

Assam floods affect over 22,000 people

Guwahati, June 29 (IANS): The first wave of floods in Assam has affected more than 22,000 people across six districts following incessant rainfall in the state and neighbouring Arunachal Pradesh, officials said on Monday.

According to the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA), a total of 22,124 people have been affected in Dhemaji, Nalbari, Dibrugarh, Chirang, Lakhimpur and Kokrajhar districts.

Dhemaji remains the worst-affected district, where 15,483 people are reeling under floodwaters after continuous rainfall inundated vast stretches of the area.

Officials said floodwaters have submerged 96 villages across the affected districts and damaged nearly 1,690 hectares of agricultural land,



affecting standing crops and disrupting the livelihoods of thousands of farmers.

The ASDMA flood bulletin stated that the Disang River in Sivasagar district is flowing above the danger level at N a n g l a m u r a g h a t, triggering concerns over

further inundation in low-lying areas if rainfall continues.

The floods have also impacted livestock, with 48,199 animals affected during the ongoing deluge, officials said.

Meanwhile, heavy rainfall and erosion caused the partial collapse

of a railway bridge over the Simen River in Dhemaji district, disrupting train movement in the region.

According to the Chief Public Relations Officer (CPRO) of the Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR), more than 110 mm of rainfall in and around Dhemaji triggered severe

flooding and riverbank erosion near the bridge.

As a precautionary measure, railway authorities suspended train services between Archipathar and Simen Chapari stations until further notice. Railway officials said the bridge, originally built in 1965 and later converted to broad gauge, had remained structurally sound. However, continuous rainfall washed away a substantial portion of the riverbank, destabilising one of the bridge's piers.

Authorities are closely monitoring the flood situation as rainfall continues across several parts of Assam and adjoining Arunachal Pradesh, while district administrations have been asked to remain on alert and take necessary precautionary measures to deal with any further deterioration in the situation.

Sarma hails Rs 15,431 crore highway expansion project

Guwahati, June 29 (IANS): Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Monday said the Centre's Rs 15,431 crore expansion of the Baihata Chariali-Mission Chariali-Tezpur stretch of National Highway-15 will significantly strengthen connectivity in the state, making travel faster, safer and more seamless.

In a post on social media, CM Sarma described the ambitious highway project as a major step towards accelerating Assam's infrastructure-led development and improving access to economic opportunities across the region.

"When I speak about development, I envision connectivity that brings people closer to opportunities. The Rs 15,431 crore expansion of Baihata Chariali-Mission Chariali-Tezpur stretch of NH-15 is another decisive step in that direction, making travel faster, safer and seamless," the Chief Minister said.

The project is expected to improve road connectivity between central and upper Assam by widening and upgrading a key section of National Highway-15, one of the state's major transport corridors.

Officials said the expansion is aimed at

reducing travel time, easing traffic congestion and enhancing road safety while supporting the movement of goods and passengers.

The upgraded highway is also expected to improve connectivity to important commercial centres, educational institutions and tourist destinations in the region.

The project forms part of the Centre's broader push to modernise highway infrastructure in the Northeast, a region that has witnessed substantial investments in roads, bridges, railways and airports over the past few years.

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and cannot mean zero tolerance for constitutional process. The Constitution exists precisely to ensure that even the most serious allegations are dealt with fairly, collectively and lawfully through Show Cause Notices, the Disciplinary Sub-Committee, and the Ombudsman," they added.

"A President who bypasses the Constitution in the name of justice is not delivering justice; he is substituting his own individual judgment for the rule of law," the statement said.

The members underscored that the General Body has final authority under the Constitution. "Under Rule 16, all powers of governance, management and decision-making vest in the General Body. The Apex Council exercises authority only as delegated by the General Body," they said.

"Rule 16(b) expressly empowers the General Body to review and reverse any decision of the Apex Council. This means the General Body, at the SGM of 3rd July 2026, has the full constitutional authority to review and reverse every unilateral action taken by the President," they said.

"The President's declaration that the SGM is redundant is constitutionally baseless. The SGM is the most constitutionally powerful meeting that can be held at this moment," they added.

The statement urged all district associations to attend the meeting. "No proclamation by the President, no unilateral order, and no press conference can strip the General Body of its supreme constitutional authority," they said. The members clarified they were not opposing action against wrongdoing.

"This statement is not directed against any individual, nor does it seek to obstruct any legitimate action against those found responsible for misconduct. We stand firmly with the women players. However, justice must be delivered through constitutional procedures, not in spite of them," the statement concluded.

