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## MODERN TECHNOLOGY IN FENCING TO SEAL THE INDO-BANGLADESH BORDER: RAJNATH SINGH

Assam Chief Minister Sri Sarbananda Sonowal had called on Mr. Rajnath Singh, the Union Home Minister in New Delhi. Mr. Sonowal intimated Mr. Singh regarding the incomplete fencing in the Indo-Bangladesh border, and other vital issues of the state.

Mr. Sonowal, who called on Rajnath Singh at his residence in New Delhi appealed him for installation of the fencing on the river-based area of Assam- Bangladesh border. The CM emphasized on using modern technology in fencing the exposed portion soon. Sources issued by the Chief Minister's Office in Guwahati.

The Home Minister assured the C.M. for all kinds of assistance in re-examining the entire matter of Indo-Bangladesh border fencing and assured to accomplish the work in scheduled time

The fencing of the Indo-Bangladesh border was one of the main poll- manifesto of the Bharatiya Janata Party, which came to power in Assam last year.

The Home Minister had assured Assam Govt. that the Central Government diligent to take all the adequate steps to seal the Indo-Bangladesh border to restrain the illegal infiltration to the state.

The two leaders had a wide discussion on other vital issues of the state also. The CM apprised Mr. Rajnath Singh on upgradation of National Register of Citizens, implementation of the Assam Accord, granting of Scheduled Tribe status to six communities, Bodoland issue, modernization of Police force and deployment of additional security forces in the state..

Reported By:

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## NATIONAL AWARD FOR 3 STATE FILMS

"MAJRATI KETEKI" was adjudged the best Assamese feature film at the 64th National Film Awards, which were announced here today.

The film directed by Santwana Bordoloi and produced by Udara Films, showcases how past affects the present, if not by choice then by chance. The film gets the Rajat Kamal Award that carries a prize money of Rs. 1 Lakhs each to the producer and the director.

The 64th National Film Award 2016 were announced by the chairpersons of the juries on feature films, non-feature films, best writing on cinema and most film-friendly State Award.

In a rare honour, Assamese actor Adil Hussain got a 'special mention' from the jury for his works in the Hindi Film "Mukti Bhawan" and "Maj Rati Keteki".

The Nargis Dutt Award for best feature film on national integration was given to Assamese film 'Dikchow Banat Palaax'. The film directed by Sanjib Sabhapandit and produced by Canvascope, bring out 'oneness of our feelings amidst differences'. On the other hand, the Indira Gandhi Award for best debut film of a director was give to the Bengali film Ali-fa, directed by Assam based film maker Deep Choudhury and produced by Aman Ahmed. The film brings out the nuances of a very complex socio-environmental programme.

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His Holiness Dalai Lama At Namami Brahmaputra Festival at Guwahati

## NAMAMI BRAHMAPUTRA, 2017 CELEBRATED

Namami Brahmaputra, the biggest river festival of India, was organized for the first time across 21 districts in Assam from March 31 to April 4, 2017.

Assam's life and culture is deeply influenced by the rejuvenating splashes of Brahmaputra, India's only male river and one of the most popular rivers of the world. To pay fitting tribute to the river's life giving prosperity and countless blessings, the five day long event, Namami Brahmaputra, was organised along the Brahmaputra in its entire stretch from Sadiya to Dhubri. It served as an ideal platform to showcase Assam's tremendous potential as a state brimming with trade, tourism and cultural opportunities.

The event included a soulful veneration of river Brahmaputra along with other attractions like indigenous sports, local food, exhibition of organic tea, display of handloom and handicrafts and cultural events. Sarbananda Sonowal, chief minister of Assam, during the inauguration ceremony, said, "Brahmaputra is our culture, civilization, economy and lifeline."

Relating to the festival, a theme song both in Assamese and Hindi was composed by Assam's well-known singer, composer Angaraag Mahanta. The song featuring megastar Amitabh Bachan, Angaraag Mahanta and other noted singers aims at showcasing the tourism potential and development of the state. Besides Bachan and Papon, Arijit Singh, Sonu Nigam, Shreya Ghosal, Sankar Mahadevan, Sudha Mudgal, Zubeen Garg, Pulak Banerjee, Jitil Sonowal, Tarali Sarma and others lent their voice to the soulful rendition of the theme song. Panned in Assamese and Hindi, the song was composed by Papon. The theme song was launched at a function held at Mahadev International Auditorium in Guwahati.

