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New IT Society

- ➔ Establishment of '**Assam Information Technology, Electronics & Communication and Citizen Service Delivery (AITEC & CSD) Society**' under the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 as a PIU, for smooth implementation of IT-related policies and seamless delivery of citizen-centric services
- ➔ The Society will function as an apex autonomous body of Govt of Assam for ensuring seamless delivery of online citizen centric services being offered under Sewa Setu Portal

Envisioning a Flood-free Assam

- ➔ Consolidated administrative approval for Phase I of ADB-aided '**Climate Resilient Brahmaputra Integrated Flood and Riverbank Erosion Risk Management Project**' to be executed through Flood and River Erosion Management Agency of Assam at a cost of **₹2,097.88 cr**
- ➔ Under the Project, integrated flood and riverbank erosion risk management activities would be taken up in the main stem of Brahmaputra River at vulnerable reaches in districts of Tinsukia, Dibrugarh, Morigaon, Kamrup and Goalpara
- ➔ A total of **72.7 km** of anti-erosion works and **3.27 km** of embankment works are contemplated



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Light Bulbs for low-end Households

- ➔ Free distribution of four 9-Watt LED bulbs to approximately **50 lakh** low-end households in Assam under **Mukhyamantrir Dakshya Pohar Asoni/Mukhyamantrir Sanchay Pohar Asoni** at an estimated cost of **₹130 cr**
- ➔ It will ensure reduced energy consumption for users thereby reducing their bills, while also helping manage electricity load during peak hours

Relief for Electricity Consumers

- ➔ Targeted Subsidy of **₹265.29 cr** to Assam Power Distribution Company Limited (APDCL) with following provisions:
 - Subsidy of **₹1/Unit** up to a maximum of **45 units** for **Jeevan Dhara** category of consumers
 - Subsidy of **₹0.75/Unit** up to a maximum of **120 units** for **Domestic-A** category of consumers
- ➔ This decision will provide tariff respite to economically weaker households on account of revision of retail tariff in APDCL from 1 April 2023



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Engaging Inquiry Officers

- ➔ Approval to procedure for empanelment of retired officers as Inquiry Officers for conducting Departmental Inquiries
- ➔ Retired officers **not below the rank of Joint Secretary** or equivalent with an upper age limit of **70 years** will be engaged for conducting departmental inquiries and submitting enquiry reports to the disciplinary authority within a time frame
- ➔ The concerned Dept will provide secretarial assistance and the officer will get remuneration at **₹1 lakh** per Departmental Proceeding
- ➔ The officer should not take up DP in departments where he/she has worked earlier in the last 5 years of their tenure

Fast-tracking Growth in BTR

- ➔ Release of SOPD-G fund (normal works) of **₹400 cr** as 1st instalment for financial year 2023-24 under Grants No.78
- ➔ This will ensure swift implementation of ongoing developmental projects in BTR



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Promoting Renewable Energy

- Exemption of Electricity Duty on electricity generated from renewable sources of energy by a consumer on captive consumption for a period of **3 years with effect from 1 April 2023**, via the issuance of a notification under the Assam Electricity Duty Act, 1964

Ban on Plastic

- Approval to prohibition on production and use of **drinking water bottles made of PET of less than 1 litre** in volume and strict implementation of ban on Single Use Plastic in the State as per the Plastic Waste Management (Amendment) Rules, 2021.
- The ban will be placed in effect from **2 October 2023** with a 3 month transition period provided up to that date



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Expediting Amrit Sarovars construction

- ➔ Financial Sanction for an amount of **₹250 cr** as Grant-in-Aid in favour of Mega Mission Society – **Chief Minister Samagra Gramya Unnayan Yojana (CMMSGUY)**
- ➔ This will ensure that the ongoing developmental projects, notably the construction of **3,007** Amrit Sarovars across Assam, will be expedited, thereby boosting growth and employment in the State

Preserving Indigenous Culture

- ➔ Allotment of **45 bigha** land for construction of '**Bodousa Kalashetra**' under Tingrai Mouza of Tinsukia Revenue Circle, as part of the 'One-time Special package grant' declared by Govt of Assam during 2022-23



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