

Synopsis of the main developments reported in leading newspapers.

16 August- 22 August 2025

Lok Sabha passes bill to set up IIM in Guwahati; second in NE

Lok Sabha on Tuesday passed the Indian Institutes of Management (Amendment) Bill, 2025, paving way for the establishment of the institute in Guwahati, with the union govt committing Rs 550 crore corpus fund for a period of five years from 2025-26.
IIM-Guwahati will be the 22nd in the country and the second in the northeast after IIM-Shillong, which was set up in 2007.

Read more at:
https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/guwahati/ls-passes-bill-to-set-up-iim-in-guwahati-second-in-ne/articleshow/123393245.cms

BVFCL, Bhutan seed centre ink 5-yr deal for Agri-cooperation

In a landmark move to boost regional agricultural cooperation, Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Limited (BVFCL) has signed a five-year business-to-business agreement with Bhutan's National Seed Centre. The partnership marks a significant step forward in India-Bhutan ties and aims to strengthen food security across the Himalayan region.

Read more at:
https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/city/guwahati/bvfcl-bhutan-seed-centre-ink-5-yr-deal-for-agri-cooperation/articleshow/123416749.cms

Conrad launches event to empower rural entrepreneurs

The Meghalaya govt, in collaboration with PRIME Rural and the Meghalaya Basin Management Agency (MBMA), inaugurated the RURALPRENEUR' 25 event at the State

Central Library on Tuesday. The event brought together rural entrepreneurs, govt officials, partner institutions, and industry experts to celebrate the growth of rural entrepreneurship and strengthen the state's entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Read more at:
https://b2b.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/entrepreneur/empowering-rural-entrepreneurs-meghalayas-ruralpreneur-25-event/123404799

Tripura gears up for electric train services with Teliamura sub-station commissioning

Tripura prepares to launch electric trains with new traction sub-stations. The initiative will replace diesel trains and support India's railway electrification drive

Read more at:
https://www.indiatodayne.in/tripura/story/tripura-gears-up-for-electric-train-services-with-teliamura-sub-station-commissioning-1262834-2025-08-18

Meghalaya leads northeast in disaster warning system implementation

Meghalaya has emerged as the most proactive state in the Northeast in adopting and effectively using the Common Alerting Protocol (CAP)-based integrated disaster warning system, according to officials.

Read more at:

https://www.indiatodayne.in/meghalaya/story/meghalaya-leads-northeast-in-disaster-warning-system-implementation-1264389-2025-08-20

Meghalaya invests Rs 1,700 cr in entrepreneurs; support for SHGs rises to Rs 1,000 cr

Meghalaya government invests Rs 1700 crore in entrepreneurship. RURALPRENEUR '25 launched to strengthen rural enterprises. Chief Minister Sangma highlights importance of entrepreneurial culture.

Read more at:

https://www.indiatodayne.in/meghalaya/story/meghalaya-government-invests-rs-1700-crore-to-boost-rural-entrepreneurs-1263768-2025-08-19

Rare earth minerals push: India begins critical mineral hunt in Mizoram and Assam, Government targets import cuts

Exploration of critical minerals has begun in Mizoram and Assam as part of the government's wider push to strengthen domestic mineral security, Union Coal and Mines Minister G Kishan Reddy has said.

Read more at:

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/business/india-business/rare-earth-minerals-push-india-begins-critical-mineral-hunt-in-mizoram-and-assam-government-targets-import-cuts/articleshow/123432351.cms

IndiGrid to acquire Rs 460 crore Northeast transmission project from TEECL

IndiGrid will acquire NERES XVI Power Transmission Ltd, an inter-state project in northeastern India, from Techno Electric & Engineering Company post-commissioning for up to Rs 460 crore. The project includes a substation and a 45 km transmission line, with a targeted commissioning date of December 2026.

Read more at:
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/industry/energy/power/indigrid-to-acquire-rs-460-crore-northeast-transmission-project-from-teecl/articleshow/123426796.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst