

North East news

India urges world to help Bangladesh to deal with Rohingya crisis

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In order to deal with the massive Rohingya influx from Myanmar, the Indian government has appealed to the world community to help Bangladesh.

India has termed the influx of Rohingya Muslims a threat to regional security. According to media reports, India recognized the humanitarian burden of Rohingya Muslims on the neighbouring country's society and economy.

As per Bangladesh's state-run news agency BSS, during the Security Outlook 2019 of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Forum held on Friday, India praised Bangladesh's generosity towards displaced people.

The report said: "India is deeply conscious of the humanitarian and security implications of the displacement of nearly one million people (Rohingya) in Bangladesh from contiguous areas of Rakhine state in Myanmar." The report also added:



"India recognizes the economic burden this crisis places upon Bangladesh's society and economy."

According to the outlook report, the stability and prosperity of Myanmar is crucial for the regional security of the northeastern part of India. In order to facilitate the return of Rohingyas to their original place of living, Myanmar's Rakhine state, India has provided aid.

Being the chair of ASEAN, Thailand hosted this year's forum.

Foreign ministers from 26 countries and representatives from United States, China, Japan, India and European

Union participated in the event.

Bangladesh's foreign minister A.K. Abdul Momen while addressing the event sought support and cooperation from the world community so that the process of repatriation of the Rohingyas from Bangladesh to Myanmar can be carried forward in a safe manner.

As per the Amnesty International, over 750,000 Rohingya refugees, including women and children, fled Myanmar to Bangladesh after Myanmar military carried out a crackdown on minority Muslim community in August 2017.

Golaghat Engineering College to get AICTE approval soon: AASU

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The All Assam Students' Union (AASU) on Friday assured the students of Golaghat Engineering College (GEC) that the institution would soon get approval of the All India Council of Technical Education (AICTE).

The students' body assured the first batch of engineering

students that no stones will be left unturned for carrying out the steps required for getting the mandatory AICTE approval for the technical institution.

Reports quoted AASU general secretary Manuara Hussain as saying that a seven-member team of the students' organization had on Wednesday met Assam chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal, education minister Siddhartha

Bhattacharya and agriculture minister Atul Bora.

They held a discussion on getting AICTE approval for GEC.

During the discussion, AASU requested the state government to take steps for solving the problems due to which GEC is yet to get approval from the national council for technical education.

AASU had on Sunday last sent

a memorandum to the chief minister stating that the students' body would start protests if it does not take steps in fulfilling their demands.

GEC admitted the first batch of engineering students in August last year.

The college provides four-year engineering degree course in three branches – mechanical engineering, civil engineering and chemical engineering.

Arunachal home minister seeks public cooperation to contain law and order

Courtesy Northeast now Itanagar Aug. 4,

Arunachal Pradesh home minister Bamang Felix on Saturday called for cooperation from the public to contain law and order in the state.

Felix asked the denizens to have a sense of belongingness and take the responsibility to make their own neighborhood and the state safe and peaceful. "We are peace-loving people and if our state is to be known for peace and safety, it will mainly depend on the public," Felix said.

"The home department is working hard to maintain peace

in the state but it requires public cooperation," added Felix stating that 'Hamara Arunachal Abhiyan' will help denizens contribute in containing law and order.

He said that any government plans and policies should come from the grassroots level, especially in his own Nyapin Assembly constituency under Kurung Kumey district.

He added that he has constituted village committees that will prepare and assess how they want their village to be in the next five years.

He also said that all 36 anchal segments under Nyapin constituency have submitted

reports on what kind of policies and works that need to be undertaken in the next five years.

"Likewise I have asked the officers and intellectuals of my constituency to drop suggestions for the welfare of the constituency," Felix said.

He added that active participation from public is a key in making any place better. Felix has also set up a 'Janta Darbar' at his official residence here to meet people of his constituency every Saturday.

At least 300 people met him on Saturday, presented their problems and requests and

discussed various public grievances.

"In a week, I devote five days for the people of the state and carry out my office works. But every Saturday, I take out time for the people of my constituency," he said.

On the development in Nyapin, Felix said that his constituency will be a hub for education soon and he has been focussing on the educational sector.

He also said the construction of the Joram-Koloriang road, which was started recently, has been halted due to the monsoon but assured that works would resume soon after the rainy season.

More State News

Regulation Necessary for sustainable Sand Mining: P. Vaiphei

DIPR Imphal, 4,

An awareness programme on 'Mining of Minor Minerals in Manipur' was organised by the Department of Textiles, Commerce & Industry, Govt of Manipur in association with Department of Forest & Environment and Water Resources, Govt of Manipur was held yesterday at DIC complex, Porompat, Imphal East. Principal Secretary (Textiles, Commerce & Industry) P. Vaiphei, Director of Trade, Commerce & Industries, C. Arthur Worchuiyo, Conservator of Forest, Joykumar Singh and Geologist, Directorate of Trade, Commerce & Industries, W. Inaocha Singh spoke during the awareness programme.

In his opening remarks, Principal Secretary (Textiles, Commerce & Industry) P. Vaiphei stated minerals are classified into major mineral and minor mineral. Minor minerals mean ordinary sand, building stones, gravel, and ordinary clay among others. The demand for sand has increased over the years and extraction of sand at unsustainable levels far exceeding the replenishment rates has led to an increase in water pollution and impacted the biodiversity.