The five day event, epic in scale and grand in reality, brought along business, fun and festivals for all. Brahmaputra, it may be mentioned, presents incredible business opportunities. The national waterways, especially NW 2 and NW 16, could become the drivers of economic development and prosperity. National Waterways (NW2) from Dhubri to Sadiya has the potential of becoming a bridge to drive economic progress in South East Asian markets, as part of India's "Act East Policy."

This waterways could not only make Assam the centre of India-ASEAN collaboration but also attract major investments from around the world. The river is also a source of current and potential hydro-electric power generation. It could certainly give a boost to power infrastructure in the state.

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## SHEIKH HASINA VISITS INDIA

Guwahati: Improving connectivity of the North-East region through Bangladesh was one of the key points of discussion during the recent visit of Bangladesh Prime Minister, Sheikh Hasina, to India. Moreover, both India and Bangladesh discussed ways to stop the growth of radical forces.

Highly placed officials sources in New Delhi shared that no discussion between India and Bangladesh was possible without involving issues concerning the North East region. Good relation with Bangladesh is crucial for improving connectivity of the North-East which is important for overall development of the region.

On the issues discussed during the visit of the Bangladesh Prime Minister, sources revealed that connectivity of the North-East through the neighboring country was one of the major issues. Once India starts using the Chittagong port to bring in and send out goods from the North-East, the region would get a major economic boost. The Government of Bangladesh has already agreed to allow India to use the Chittagong port but some measures would have to be taken to improve road connectivity to connect the North-East with the port. Both India and Bangladesh decided to work out the modalities for construction of proper roads for transportation of goods to the Chittagong port.

Source said that railway connectivity and gauge conversation also featured in the talks. To have proper railway connectivity between India and Bangladesh, it is vital that railway tracks of both the countries are compatible and this was discussed in the meetings.

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**EDITORIAL**

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**CABINET CLEARS GST DRAFT BILLS**

The Cabinet cleared four legislations for implementing GST as the Government sprints to meet the July 1 schedule to rollout the indirect tax reform which can add up to 2 per cent to India's economic growth.

The bills on compensating states for loss of revenue following the GST rollout in first year as well as those enabling levy of the new tax on intra/inter-state movement of goods and services will be introduced in parliament this week.

The approval of Parliament, coupled with a separate one by state assemblies, will complete the legislative process for the rollout of one-nation-one tax regime by merging central taxes like excise duty and service tax as well as state levies like VAT.

The GST council has already approved four-tier tax slabs of 5, 12, 18 and 28 per cent plus an additional cess on demerit goods like luxury cars, aerated drinks and tobacco products.

The work for putting various goods and services in different slabs would begin next month. The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved the four GST related Bills. An official statement said these will be introduced as money bills in the Lok Sabha this week.

"It could be even today," a source said, adding that discussion on the four legislations could happen together.

Reported By: Ritu Moni Nath, BMC 4th Sem.

**NPCC OPTS FOR CONDUCT OF NAGALAND POLLS WITH BALLOT PAPERS**

The Nagaland Pradesh Congress Committee (NPCC) president has asserted that the State Congress will approach the Election Commission to conduct the polls with ballot papers.

On the recent results of Assembly polls in five states, the State Congress President expressed apprehension that the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) were "tampered." "EVMs can be tampered and manipulated and the voter will never know where the vote is cast even if he/she presses the right button, but ballot papers will carry the right stamp chosen by the voter," he said. The State Congress president K Therie was speaking at the introductory programme of the newly-appointed office bearers of Nagaland Pradesh Youth Congress at Congress Bhawan here on Friday. He also alleged that the elected representatives of the ruling Naga People's Front (NPF) Government have "no dreams and vision" for the people of the state.

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**A CEREAL CROP: FROM POTENTIAL TO OPPORTUNITY**

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Economy of Assam stands on agriculture. Though not all, young generation that is, youths are not interested to work with puddle soil, water etc. In spite of having suitable plot of land, they may be called "jobless". But at present the scenario of agriculture has been changed from the commercial point of view. Now- a- days, by investing less amount, less labour in a clean situation, one can earn lucrative amount, only it requires interest, information based knowledge. As agriculturist, I would like to focus on one crop which can be suitably grown in Assam with less effort.

