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KEY DECISIONS

Tribal Languages as Medium of Instruction

- ➔ To protect the interests of tribal communities and in line with provisions of National Education Policy 2020, **Mising, Rabha, Karbi, Tiwa, Deori and Dimasa** languages to be introduced as *medium of instruction* (MoI) in foundational stage of school education and subsequently shift to a regional language as MoI
- ➔ The decision will benefit students of the tribal communities by enabling them to study their language at school level

Manipuri as Associate Official Language

- ➔ Approval to the Assam Official Language (Amendment) Bill, 2024 to recognise Manipuri language as an Associate Official Language in four districts of the State - **Cachar, Karimganj, Hailakandi and Hojai**
- ➔ The Bill seeks to amend the Assam Official Language Act, 1960 by inserting a new Section 5B, which will provide for the recognition of Manipuri language as an Associate Official Language in the four districts
- ➔ The decision has been taken in the interest of protecting, preserving and promoting the cultural, social, linguistic identity and heritage of the Manipuri people living in Assam



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New Veterinary & Fishery Varsity

- For developing the veterinary and fishery sectors, **Assam Veterinary and Fishery University** to be established via bifurcation of the faculty of Veterinary Science, Assam Agriculture University, Khanapara, and the College of Fisheries Science, Raha from the Assam Agricultural University, Jorhat
- The Lakhimpur College of Veterinary Science at Joyhing, North Lakhimpur and the proposed Dairy Science College will be constituent colleges of the proposed university
- **Benefits**
 - Revolutionise the livestock and fishery sectors for State's economic upliftment
 - Cater to the need for specialised and skilled human resources in the livestock, poultry, fisheries & dairy sectors
 - Develop mechanism to transfer new technologies, managerial practices, scientific intervention, training, etc, to farming communities
 - Provide expertise, technology and guidance to farmers, entrepreneurs, etc, and generate direct and indirect employment



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Promoting Urban Women Entrepreneurs

- ➔ Approval to guidelines for **Mukhyamantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyan- Nogoria**, to be implemented by Assam State Urban Livelihood Mission Society in phases, for promotion of woman Self-Help Groups (SHGs) members as urban women entrepreneurs
- ➔ **Phase I**
 - Eligible SHG members will be provided **₹10,000 as Entrepreneurship Fund** (seed capital) to start their own enterprise/business venture
 - SHG members who already have an existing enterprise/business will also be provided the Entrepreneurship Fund to expand their existing enterprise/business or start a new one
- ➔ **Phase II**
 - After proper utilisation of seed capital, a loan of minimum of **₹25,000** can be availed by the members from the banks, with the Government providing **50% of this amount or ₹12,500** (whichever is less) as Capital Subsidy on return of the loan
- ➔ **Phase III**
 - On return of loan received under Phase II, interested beneficiaries will be helped to avail individual bank credit of higher amount and on timely
 - On repayment of the loan, Government will provide **3%** interest subvention



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Aiding Rural Entrepreneurs

- To aid rural women entrepreneurs and boost rural economy, **₹1,000 crore** sanctioned to Mega Mission Society – Chief Minister Samagra Gramya Unnayan Yojana (MMS – CMSGUY) out of the total allocated budget for FY 2023-24
- The fund will be used for implementation of **Mukhyamantrir Atmanirbhar Asom Abhijan** (MAAA) and **Mukhyamantri Mahila Udyamita Asoni** (MMUA)
- This will help create self-employment opportunities and entrepreneurship among low-income youth and women across the State, thereby contributing towards the rural economy

Ensuring Infrastructure Development

- To ensure uninterrupted infrastructure development, **₹274 crore** sanctioned for infrastructure projects under Assam Infrastructure Financing Authority (AIFA), out of the total allocated budget for FY 2023-24



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Assam Repealing Ordinance Approved

- ➔ Approval to the Assam Repealing Ordinance, 2024 for **repealing the Assam Muslim Marriages & Divorces Registration Act, 1935**,
- ➔ District Commissioners and District Registrars will be authorised *to take custody of registration records* currently in the custody of 94 Muslim Marriage Registrars on repeal of the legislation under overall supervision, guidance and control of the Inspector General of Registration, Assam
- ➔ One-time compensation of ₹2 lakh will be provided to Muslim Marriage Registrars for their rehabilitation after the Act is repealed
- ➔ **Repeal of the Act proposed for following reasons:**
 - It is an obsolete pre-Independence Act of the British for the then Province of Assam
 - Registration of marriages and divorces is not mandatory as per the Act and the machinery of registration is informal, leaving a lot of scope for non-compliance of extant norms
 - As per provisions of the Act, there remains scope for registering marriages of intended persons below 21 years (for males) and 18 years (for females) and there is hardly any monitoring for implementation of the Act



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Protecting Land Rights of Indigenous Communities

- For the protection of land rights of indigenous communities, **Ahom, Koch Rajbongshi and Gorkha** communities to be included in the *list of protected classes of persons in Balipara Tribal Belt* who have been occupying the land prior to 2011
- This will protect land rights of indigenous communities like the Ahoms, Koch Rajbongshis and Gorkhas who are bona fide Indian citizens

PWD Divisions/Sub-Divisions to be Reorganised

- Existing Divisions and Sub-Divisions (excluding Sixth Schedule districts) of Public Works (Building & NH) Department to be rearranged/reorganised and renamed **in line with the Election Commission of India's notification for delimitation of LACs in Assam**
- The proposed readjustment with the new geographical jurisdictions of the reorganised LACs will facilitate effective administrative and technical management of the department's flagship projects



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Ensuring Efficient Implementation of CMAAA

- **Chief Minister's Atmanirbhar Asom Abhijan (CMAAA) Society** to be created under Industries, Commerce & PE Department.
- **The Society will have a broad scope of work, which include:**
 - Mentor & guide beneficiaries, coordinate functioning of Chief Minister's Fellows engaged in CMAAA and extend financial/non-financial assistance to beneficiaries
 - Establish appropriate coordination and monitoring mechanism and delegate appropriate powers to such bodies
 - Approve Annual Action Plan of Society every year
 - Engage CM Fellows, Domain Experts and staff for various requirements
 - Create technical, administrative & other posts necessary for implementation of CMAAA
 - Execute activities which will promote Atmanirbharata in Assam.
- The CEO of CMAAA Society will be appointed by the Govt.



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For Urban Development

- Approval to raising of a loan amount of **₹59.27 Crore** by Government of Assam from National Housing Bank (NHB) for projects sanctioned under **Urban Infrastructure Development Fund (UIDF)** - Tranche-I against the Department of Housing and Urban Affairs.
- **The projects include:**
 - Integrated Traffic Management Systems (ITMS) in Dibrugarh and Silchar
 - Infrastructure Development in Town Planning Scheme in Tinsukia
 - Dismantling of damaged 18 Minimal Liquid Discharge (MLD) Elevated Surface Reservoir of zone 3A and its reconstruction in Nagaon



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