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## KEY DECISIONS

### Nod to Amendment Bill

- Approval for the **Assam Village Defence Organisation (Amendment) Bill, 2024** for improving the Village Defence Organisation
- The Bill seeks to amend the Assam Village Defence Organisation Act, 1966 pertaining to certain definitions, duties, power and functions of the different stakeholders of the Assam Village Defence Organisation

### Ensuring Efficient Urban Administration

- Approval for the Bill for amendment of the Assam Municipal Act 1956 for efficient urban administration
- The proposed Bill seeks to **define roles and responsibilities** of three State Municipal Cadres - Assam Urban Administrative Service, Assam Urban Engineering Service and Assam Urban Financial Service - by addressing the following issues:
  - Modalities for appointment of staff in the municipalities through approved staffing pattern of urban local bodies (ULBs)
  - Rules to be framed for **appointment and conditions of service** of such municipal officers
  - Powers and functions of Executive Officer (Urban Administrative Service)
  - Roles and responsibilities of Urban Engineering Service and Urban Financial Service



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### For Sustainable Urban Development

- **Ten Cities Development Concept** (*Doh Shaher - Ek Rupayan*) to be introduced for ensuring sustainable urban development
- Ten cities - *Tinsukia, Dibrugarh, Sivasagar, Jorhat, Golaghat, Nagaon, Tezpur, North-Lakhimpur, Bongaigaon, Silchar, Karimganj, Dhubri and Haflong/Diphu* - will be the 'Lighthouse' for other urban local bodies (ULBs) of the State
- **Key components**
  - 1) Solid Waste Management (100% door to door collection of waste)
  - 2) Clean and Potable Water Supply (100% coverage)
  - 3) Streetlights (public places, major roads and bye-lanes)
  - 4) Public infrastructure like town halls, convention centres, markets, etc
  - 5) Traffic Management (traffic islands, ISBT, bus terminus, pedestrianisation, etc)
  - 6) Urban Planning (Master Plan, Local Area Plan, Building By-laws, Township Policy)
  - 7) Green and Blue Components (parks, water bodies rejuvenation, etc)
  - 8) Manpower rationalisation & capacity building
  - 9) Digital and online municipal services
  - 10) Financial strengthening of ULBs through revenue augmentation, NMAM, etc

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- Implementation of the concept will be monitored and reviewed by **State-level Steering Committee** chaired by Hon'ble Minister, Department of Housing and Urban Affairs, and a City-level Steering Committee chaired by District Commissioner of the respective district
  - An officer not below the rank of Additional District Commissioner will be posted on full-time basis in towns for ensuring holistic development of ULBs
  - Simultaneously, one officer not below the rank of Additional Deputy Commissioner of Police/ Additional SP will be assigned to head Urban Traffic Management system.

## Clampdown on Magical Healing

- To provide relief to victims of magical healing in the name of treatment, approval for the **Assam Healing (Prevention of Evil) Practices Bill, 2024** whereby any person found guilty of committing the illegal act in the name of treatment/magic healing shall be punished with imprisonment and a fine
- The proposed Bill seeks to **prohibit and eliminate practices of magical healing in the name of treatment** of some congenital diseases like deafness, dumbness, blindness, physical deformities, autism, etc
- It will prohibit such healing sessions completely and provide strong punitive action against 'healers' extorting the poor and downtrodden people in the name of treatment



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### Additional Posts in Assam Secretariat Service

- For administrative efficiency, additional posts to be created in the Assam Secretariat Service and Assam Secretariat Subordinate Service, and cadres of **Computer Operators (COs) and Senior Grade Computer Operators (Sr Gr COs)** in Assam Secretariat **to be abolished**
- Altogether **352 posts** will be created

Post	No. of post
Additional Secretary	3
Joint Secretary	6
Deputy Secretary	15
Under Secretary	20
Section Officer	87
Assistant Section Officer	102
Junior Administrative Assistant	119



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### Wildlife Safari & Rescue Centre in Namdang

- A Wildlife Safari & Rescue Centre to be established in **Namdang Reserved Forest** under Dibrugarh Forest Division, Dibrugarh district at an estimated project cost of **₹259 crore** for providing rescue and rehabilitation services for the fauna of the region
- **Features**
  - International-standard safaris of herbivores, carnivores and bird aviaries
  - Walking trails and other attractions in a naturalistic setting
  - Full-fledged veterinary facility catering to the needs of animals and to provide rescue and rehabilitation services
- The proposed Wildlife Safari & Rescue Centre will showcase the biodiversity from the North East and become an attraction for local and domestic tourists
- The facility will hire about **100 skilled and unskilled staff**, and additionally will *economically impact lives of at least 50,000 people* in the vicinity of the proposed site by providing opportunities for employment through provision of services and goods to visitors



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