The crop is known as 'Makoi' or 'Gomdhan' in Assamese and internationally as 'Maize'. Maize is the third important cereal crop after rice and wheat. As maize contains protein, carbohydrate, fats and some vitamins and minerals it is used as nutritious food for poultry, live stocks, fish etc. for human health maize protein and fibre are very useful. Before going in details, a few words should be mentioned about its uses. The maize is such a plant whose every part is beneficial and used for different purposes. The stover is a very good fodder. Its fruit (cob) is used for human consumption in different way, waste of the ear/crop is used in making good quality silage (concentrate) stored food for animal. Apart from human consumption, maize has high industrial value where maize glue is exclusively used in producing various items right from cloths, beverages to shoe polish. So it has high industrial value. The basic advantages for growing maize crop are- it can be grown in wide range of soil type and in two seasons (Kharif and Rabi) in Assam. There are different types of maize which has different utility. Viz. Sweet corn, baby corn, pop corn, and normal corn. The production technology of all the crop is somewhat different but not difficult at all.

Entrepreneurship: High priced industrial food may be replaced by the nutritionally rich product developed from the maize. It does not require high technology rather can be produced in village. So maize crop may be a good source of rural entrepreneurship. The scope should be utilized by our young generation (farmers) through which rural employment generation is possible. The farmers or producers may think over the commercialization of maize crop in various way like—

- i. Fresh normal cob may be sold to market in retails and to the street traders who sells by burning the cob.
- ii. As karnel by weight, (in case of pop corn) may be sold to the whole seller for making popcorn. The popcorns are prepared by small street vendors and sell in local packet.
- iii. Major scope is that- karnel may be sold to the cattle or poultry feed manufacturing industry. Maize is the principal ingredient of live stock feed. For this trade, a group may be formed as "Maize growers" under society registration act by which the group may get different financial assistance from the department of agriculture (transport subsidy, carrying van at subsidised rate etc.). such group may go for the installation of small feed manufacturing unit as it has high demand in all areas. Industry department, Government of Assam will definitely help in this regard.
- iv. Baby corn is used as sophisticated food item especially in all star hotels. Contractual farming may be introduced to supply baby corn regularly to the hotels etc. At present, the hotels use to purchase from outside the states.
- v. Most of the village people of Assam have been suffering from malnutrition. Protein deficiency is very common in case of growing children. Sweet corn may be included in Mid Day Meal scheme which is being implemented in school, high school by the govt. It will definitely help a lot to overcome the malnutrition problem of growing child. The advantages of this food item are—easy to cook and serve and it is easily digestible. In this context, Assam Govt. can take initiatives to encourage the maize growers and to widen the scope of entrepreneurship.
- vi. Last but not the least, there is scope of business of Green Fodder in certain area.

Some key points of production practices and uses of maize—

1. Sweet Corn: Sowing time: as Kharif—June/July, as Rabi—September/October

Variety wise orange sweet corn (for North Eastern states)

Plant Population—Accommodate 6000-8000 plants per bigha of area with spacing row to row 75-100 cm and intra row spacing of 15-30 cm. All seeds should be treated with insecticides and fungicides before sowing.

Nutrient management—the crop requires 14 kg of nitrogen, 8 kg of phosphate and 6 kg of potash per bigha.

Plant Protection—Against insect problem, generally Endosulphan 35EC @ 2ml per litre of water is used.

Against Disease—Bavistin @ 1gm per litre of water should be applied. The crop gives 1-2 cobs per plant that is 8000 ears per bigha may be harvested.

Instead of sole crop, sweet corn may be inter cropped with other highly remunerative crops like—marigold, tuberose, gladiolus or other vegetables like spinach etc. It is estimated that about 40 quintal per bigha, fodder may be harvested which provide additional income to the farmers.

2. Pop Corn— It is relatively minor crop used primarily for human consumption. The crop may be inter-cropped with garlic and radish. Since Karnels are the economic part, harvest should necessarily be done on the attainment of physiological maturity. After harvesting it should be dried to 14%-15% grain moisture and stored in moisture proof sealed container.