JNC, JSU accuse Shree Cement ...

and landowners, and seeking the removal of the Dolloi for allegedly flouting District Council regulations. Lyngdoh cited the JHADC's official sanad, which states a Dolloi "shall not issue any No Objection Certificate or permission for survey or use of any land or forest... to any company without prior approval from the Dorbar Elaka and the District Council."

He questioned whether the JHADC had given such approval in this case. Further, he invoked the Jaintia Hills Autonomous District Act, which allows the Council to remove a Dolloi who infringes on people's rights or misleads the Elaka. "In light of the Shree Cement case, it is evident that the Dolloi of Elaka Nongkhlieh has violated these provisions," Lyngdoh said.

The two organisations also took exception to Chief Minister Conrad Sangma's remark that Shree Cement had complied with all government regulations. "Whether there exists any law or authority that permits companies to forcibly encroach upon and seize land belonging to the residents of Elaka Nongkhlieh," Lyngdoh asked.

Invoking the adage that "if one part of the body suffers, the whole body is affected," the JNC and JSU urged people across the Jaintia region and like-minded NGOs to join the July 14 rally. They said the aim is to pressure the government against undermining indigenous rights or allowing companies to take land by force.

"If the Chief Minister is willing to speak in favor of Shree Cement, why is he silent regarding the plight of the affected farmers and landowners?" Lyngdoh said.

He cautioned MLAs and MDCs against ignoring public sentiment, warning that "continued neglect could lead to serious unrest in the Jaintia Hills or the region loses its autonomy to external forces."

ILP should safeguard tourism ...

"Whoever fulfills all the criteria should be given priority. If the Khasi language has fulfilled all criteria or the Garo language has fulfilled all criteria, they have to be given priority. If both fulfill all criteria, then both should be considered," he stated.

"If either of them has not fulfilled all criteria as required under the Eighth Schedule, then whichever fulfills the criteria should be granted and included under the Eighth Schedule to recognize the Khasi and Garo languages," he added.

On the status of the request, Hek said no reply has been received so far. "We have not received any response yet, but we have sent the letter not only from my side but also from the BJP Meghalaya president's office. We also requested that whichever of these two languages fulfil all the criteria should be given priority," he said.

Shullai accuses KHADC of jurisdiction ...

"By attempting to extend regulatory control from independent traders to corporate/individual employees, the KHADC has infringed upon areas outside its constitutional mandate," he added.

According to Shullai, granting assent would expose the Council to litigation. "If this legislation receives assent, it ironically exposes the overall sanctity and authority of the District Council to severe legal vulnerabilities, opening the doors for business institutions to challenge the Council's executive powers in courts of law," he wrote.

He also cited procedural flaws. "The current Amendment Bill mirrors infirmities by introducing arbitrary regulatory hurdles without proper safeguards or stakeholder consultation," the representation said.

Drawing attention to Paragraph 12A of the Sixth Schedule, Shullai noted that state legislation prevails over district council laws in case of repugnancy.

"The licensing mechanisms of the state government are historically designated to monitor migratory or immigrant labour, and cannot be tools to harass or restrict the livelihood of genuine, permanent non-tribal residents of the State which is grossly arbitrary and discriminatory towards them," he stated.

Shullai maintained the Bill violates fundamental rights. "The scope of 'Trading by Non-Tribals' cannot be stretched to govern the relationship between employers and employees. The proposed Bill is a facial violation of Article 14, Article 19(1)(g) and Article 21 of the Constitution of India," he said.

"No constitutional or statutory body possesses the unbridled power to arbitrarily regulate or strip away the livelihood of genuine residents," he added.

He further claimed the Bill was politically motivated. "It is evident that this Bill has been introduced to gain political leverage, ignoring the fact that it fails to pass constitutional scrutiny," Shullai wrote, adding that the Sixth Schedule was "meant to protect tribal rights harmoniously, without creating legal friction that undermines the Council's own stability."

Urging the Governor to intervene, Shullai said, "In light of the facts and legal positions stated above, we respectfully request your esteemed office to thoroughly examine the legal infirmities, lack of legislative competence, and constitutional violations inherent in this Bill, and consequently, withhold assent to the Khasi Hills Autonomous District (Trading by Non-Tribals) (Amendment) Bill, 2026."

EKH administration urges voters not to fear SIR exercise

Staff Reporter

Shillong, Jun 29: With a house-to-house electoral roll verification set to roll out across East Khasi Hills from Tuesday, East Khasi Hills Deputy Commissioner Abhilash Baranwal on Monday sought to reassure voters that the exercise is meant to "include and not to exclude," urging electors to participate without fear.

