divides and accelerate socio-economic development, particularly in developing regions. Expressing his gratitude, Haobam Joyremba, Managing Director of CubeTen Technologies Pvt. Ltd., thanked the Government of Manipur for placing its confidence in the organization. "Being recognized as the State Incubation Centre is both an honour and a responsibility. We believe Manipur possesses immense talent, creativity, and entrepreneurial spirit. Our mission is to create an ecosystem where innovative ideas receive the right mentorship, technology, and institutional support to grow into sustainable enterprises that create employment and contribute to the state's economy. We are deeply grateful to the Government of Manipur for this recognition and extend our sincere appreciation to Dr. R.K. Radhesana Devi, Director, Planning, for taking the time to visit our facilities, interact with our team, and engage in meaningful discussions on strengthening the startup ecosystem of Manipur. We remain committed to working closely with the Government, educational institutions, industry partners, and aspiring entrepreneurs to position Manipur as a leading hub of innovation and technology-driven entrepreneurship in Northeast India."

The recognition of CubeTen Technologies as the State Incubation Centre represents another important milestone in Manipur's journey towards becoming an innovation-driven economy. By combining the Government's vision with CubeTen's technological expertise and experience in digital transformation, the Centre aims to accelerate the growth of startups, empower young entrepreneurs, encourage indigenous innovation, and contribute meaningfully to the vision of a self-reliant, digitally empowered, and economically vibrant Manipur.



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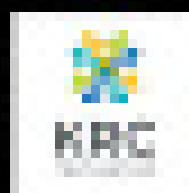


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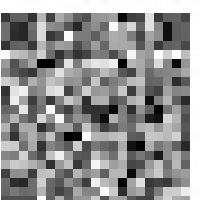


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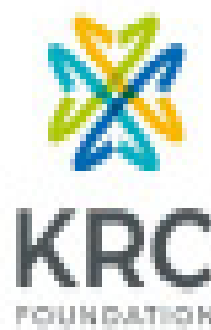
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