It has become necessary to regulate the extraction of sand from river beds with required environmental safeguards, to ensure its availability for the infrastructure development of the State. Provisional quarry license permit can be obtained with due submission of the mining plan. In respect of hill areas it is mandatory to obtain environmental clearance and forest clearance from the concerned authority. Permit is



to be issued by the Director of Trade, Commerce & Industries. Individuals interested in the extraction or quarrying operation of minerals can approach either Director (Trade, Commerce & Industries) or the General Manager (GM), District Industries Centre (DIC). The GM(DIC's) have been authorized by an order of the Govt. to help and assist the Director in all respect. It has been reported that some of the Deputy Commissioners have taken proactive measures to collect the application forms for Mining permits/quarry permits and have already begun distribution process. All the DC's have been sensitized on the issue and have been instructed to sensitize the SDO's, SDC's and all the officers in the districts. He also reiterated the major role played by Water Resources Department (WRD) as most sand extraction are carried out in rivers/riverbeds.

In the hills areas, permits are also necessary for stones which are not only extracted from the rivers, but also from the mountains/hills. For any further query, interested individuals may contact W. Inaocha Singh,

Geologist of the department on mobile no. 9862036742. P. Vaiphei also stressed on the fact that the National Green Tribunal has prohibited extraction of Sand from Sekmai river in the year 2013, which is still in force. Director of Trade, Commerce & Industries, C. Arthur Worchuiyo speaking during the awareness programme stated that permit is mandatory even for extraction of minerals on patta land. Interested individuals may submit the form along with the mining plan to the Director. The Directorate will examine the applications and forward the same to the State Level Committee for provisional mining or quarry lease which is to be signed both by govt. and applicants.

Conservator of Forest, Shri Joykumar Singh said that for forest clearance can be obtained online under Forest Conservation Act. During the awareness programme, Geologist of Directorate of Trade, Commerce & Industries, W. Inaocha Singh while presenting "The Manipur Minor Minerals Consensus Rules, 2012" with power point presentation. He said that to

extend the rules in the entire state of Manipur, a Gazette notification has already been published and came to effect from March 7, 2013.

He explained their processes and procedures involved in obtaining quarrying licence. Some of the conditions for quarry which include among others, granting permission for provisional quarrying lease if application is found genuine, payment of Rs 1,000 under rule 34 as preliminary expense. Security deposit of Rs 3,000 under rule 35 and financial assurance @ Rs 15,000 per hectare or minimum Rs 50,000 if area is more than 4 hectares under rule no 40. Other conditions are submission of mining plan, forest clearance (if area fall under forest land), environmental clearance (compulsory), Surface rent and Royalty. After fulfilling all these conditions, a quarry deed will be signed and obtain the minerals transit pass for allowing transportation and maintaining record for mining. Many interested individuals, associations and those associated with processing of minor minerals have attended the awareness programme.

Homeopathic camp concluded at press club

By a Correspondent Guwahati August 4,

The weekly media OPD clinic at Guwahati Press Club on Saturday (3 August 2019) was conducted by four homeopathic doctors namely Dr Sushanta Malakar, Dr Dipak Kanti Sen, Dr Debajit Barman and Dr Himakshi Bayan. Member-



journalists of the press club along with their close relatives participated in the camp for free consultations.

Dietician Kalyan Sarma was also present in the clinic to offer dietary advices to the participants.

Assam Rifles Organises seminar on Jal Shakti Abhiyan in Chandel

IGAR (South) Imphal Aug. 4,

Chandel Battalion of 26 Sector Assam Rifles under the aegis of HQ IGAR (South) organised a Seminar on "Jal Shakti Abhiyan with special emphasis on water conservation and water security" on yesterday, at Indoor Stadium, Japhou Bazar, Chandel to observe Defence Personnel Day of the campaign.

The day was dedicated by the government to include Armed Forces in spreading the awareness about the issue of water security and conservation to the remotest places of the country. The government has announced Jal Shakti Abhiyan to tackle the concern of drought in the country and to make people aware about importance of water conservation and ensure water safety. Under the project 255 districts have been selected across the country as water stressed districts which include Chandel district from Manipur. The Chandel Battalion conducted a week long awareness campaign for the villagers atremotely located Company Operating Base (COB) in Larong and Machi, Chandel district. The troops have also been informed about the issue and rain



water harvesting system was made at all the Company Operating Bases.

The seminar was conducted at Chandel as it has been nominated as one the water stressed district of the country. The seminar was aimed for spreading awareness about the overall problem of water scarcity, its impact on development and best practices to overcome water crisis & rejuvenate water resources.

The seminar was attended by 65 students and 30 faculty members from United College and Maha Union High School which included 33 NCC cadets from 14th Battalion NCC (Manipur). NCC cadets also conducted a presentation on Impact of deforestation and global warming on water

resources with special emphasis to Chandel district to make the community members aware. NCC cadets have also adopted village Thotchanram in Chandel district for community service to support the village in plantation and other development projects.

The students actively participated in the seminar and also shared their views and ideas on the conservation of rain water and afforestation. In the end faculty and students praised the efforts of the Assam Rifles in making them aware about this major issue of water crisis. Assam Rifles being the friends of people of North East always remain in forefront in conducting such campaigns for the people from the remote regions of the country.