Production estimated about 3.0 quintal per bigha.

3. Baby Corn—the fruit may be consumed raw or making different dishes like salad, sabji, pickle etc. For high value, the size of the baby corn without husk should be not more than 11 cm in length and 1.0-1.5 cm in diameter. Detasselling and time of harvesting are main technical part for production of baby corn. Inter-cropping can be done with potato, radish, pea etc. which gives extra income.

Expected protein – 1.5 quintal/bigha.

4. Quality Protein maize (QPM under normal maize)—It contains good quality protein. It is used for preparing infant food, health food etc. It is useful to people of all age group that is infant, lactating mother, patient, old person etc. to fight against malnutrition in respect of protein.

Expected protein --- 3.0 quintal per bigha.

## DOORDARSHAN CHANNEL FOR NORTH-EAST

Union Information and Broadcasting Minister, M.Venkaiiah Naidu, on Thursday said that the Central Government is planning to set up a film institute and a Doordarshan channel in Arunachal Pradesh.

Addressing a press conference here, Naidu said that the proposed institute, which will start from a temporary campus with an introductory 10 week course from May 15 this year, will be set up at Itanagar in Arunachal Pradesh. The institute will also start similar courses throughout the year, focusing on introducing North East students to the medium of cinema and filmmaking as a career and enrich their skills in the domain. Mr.Naidu said that an investment of Rs. 200 crore is proposed for setting up the institute and it is expected to benefit the students and youths of the North East region. It is hoped that desirous students of the area would be benefited from the institute which is being set up under the aegis of Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute, Kolkata.

The ministry would also be launching a dedicated Doordarshan channel, Arun Prabha, from Arunachal Pradesh by August this year with the objective to seamlessly integrate the North East and showcase its rich culture to the rest of the country. The focus will be on youth with contemporary entertainment and informative shows, Naidu said.

The minister further assured that the permanent campus of the Indian institute of Mass Communication (IIMC) at Aizawl would be ready by March 2018 and it will endeavor to launch contemporary relevant short duration courses for student and specialized courses for journalists from the North East.

To supplement the efforts of the public broadcaster, 13 FM channels have already been operationalized and another 48 channels in 18 cities have been proposed, the Minister added.

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## WORKSHOP ON “STRUCTURE OF THE PRINTED BOOK”

A one day workshop on the ‘Structure of the Printed Book’ was held in the PG Department of Assamese, Dakshin Kamrup Girls’ College Mirza on 25th March, 2017. The workshop which commenced at 11:00 AM, continued till 3:00 PM. Dr. Kishor Sarma, the Librarian of college was the resource person of the workshop. All the faculty members of the Department and the students of PG attended the program. Dr. Sarma elaborately explained to the students about the history of book making and also the basic elements present in a book. He highlighted on the history of bookmaking i.e. the evolution of book since the ancient period till present day, in detail. Dr. Sarma also made the students aware of about several technical terms related to book making.

Reported By: Kakali Nath, BMC 4th Sem.

## OBSERVANCE OF INTERNATIONAL WOMENS’ DAY

The Women Cell of Dakshin Kamrup Girls’ College Mirza observed “International Womens’ Day” on May 8, 2017 at the Conference Hall of the College. The meeting was presided over by Dr. Malabika Roy, the President of the Women Cell. This year, theme of discussion was, ‘Be Bold for Change.’ Around eighty participants including students and teachers participated in the program. Dr. Gajendra Adhikari, principal of the College, inaugurating the session, appealed the students to be bold in all activities of life. He also referred to those noble ladies of Assam who are still immortal because of their impact on the society. Dr. Adhikari was followed by the resource person of the session, Dr. Jahnvi Devi, Associate Professor, Department of Assamese. Dr. Devi explained that the word ‘xsabalikaran’ means to empower the women. However, this power does not mean only physical, but mental as well as spiritual. She appealed to the participants to be bold for change. She stressed on educating the girls without discriminating between a girl and a boy. She further said that, a society can prosper only when the girls are equally treated. We have to inspire the girls to take up formal education.

