


**Synopsis of the main developments reported in leading newspapers.**

**2- 8 Aug 2025**

**More than 2 million farmers in Assam get ₹422 crore under PM-KISAN**

Over 2 million farmers in Assam have received more than ₹422 crore under the PM-Kisan Samman Nidhi scheme, officials said on Sunday. The amount was disbursed on Saturday as part of a nationwide programme, which was launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Varanasi, a senior official of the Agriculture Department said. "Under the 20th instalment of the PM-Kisan scheme, more than 2.031 million eligible farmer families in Assam have received the benefit," he added.

https://www.business-standard.com/india-news/more-than-2-million-farmers-in-assam-get-422-crore-under-pm-kisan-125080300181_1.html

**Meghalaya begins land acquisition for Rs 22,864-Cr Shillong-Silchar corridor**

Shillong, Aug 5: The Meghalaya government has initiated the land acquisition process for the construction of the Rs 22,864-crore high-speed corridor from Umiam Lake near Shillong to Silchar in lower Assam, officials said on Tuesday.

The Greenfield four-lane highway, which will pass through the Ri-Bhoi district, will be built by the National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited (NHIDCL), they said. In a notification, Ri-Bhoi's Deputy Commissioner Abhilash Baranwal asked villagers not to undertake any new construction or development activity within the designated area of the proposed corridor without prior permission from his office.

https://assamtribune.com/north-east/meghalaya-begins-land-acquisition-for-rs-22864-cr-shillong-silchar-corridor-1587330

**Tripura’s first international cricket stadium to be ready by December: CM Saha**

Agartala, Aug 4: Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha recently announced that the state’s first international cricket stadium, currently under construction at Narsinghgarh in Agartala, is expected to be completed by December this year.

https://assamtribune.com/north-east/tripuras-first-international-cricket-stadium-to-be-ready-by-december-cm-saha-1587237

**High-level task force charts infrastructure roadmap for Northeast**

A comprehensive master plan for the North Eastern Region (NER) has been proposed. Focus on improving infrastructure and reducing transportation costs. Initiative aims to transform NER into a major hub for connectivity and trade. The High-Level Task Force (HLTF) on infrastructure and logistics connectivity for the North Eastern Region (NER) has decided to prepare a comprehensive regional master plan aimed at accelerating development in one of India’s most strategically important geographies. The meeting, chaired by Union Minister for Communications and Development of North Eastern Region Jyotiraditya M. Scindia and co-chaired by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, brought together senior officials from all eight northeastern states along with representatives from key central ministries.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/story/northeast-india-connectivity-master-plan-infrastructure-cross-border-trade-1257914-2025-08-08

**Assam: NABARD marks National Handloom Day, showcases support for 8,000 weavers**

The National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) marked National Handloom Day in Guwahati, on August 7, with the theme “Handloom for Reinvigorating the Rural Economy of Assam.” The event highlighted the handloom sector’s role in boosting the rural economy and recognised the contributions of weavers across the state.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/story/nabard-assam-handloom-sector-boost-rural-economy-weaver-empowerment-1257852-2025-08-08

**Parliament passes Coastal Shipping Bill to tap India's maritime trade potential**

New Delhi, Aug 7: The Coastal Shipping Bill, 2025 — aimed at promoting cargo movement along India’s coastline — was passed by Parliament on Thursday, following its approval by the Rajya Sabha. Earlier cleared by the Lok Sabha on April 3, the bill

seeks to harness the full potential of the country's extensive and strategically significant coastline by establishing a dedicated legal framework for coastal trade.

https://assamtribune.com/national/parliament-passes-coastal-shipping-bill-to-tap-indias-maritime-trade-potential-1587628

**India's first Slalom Course coming to Meghalaya's Umtham River in Ri Bhoi**

Shillong, Aug 7: The Meghalaya government has decided to purchase a 14-acre property through the Meghalaya Industrial Development Corporation (MIDFC) to develop a Slalom course in Umtham River, Ri Bhoi.

The project aims to promote water sports, particularly Slalom, River Canoeing, and Kayaking, in the state. "This will be the only course of ITS kind in the entire country once it is fully completed in terms of the overall development that takes place there," Sangma told reporters after chairing a cabinet meeting held here on Thursday.

https://hubnetwork.in/indias-first-slalom-course-coming-to-meghalayas-umtham-river-in-ri-bhoi/

**IndiGo to launch New Delhi–Silchar morning flights via Guwahati from September 20**

Silchar, Aug 7: Amid growing concerns over limited air connectivity and rising airfares from Silchar to Guwahati and other parts of the country, IndiGo Airlines has announced a new morning flight from New Delhi to Silchar via Guwahati, set to begin operations on September 20 this year.

https://assamtribune.com/assam/indigo-to-launch-new-delhisilchar-morning-flights-via-guwahati-from-september-20-1587576

**Tripura plans six eco parks across districts to boost tourism, local livelihoods**

Agartala, Aug 6: Tripura Forest Minister Animesh Debbarma, on Wednesday, said his department has chalked out a plan to set up six eco parks to boost tourism in the state. The estimated cost of each eco park to be set up in six districts, except Dhalai and South Tripura, will be Rs 10 crore, and the joint forest management group (JFMG) will run the proposed facilities, he said.

https://assamtribune.com/north-east/tripura-plans-six-eco-parks-across-districts-to-boost-tourism-local-livelihoods-1587436