



ASSAM CABINET

KEY DECISIONS

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November 19, 2024

Karimganj is now Sribhumi district

- ▶ To give the existing Karimganj district a distinct identity which justifies its rich cultural heritage, **Cabinet has approved renaming Karimganj as Sribhumi district**

Attracting Investments to Assam

- ▶ In order to build upon the growth momentum in the State and attract investments and infrastructure development in **Assam, Cabinet has approved holding of the Assam Investment and Infrastructure Summit, 2025 on 24 & 25 February**
- ▶ **The Summit will be graced by Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi**

Bringing Parity in Electoral Rolls

- ▶ To facilitate preparation of Electoral Roll for the Panchayat Election on the basis of Electoral Roll of the Assam Legislative Assembly prepared under the provision of the Representation of People Act, 1951, **Cabinet has approved Amendment of Rule 12 of the Assam Panchayat (Constitution) Rules, 1995.**



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Fillip to Agro Forestry

- ▶ To achieve the State Govt's plan to increase forest cover and accelerate the adoption of agroforestry as a significant component of the agricultural ecosystem, **Cabinet has accorded approval to the Assam Agroforestry Policy, 2024**
- ▶ This decision will ensure a dedicated state policy on agriculture, mitigate the adverse effects of climate change, increase the area under Trees Outside Forest (TOF), boost rural economy & farmers income
 - Features of the Policy
 - Strengthening the State Agroforestry Board
 - Establishing Quality Planting Material (QPM) Supply Chain
 - Integrate tree cultivation with prevalent agricultural practices to holistically address the relevant needs of the rural population, particularly farmers with marginal and small land holdings, and to meet the requirements of tree product-based industries.
 - Streamline the availability of credit and insurance particularly to farmers with marginal and small land holdings.
 - Promote tree cultivation in wastelands and underutilized lands through private/public sectors.
 - Foster development of a tree product and wood-based industrial ecosystem in the State and thereby, reduce dependence on the import of wood and wood products in the State and the country.
 - Develop technical capacity and R&D infrastructure to enhance the productivity of key agroforestry species.
 - Simplify regulatory and enabling mechanisms.
 - Establishment of an Assam Agroforestry Science & Policy Council



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Amendment to State GST Act

- ▶ To augment revenue, facilitate the taxpayers and to promote ease of doing business, **Cabinet has approved the Assam Goods and Services Tax (Amendment) Ordinance, 2024**
- ▶ This ordinance will allow amendment of certain clauses in the Assam Goods and Services Tax, 2017 in order to suitably modify and incorporate the required changes in the act to keep parity with the changes incorporated in the Central Goods and Services Tax Act, 2017 wherever applicable
 - Some important amendments include
 - Relaxation in the time limit to avail Input tax credit (ITC) as per section 16(4) in respect of FY 17-18, 18-19, 19-20 and 20-21. The registered person shall now be entitled to take input tax credit in any return (GSTR 3B) under section 39, which is filed upto 30th November, 2021.
 - New provision inserted to provide for a conditional waiver of interest and penalty in respect of demand notices issued under section 73 of the Assam GST Act for FY 17-18, 18-19 and 19-20, except the demands notices in respect of erroneous refund

Boosting Rural Development

- ▶ To give fillip to rural development, **Cabinet has accorded approval to implement 94 projects worth ₹70.3332cr in the Soil Conservation and Agriculture sector**
- ▶ **60 soil conservation projects will be taken up under this scheme along with 34 Solar Shallow Tubewell Minor Irrigation projects**
- ▶ These schemes will be carried out under NABARD's RIDF-XXX



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ASSAC is State Nodal Agency for Remote Sensing

- ▶ To effectively utilise space inputs in various developmental projects in the state, Cabinet has accorded approval to designate **Assam State Space Application Centre (ASSAC) as State Nodal Agency for policy support** pertaining to Remote Sensing, GIS, GPS, UAV / DRONE survey in the State
- ▶ Cabinet has also approved Inclusion of ASSAC under PM Gati Shakti driven program for data-sharing, standards for data quality and policy framework of geospatial data in the State
- ▶ With this new setup as State Nodal Agency, ASSAC will be in a better position to liaise with stakeholders of State Govt, ISRO, DOS, NESAC in the area of scientific and techno managerial activities
- ▶ ASSAC will be able to provide advanced space technology inputs more effectively to Departments like PWD (Roads), Water Resources, Irrigation, Agriculture, Revenue & Disaster Management etc enabling them to incorporate innovative ideas in design and implementation of the development projects, thereby cutting down cost and time overruns



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Ensuring Planned Urbanisation

- ▶ To continue with the urban reform initiatives of the State, and to achieve planned urban development through Building Construction activities as per norms, **Cabinet has approved the amendment of the Assam Unified Building Construction (Regulation) Byelaws, 2022**
- ▶ The amendment will bring about a transformation in the land use, transportation and land value capturing mechanism of urban areas to develop sustainable, healthy, liveable and efficient cities
- ▶ Some of the key amendments include Enhanced FAR for encouraging vertical growth, Provision for Hazard Map, Reduction in visitor parking and Enhancement of Landscaped area in Building to promote groundwater percolation & recharge, Encouragement of construction of Energy efficient buildings, Enhancement of fire safety norms etc.



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