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CM attends Special Meeting of NESAC Society at Shillong

Dispur, July 24: Chief Minister Dr. Himanta Biawa Sarma attended the Special Meeting of the North Eastern Space Application Centre (NESAC) Society chaired by Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah at NESAC HQ at Umiam, Shillong in Meghalaya today.

During the meeting, issues related to use of space technology for flood control, wetland management, preservation of forest cover in the region etc. were discussed.

While taking part in the discussion, Chief Minister Sarma said that NESAC and ISRO carried out a joint study of flood in Assam and identified over 5000 sq km wetland which could be used to divert Brahmaputra water during monsoon to control flood in the State.

The Chief Minister proposed to take up a pilot project for flood control involving Central Water Commission under Jal Shakti Ministry and Water Resources Department of the State. The Chief Minister also suggested for monitoring of forests at inter-state border by using space technology.

Union DONER Minister G Kishan Reddy, Union MoS Space Dr. Jitendra Singh, MoS DONER BL Verma and Chief Ministers of all NE States also spoke on the occasion.

Secretaries of DoS and DONER, Chairman ISRO Dr. K Sivan, Director NESAC and Chief Secretaries of the NE States were also present in the meeting.

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