

Synopsis of the main developments reported in leading newspapers.

23 August- 29 August 2025

Centre allocates Rs 1,940 crore for NH works in Northeastern states

Union Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH) allocated Rs 1,940 crore for the northeastern states under NH(O)-NE State Pool and NH(O)-TSP for incurring expenditure on NH(O) works.

According to the notification, under NH(O)-NE State Pool, Arunachal will get Rs 1,300 crore, Rs 120 crore for Assam, Rs 10 crore for Manipur, Rs 135 crore for Meghalaya, Rs 45 crore for Sikkim, and Rs 5 crore for Tripura.

Read more:

https://www.sentinelassam.com/topheadlines/centre-allocates-rs-1940-crore-for-nh-works-in-northeastern-states

Rail Link To Myanmar Border Gains Pace: NFR Eyes Strategic, Economic Boost For Northeast

The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) is moving ahead with the final survey of a 223-km railway line from Sairang in Mizoram to Hbichhuah on the Myanmar border, a project seen as both a strategic necessity and an economic opportunity

The survey is expected to be completed this year, after which a detailed project report will be placed before the Railway Board.

Read more:

https://swarajyamag.com/news-brief/rail-link-to-myanmar-border-gains-pace-nfr-eyes-strategic-economic-boost-for-northeast

Tripura leads North East with AI to increase milk production, wins national award

The Animal Resources Development Department of Tripura has been honoured with the 'Centre for Innovation in Public Service' Award for introducing Artificial Insemination (AI) using Sexed Semen Technology, a move aimed at boosting milk production in the state.

Neeraj Kumar Chanchal, Director of the department, said, "The department has been honoured with the 'Centre for Innovation in Public Service' Award for pioneering AI through Sexed Semen Technology.

Read more:

https://www.indiatodayne.in/tripura/story/tripura-leads-north-east-with-ai-to-increase-milk-production-wins-national-award-1266661-2025-08-25

Assam's small tea growers face crisis as leaf prices crash, foreign imports surge

Assam's small tea growers, who contribute more than 52 percent of the state's total tea production, are grappling with a severe crisis as prices of leaf leaves have plummeted to as low as Rs 11 per kilogram in some areas. The situation has sparked widespread concern among growers, who allege government apathy and inaction by the Tea Board of India.

Read more:

https://assamtribune.com/assam/assams-small-tea-growers-face-crisis-as-leaf-prices-crash-foreign-imports-surge-1589148

Tripura leads Northeast in PDS digitisation with 81% e-KYC success

The Tripura government has taken new initiatives to make the public distribution system (PDS) more powerful, transparent and people-oriented, Food, Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs Minister Sushanta Chowdhury said.
Inaugurating a state-level discussion with officials, ration dealers and transport contractors, the Minister announced the introduction of PVC ration cards in place of the old paper-based ones for consumer convenience. Distribution of these new cards began from August 28.

Read more:

https://www.indiatodayne.in/tripura/story/tripura-pvc-ration-cards-launch-pds-transparency-dealer-commission-hike-1269076-2025-08-29

IndiGo boosts Northeast travel: Second non-stop Delhi to Itanagar service to start from September 2025

IndiGo is set to launch a second daily non-stop flight between Delhi and Itanagar starting September 17, 2025, responding to increased demand and tourism growth in Arunachal Pradesh. This new service complements the existing flight, enhancing connectivity and offering passengers greater flexibility for travel.

Read more:

https://timesofindia.indiatimes.com/life-style/travel/news/indigo-boosts-northeast-travel-second-non-stop-delhi-to-itanagar-service-to-start-from-september-2025/articleshow/123567133.cms

Assam: Centre flags cross-border JMB terror links after arrest, puts Dhaka on notice

India has uncovered fresh cross-border terror links on Wednesday with the arrest of a Jamaat-ul-Mujahideen Bangladesh (JMB) operative in Assam, escalating security concerns and putting Bangladesh under renewed scrutiny over its handling of banned extremist groups.

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma at a press conference in the capital Dispur confirmed that Ali Hussain Bepari, an Indian national from Dhubri, was arrested for sharing contact numbers of Assam residents with Bangladesh-based JMB handlers.

Read more:

https://nenow.in/north-east-news/assam/assam-centre-flags-cross-border-jmb-terror-links-after-arrest-puts-dhaka-on-notice.html

Japan to fund $400 million bamboo biofuel refinery project in India

Japan Bank for International Cooperation and private banks to invest around $408 million in bamboo-to-biofuel refinery in Assam, marking Japan's largest clean energy investment in northeast India

Read more;

https://www.business-standard.com/industry/news/japan-extends-60-billion-yen-funding-assam-bamboo-biofuel-refinery-125082900214_1.html

Four northeast capitals among safest cities for women: NARI 2025

The NARI 2025 report on women's safety revealed that 40% of urban women across India feel "not so safe" or "unsafe," with safety concerns increasing at night due to poor lighting and insufficient security.
While Ranchi, Srinagar, Kolkata, Delhi, Faridabad, Patna, and Jaipur ranked among the least safe cities, northeast cities such as Kohima, Aizawl, Gangtok, Itanagar, and Bhubaneswar were highlighted as among the safest.

Read more:

https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/story/four-northeast-capitals-among-safest-cities-for-women-nari-2025-1268942-2025-08-28

Arunachal Pradesh launches first air cargo service

Arunachal Pradesh took a major step toward boosting its agri-economy on August 28 with the launch of its first outbound air cargo service from Donyi Polo Airport. Civil Aviation Minister Balo Raja flagged off the service under the theme *"Empowering Farmers, Connecting Markets"*, aimed at linking local producers to wider markets and ensuring faster movement of perishable goods.

https://www.maritimegateway.com/arunachal-pradesh-launches-first-air-cargo-service/