

Synopsis of the main developments reported in leading newspapers.

30 August- 5 September 2025

Vision to make NE logistics, aviation hub connecting India with Southeast Asia: Minister

The government aims to transform the Northeast into a key aviation hub. It will connect India and Southeast Asia. Air connectivity has improved significantly in the region. The number of airports has increased. The Udaan scheme is extended to boost regional aviation. Several new airport projects are planned across the northeastern states. These projects include new terminals and runway extensions.

Read more at:
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/politics-and-nation/vision-to-make-ne-logistics-aviation-hub-connecting-india-with-southeast-asia-minister/articleshow/123698737.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst

Assam: Cachar administration to resolve pending issues to expedite Bharat Mala project

The Cachar district administration of Assam has decided to resolve pending issues to expedite major national infrastructure work under the Bharat Mala Project. A meeting on land acquisition, chaired by District Commissioner Mridul Yadav on Thursday evening, discussed measures to ensure smooth progress of multiple infrastructure packages, an official release said.

Read more at:https://nenews.in/assam/assam-cachar-administration-to-resolve-pending-issues-to-expedite-bharat-mala-project/31933/

Assam Ignites a New Energy Era with Top Rank in Efficiency Index
In a landmark achievement, Assam has emerged as the top performer in the **State Energy Efficiency Index** (SEEI) 2024, outshining traditionally dominant states and establishing itself as a beacon of sustainable development.

Read more at:
https://www.sentinelassam.com/north-east-india-news/assam-news/assam-ignites-a-new-energy-era-with-top-rank-in-efficiency-index

PM to Inaugurate Numaligarh Bamboo Bio-Refinery on Sept 14, Fueling Green Growth
Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate India's first bamboo-based bio-refinery at Numaligarh Refinery in Assam's Golaghat district on September 14. The landmark ₹7,200-crore project, set to produce ethanol from bamboo, marks a pioneering step in the country's sustainable energy mission.

Read more at:
https://www.sentinelassam.com/north-east-india-news/assam-news/pm-to-inaugurate-numaligarh-bamboo-bio-refinery-on-sept-14-fueling-green-growth

How North East may become a goldmine for India's quest for rare earth
A Geological Survey of India report indicates that the North-East region of India possesses over 70 million tonnes of untapped minerals and rare earth elements. These reserves, spread across Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Manipur, and Nagaland, include lithium, graphite, and vanadium.

Read more at:
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/new-updates/how-north-east-may-become-a-goldmine-for-indias-quest-for-rare-earth/articleshow/123715623.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst

Kuki-Zo Council reopens NH-02; Tripartite SoO agreement signed in New Delhi
The Kuki-Zo Council (KZC) has decided to reopen National Highway-02, ensuring the free movement of commuters and essential goods in Manipur.

Read more at:
https://www.indiatodayne.in/manipur/story/kuki-zo-council-reopens-nh-02-tripartite-soo-agreement-signed-in-new-delhi-1272341-2025-09-04

Naga apex body announces trade embargo in Manipur from Sept 8 over FMR, border fencing

The apex body of Nagas in Manipur has declared that it will enforce a “trade embargo” across Naga-inhabited areas of the state starting midnight of September 8, in protest against the scrapping of the Free Movement Regime (FMR) and the ongoing fencing of the India-Myanmar border.

Read more at:
https://www.indiatodayne.in/manipur/story/naga-apex-body-announces-trade-embargo-in-manipur-from-sept-8-over-fmr-border-fencing-1272325-2025-09-04

Heliports in Every District of Northeast Planned Under Extended UDAN Scheme: Union Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu

Union Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu on Thursday announced that the government has significantly stepped up investment in the Northeast, with budget allocations rising by 153 per cent since 2014-15 and over ₹1.45 lakh crore already channelled into infrastructure projects under the PM Gati Shakti scheme.

Read more at:
https://northeasttoday.in/northeast/arunachal-pradesh/heliports-in-every-district-of-northeast-planned-under-extended-udan-scheme-union-minister-kinjarapu-rammohan-naidu/

Manipur achieves India's lowest infant mortality rate as nation records dramatic health gains

The northeastern state's remarkable achievement comes as India celebrates a historic milestone in public health, with the national infant mortality rate dropping to a record low of 25 in 2023 – a 37.5 per cent decline from 40 recorded in 2013.

Read more at:
https://www.indiatodayne.in/manipur/story/manipur-achieves-indias-lowest-infant-mortality-rate-as-nation-records-dramatic-health-gains-1272299-2025-09-04

Meghalaya announces Autumn Calendar 2025: Global artists, world-class festivals, and daily music across the state

Meghalaya's Department of Tourism has launched the Autumn Calendar 2025, featuring a diverse array of festivals designed to boost the local economy and showcase the state's cultural richness. The calendar includes the Chief Minister’s Meghalaya Grassroots Music Project, international kayaking events, motorsport competitions, and the Cherry Blossom Festival with global headliners.

Read more at:
https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/india/meghalaya-announces-autumn-calendar-2025-global-artists-world-class-festivals-and-daily-music-across-the-

state/articleshow/123679044.cms?utm_source=contentofinterest&utm_medium=text&utm_campaign=cppst

NEC allocates Rs 12.18 crore for development projects across North East India
The Ministry of the North Eastern Council (NEC) on Thursday announced the release of Rs 12.18 crore to fund multiple development projects across the North East region, including Mizoram, Nagaland, Meghalaya, and Manipur.
The funding aims to promote agriculture, animal husbandry, education, skill development, and livelihood generation in the region.

Read more at:
https://m.nenow.in/article/mizoram/nec-allocates-rs-12-18-crore-for-development-projects-across-north-east-india/454998/amp

Mizoram launches FOCUS 2.0, Rs 380 crore IFAD assistance cleared for climate-resilient agriculture
Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma on Tuesday, September 2 chaired a high-level meeting of the Governing Council of the Society for Climate Resilient Agriculture in Mizoram (SCRAM) to review the implementation roadmap of FOCUS 2.0, the state's flagship climate-resilient agriculture initiative. The meeting was held at the Planning & Programme Implementation Department Conference Hall.

Read more at:
https://www.indiatodayne.in/mizoram/story/mizoram-launches-focus-20-rs-380-crore-ifad-assistance-cleared-for-climate-resilient-agriculture-1271439-2025-09-02