She added, “If women have mental power, then they will be independent and they will be able to live in a good society. Women’s economic empowerment refers to the ability of women to enjoy their rights to control and benefit from resources and assets. It also means income the ability to manage risks and improve their economic status and wellbeing.”

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## RONGALI BIHU CELEBRATED IN ARUNACHAL PRADESH

The Assamese community residing in Arunachal Pradesh celebrated Rongali Bihu, the most popular festival of Assam, on April 14 last with traditional gaiety and enthusiasm. Considered as the festival of merriment, Rongali Bihu that marks the beginning of the Assamese new year, starts on the last day of the month of chaitra according to the Hindu calendar and continues for seven days but in towns, the celebrations continue for the whole month.

At Itanagar, apart from the Assamese community, people from all walks of life thronged in the Vivekananda Hall of RK Mission Hospital complex to enjoy the Bihu festivities. Besides Bihu songs and dance, cultural troupes from other tribes also performed, enthraling the jam-packed hall.

The organizers of Itanagar Rongali Bihu Sanmilian felicitated the guests with ‘Bihuwan’ as a mark of respect and served them with traditional Assamese dishes. Gracing the occasion as chief guest, Itanagar MLA and parliamentary secretary Techy Kaso greeted the people and said that the festival, besides reflecting the rich cultural heritage of Assamese community, fosters unity, brotherhood and harmony among different communities irrespective of caste, creed or religion.

On the occasion of Bohag Bihu, Governor PB Acharya also extended his warm greetings to the people of Arunachal Pradesh. He exuded hope that the spring festival will herald a new era of harmonious relations and prosperity. He further wished that the festivity ushers in peace and progress in the whole of the North-eastern region.

Reported By: Ritu Moni Nath, BMC 4th Sem.

## BJP FLOURISHES IN MANIPUR ASSEMBLY ELECTION.

BJP has flourished in the Legislative Assembly Election in Manipur. The election was held on two phases, 4th March and 8th March 2017 for 60 members of the Manipur Legislative Assembly. Along with EVM, the Voter Verified Paper Audit Trial (VVPAT) machines were also used in four assembly constituencies in Manipur. The result was declared on 11th March, 2017. Former Congress minister and BJP candidate from Heigang Assembly seat N Biren Singh won by a margin of 1206 votes. BJP also bagged the assembly segments of Sagolbandh, Sekmai, Lamshang, Konthoujam, Naoriya Pakhanglakpa, Tam-lengong, Churachandpur (ST). It is for the first time that BJP has come to the forefront in Assembly Election. The election was held in all the 60 constituencies.

The result of the Manipur assembly election came out on Saturday. Out of the 60 assembly seats the Congress emerged as the leading political party with 28 seats while the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) had secured 21 seats. The ruling Congress and BJP are both claiming victory in the state after two parties failed to notch up a majority number in the polls. The National People’s Party and the Naga People’s Front both won one seat each while Lok Janshakti Party won one seat. One seat each was won by an Independent and an all India Trinamool Congress candidate. On 15th March, 2017, N. Biren Singh was sworn as the Chief Minister, with the support of NPP, NPF, LGP and it was the first time that BJP formed government in Manipur.

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Dr. Jyotshna Baruah, delivering lecture on ‘The Growth of Nationalism in India’ at Dakshin Kamrup Girls’ College.

## LECTURE ON “THE GROWTH OF NATIONALISM IN INDIA”

A special lecture on ‘The Growth of Nationalism in India’ was organized by the Department of History, Dakshin Kamrup Girls’ College on April 11, 2017. Dr. Jyotshna Baruah, Associate Professor, Dept. of History, Loknayok Amio Kumar Das College, Dhekhiajuli was the resource person on the occasion. The session started at 11:30 am in the Digital Hall of DKGCC.

Dr. Baruah, elaborately discussed about the growth and development of nationalism in India with special reference to Assam. In her speech she not only confined herself in Indian nationalist movement but also discussed about the nationalist movements of countries like France, Russia and others. Dr. Baruah also stressed on contribution extended by the noted personalities of Assam and other parts of the country to the growth of Nationalism in India. The lecture was attended by students and teachers of the Dept. of History.

