

Assam Cabinet

05th May, 2025

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Gratitude to Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi

- Cabinet expresses its heartfelt gratitude to Shri Narendra Modi, Hon'ble Prime Minister of India and the Union Cabinet for approving the development of the Shillong-Silchar Greenfield High-Speed Corridor at a cost of ₹22,864cr
- The 166.8km corridor includes a 22km stretch in Cachar district and will bring down travel time from Guwahati to Silchar to just 5 hours, improving connectivity, logistics and regional development in line with Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of 'Act East' and 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'
- The Cabinet also resolved to put on record its gratitude to Shri Nitin Gadkari, Hon'ble Union Minister, MoRTH and Smt. Nirmala Sitharaman, Hon'ble Union Finance Minister for their support to the project

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Strengthening Power Sector

- To strengthen the power sector in the State, Cabinet has accorded approval to
 - ▶ Targeted subsidy of ₹300cr to APDCL to provide tariff respite to Jeevan Dhara and Domestic-A categories of consumers for FY 2025-26
 - ▶ Tariff subsidy of ₹200cr to APDCL to avoid hike in retail tariff during FY 2025-26
 - ▶ Non-AA Financial Sanction and release of ₹244cr for acquisition of land for up-gradation and renovation of the 220 KV Grid Substation of AEGCL at Sarusajai, Guwahati



Providing Safe Drinking Water

- Cabinet has approved the establishment of Lala Town Water Supply Scheme under Hailakandi PHE Division to provide uninterrupted water supply to every household in Lala Town



Empowering PFC operators as Village Level entrepreneurs

- As the ARTPS services have stabilised in the State, the 362 Public Facilitation Centres have become redundant. As such, the Cabinet has approved one time grant of ₹50,000 to 746 PFC operators along with existing computer hardware to enable them to become Village Level Entrepreneurs under CSC.

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Expanding Role of Jal Mitras as SWA-JAL Mitras

- To ensure effective implementation of Swachh Bharat Mission-Gramin, Cabinet has approved involvement of Jal Mitras in the rebranded role of SWA-JAL Mitras where they will be involved in IHHL monitoring & verification, raising awareness about Waste segregation, sanitation activities etc
- A structured performance-based incentive system will be introduced alongside a monthly honorarium of ₹1000, with incentives ranging from ₹500 to ₹2,000 based on key performance indicators
- The existing Water User Committees will be transformed as Water and Sanitation User Committees (WSUCs)



Ex- Gratia to NoK of Pahalgam Victims

- Cabinet has approved to provide ex gratia of ₹5 lakhs to the NoKs of the deceased of the tragic Pahalgam tragedy
- A Cabinet Minister will visit the houses of the deceased and handover the ex-gratia along with a letter from the Chief Minister



Boost to Industries and Employment

- Cabinet has approved customised incentives under IIPA 2019 to 12 companies who signed MoUs during Advantage Assam 2.0
- These companies will together invest ₹7,730cr and generate 16,466 nos. of employment opportunities

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CMAAA benefits to OBB teachers

- Cabinet has approved implementation of priority consideration for 347 OBB teachers of Nalbari district under CMAAA 2.0 as a one-time special provision
- The beneficiaries will be selected only among the successful applicants through interview and not simply because he/she was an OBB teacher

Ensuring Effective working of Sericulture Dept

- Cabinet has approved the Amendment of the Assam Sericulture Technical (Gazetted) Service Rules, 2013 to provide 100 % Direct Recruitment of Extension Officers from candidates having minimum qualification of B.Sc in Sericulture from any recognized Institutes to be selected through APSC which will create employment avenues for Sericulture graduates

Ensuring quality Embankment construction

- Cabinet has approved a convergence model between Water Resources Department (WRD) and the P&RD Dept, for construction of new embankments on the Brahmaputra and Barak rivers, and their tributaries
- The model will cover- Labour and Earthwork components, Material and Structural components, Technical supervision, Administration and Financial Control, Operations and Maintenance

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Ensuring Energy Security

- Cabinet has approved the Assam Thermal Power Generation Promotion Policy 2025 to ensure energy self-sufficiency for Assam by 2035
- This decision will promote private sector participation in thermal power generation and develop 2,000 MW thermal power by 2030 and 5,000 MW by 2035
- APDCL will be the nodal agency to drive this policy which will have a dedicated single window clearance cell