Speaking at a press briefing, Baranwal said Booth Level Officers will begin visiting households in all constituencies from June 30 to July 29 as part of the Election Commission of India's Special Intensive Revision of electoral rolls. The BLOs will distribute self-enumeration forms to electors who were on the 2005 electoral roll, which the ECI has taken as the baseline for the revision since it was the last comprehensive update conducted nationwide.

"The message and the request to all the electors through this press conference is to take this exercise very seriously and simultaneously to not be afraid of this exercise at all," Baranwal said.

He reiterated the ECI's position that the enumeration covers existing voters only, adding, "The idea is to include and not to exclude."

Under the schedule, electors must fill and return the self-enumeration form to BLOs during the one-month field verification. This will be followed by a month for filing claims and objections, and another month for Electoral Registration Officers to dispose of them. The final electoral roll is slated for

publication on October 7, 2026.

"The idea of SIR as has been stated by ECI is to have a clean, error-free and accurate electoral roll," the DC said.

Baranwal clarified that no documents are needed at the enumeration stage. "The electors have only to deposit their properly filled self-enumeration form. That is all that is required at the stage of the enumeration," he said.

He expects the "overwhelming majority" of electors to be covered through the forms alone. Only in a small fraction of cases where BLOs seek clarification will voters be asked to submit additional documents.

Though the ECI has issued a list of 11 indicative documents, Baranwal said BLOs have been instructed to accept any document electors provide, including church or headman certificates.

"The list of 11 documents is only indicative. They should receive any document that the elector offers," he said.

Decisions will be taken by EROs "not only on the basis of the 11 indicative documents but through an overall understanding on the basis of all the documents which have been submitted." To assist voters, the ECI has enabled online filing of the self-enumeration form on its website. The district administration has also set up helplines at 0364-2501255 and 2501228, in addition to the ECI's 1950 helpline.

Baranwal said electors can reach out to BLOs or

call the helplines for help. The revision will also capture new voters who have turned 18 and are not in the 2005 roll.

"They can always submit their Form 6 as well and during the house-to-house verification also, it will be found out by the BLOs," Baranwal said, stressing again that the objective is inclusion. The district has 1,021 polling stations and an equal number of BLOs.

He explained that BLOs will carry pre-filled forms based on the 2025 electoral roll and pre-mapping already done by the administration. "We hope that an overwhelming majority of voters will not really have to be put through the hearings and objections," he said.

Deletions, he added, would likely involve the deceased, those who have shifted, duplicates, or persons who are not bonafide citizens of India. The same exhaustive process will apply across the district, whether in Shillong, Mawkynrew, Shella or Pynursla, Baranwal said.

Voters must establish that they or their family members were in the 2005 roll, irrespective of surname or location. Cases of migration will be dealt with separately through Form 8, as the SIR is currently limited to verifying 2025 registered voters in Meghalaya.

Acknowledging anxiety over reports of exclusions from other states, Baranwal said the administration is working with headmen and community representatives to dispel fears.

No written complaint about ethanol factory: Shylla

Staff Reporter

Shillong, Jun 29: Health Minister Wailadmiki Shylla on Monday said the department has not received any written complaint about the ethanol factory in Byrnihat and will initiate action only if there is concrete evidence of adverse health effects.

"As of now we have not received any written complaint. We only came to know about this issue from social media," Shylla told reporters.

"Until we have a written complaint or concrete evidence that it is affecting public health, only then will the health department commission a survey."

"No one has come forward with a formal complaint so far," he added.

Shylla said pollution in Byrnihat has been a long-standing issue. "This has come up before and was even reported in the national media," he noted. He stressed the difficulty in attributing pollution to a single source given Byrnihat's location.

"Byrnihat is a border area with Assam, and there is still debate over the origin of most of the pollution. A majority of the factories are believed to be in Assam," he said.

"That is why there is debate on how much pollution is coming from which side. But we also recognise that pollution knows no boundary. It will affect both states," Shylla



said.

The minister said the matter had been flagged at the highest level.

"The Chief Minister had assured last time that he would take it up with our counterpart in Assam to discuss how to bring down the pollution," he said.

He also pointed to recent recognition of the state's efforts.

"Just a few days ago, if I am not mistaken, the Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board received an award for its efforts in reducing pollution in Byrnihat," Shylla said.

"That itself shows the government is fully aware of the issue and is treating it seriously," he added.

On the specific ethanol unit, Shylla said he did not have full details. "I don't have proper knowledge about the particular factory because I also came to know of it only a few days ago," he said.

"Since it does not fall under my department, it would not be wise for me to comment on something I am not fully sure of," he added. "But Byrnihat is a border area. So the unit could be in Meghalaya or in Assam," Shylla said.



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