Reported By: Arjana Ahmed, BMC 4th Sem



### Dr Gajendra Adhikary during his China Visit A GAZE IN TO CHINISE HIGHER EDUCATION.

Dr. Gajendra Adhikary, Principal, D.K. Girls' College, Mirza, Assam recently undertook a trip to China on 13-04-2017. The excursion was initiated by India- China Alliance for Cooperation, New Delhi. Thirty four academic delegates, from different Universities, Colleges and Research scholars across the state participated in this tour. The motto of the voyage was to explore a considerable number of Universities and some business establishments in and around Beijing and to gather a concrete view on the educational system and scenario pursued by that country. Some of the prominent institutions selected for the survey : Kunming University, Beijing University, KBI University (Deemed University) Ramming University, Induration tea producing center and many more academic related industries including international flower market and traditional Chinese medicinal center.

The excursion lasted for a week. During their stay in China, the troupe had discourses with a number of distinguished academicians of different Universities and reflected their views on the system of education and its prospect on the young generation of the country

After returning from the trip, Dr. Adhikary shared his experiences he accumulated in China, with the members of the College family. He focused on the prospects of such industries that have generally remained a neglected subject in our state. He has stressed upon getting inspired by such modern technology and implement them in India to useful commodities in our day to day life.

Reported By: Kakali Nath, BMC 4th Sem.



Japanese Educationist Dr.R Fureri & E.Shin at D.K.Girls' College

### JAPANEES SCHOLAR AT DAKSHIN KAMRUP GIRLS' COLLEGE

E. Shin a Research fellow from Tokyo University, pursuing her research work in "Political History of Ancient Assam", visited D.K.Girls' College and had discourses with Dr. Gajendra Adhikary, the Principal of the College in connection with her research work. She was accompanied by Dr. R. Fureri, Associate Prof., Tokyo University, Japan.

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### NINE PASSPORT SEVA KENDRAS TO BE SET UP IN ASSAM

Minister of State for External Affairs VK Singh today announced that nine new Passport Seva Kendras would be set up in Assam soon. According to an official release by Assam Government, Minister of State for External Affairs VK Singh announced setting up of new Passport Seva Kendras (PSK) in the state during a discussion with Chief Minister Sarbananda Sonowal here.

"On request from the Chief Minister, Singh assured him that the External Affairs Ministry will set up Passport Seva Kendras at Dibrugarh, Silchar, Tezpur, Kokrajhar, Dhubri, Goalpara, Lakhimpur, Nagaon and Diphu soon," it added.

Singh said the External Affairs Ministry will extend all required support to maximize the presence of PKs in Assam and accordingly, such centres will be opened at district head post offices initially.

"Apart from MEA personnel, such centres will be manned by staff of the postal department with technical support from TCS," VK Singh said.

Keeping in view the hardships faced by the people of North East while availing visas for travelling abroad, Sonowal requested the Union Minister to take measures for setting up of consulates in Assam.

The duo also discussed about the potential of Assam to be the gateway to South-East Asia and strategies to implement the Act East policy to promote economic cooperation, cultural ties and develop strategic relationship with neighboring nations.

Reported By:Nandita Das, BMC 4th Sem

### MEGHALAYA GOVT. TO REVIEW MARRIAGE ACT

Meghalaya Parliamentary Affairs Minister Martin M Danggo said that the State Government would review the Meghalaya Compulsory Registration of Marriage Act, 2012 after members demanded an amendment in the Act based on complaints from church leaders and the general public. The Minister said in his reply in the State Assembly on a resolution moved by Opposition member, Jemino Mawthoh from United Democratic Party that the Government has received representation from church leaders regarding that Act and the Government is actively considering to revisit the Act. Earlier, Mawthoh said that the State Act is in direct conflict with the Centre's Indian Christian Marriage Act, 1872. He further urged the government that the State Act should be "people friendly" and should be amended after broad consultation with the stakeholders. According to some members, who participated in the discussion, people were being asked to re-register their marriage under the Act.

Participating in the discussion, former Law Minister, Rowell Lyngdoh, under whose tenure the Act was passed, said, the Act was formed with the objective to get all the people not covered under the Indian Christian Marriage Act to get their marriage registered.

He, however, said that if there are reservations against some of the provisions of the Act, it could be revisited.

Reported By:Arjana Ahmed,BMC 4th Sem

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