

Synopsis of the main developments reported in leading newspapers.

11 October – 17 October 2025

First IVF lab in northeast inaugurated in Guwahati to boost dairy, livestock sector

The first in-vitro fertilisation (IVF) laboratory in India's northeastern region was inaugurated in Guwahati under the Rashtriya Gokul Mission, marking a major step in strengthening the region's dairy and livestock sector.

The facility, developed with an investment of Rs 28.93 crore, aims to improve cattle breeds and support sustainable dairy development across northeastern states.

Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/story/first-ivf-lab-in-northeast-inaugurated-in-guwahati-to-boost-dairy-livestock-sector-1289790-2025-10-12

Assam aims to train 50,000 youth in Japanese for overseas jobs

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, on October 12, launched the Chief Minister's Foreign Language Initiative (CM-FLIGHT), a program to train 50,000 state youth in the Japanese language and facilitate their employment in Japan. The initiative provides an opportunity for candidates to obtain five-year work visas, with salaries of up to Rs 2 lakh per month.

Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/story/assam-aims-to-train-50000-youth-in-japanese-for-overseas-jobs-1289728-2025-10-12

Arunachal's IT Department to connect all gram panchayats with 4G network, local dialects to enter telecom systems

The Arunachal Pradesh Department of Information Technology & Communication (IT&C) has unveiled an ambitious plan to connect all Gram Panchayats across the state through 4G fibre network connectivity.

The initiative also includes integrating local dialects into telecom voice command systems to make digital communication more inclusive and accessible for rural and tribal communities.

A review meeting chaired by Nyamar Karbak, Chairman of IT&C, discussed the project's technical and policy frameworks for effective implementation.

Read more at: https://www.facebook.com/IndiaTodayNE/posts/the-arunachal-pradesh-department-of-information-technology-communication-itc-has/813009274778914/

Arunachal launches skill training to make youth globally competitive

The Arunachal Pradesh Government has launched a two-month skill development training programme aimed at equipping local unemployed youth with industry-specific skills in printing and binding, with the goal of enhancing their global employability and entrepreneurship potential.

The initiative, jointly organised by the Department of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and the Department of Printing and Stationery, will provide specialised training in offset machine operation and binding work to 35 local youths.

Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/arunachal-pradesh/video/arunachal-launches-skill-training-to-make-youth-globally-competitive-1290035-2025-10-13

Nagaland launches Command and Control Center to boost soil health management

A new Command and Control Center (CCC) designed to enhance data-driven agricultural management and farmer outreach was commissioned at the Directorate of Soil & Water Conservation, Kohima, by Advisor for IPR and Soil & Water Conservation, Imkong L. Imchen, on October 13.

The tech-based centre, funded jointly by the Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, Government of India, and the Government of Nagaland under the Soil Health and Fertility component of Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (RKVY), aims to provide real-time insights on soil conditions and crop health. It will also serve as a direct communication hub between farmers and officials through a toll-free number (+91 7965192504) for soil and fertility-related queries.

Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/nagaland/story/nagaland-launches-command-and-control-center-to-boost-soil-health-management-1290255-2025-10-13

DISHA meeting reviews implementation of centrally sponsored schemes in Aizawl

The District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) for Aizawl District held a review meeting on Monday under the chairmanship of Lok Sabha MP Richard Vanlalhmangaiha to assess the implementation of various Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS).

Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/mizoram/story/disha-meeting-reviews-implementation-of-centrally-sponsored-schemes-in-aizawl-1290181-2025-10-13

Tripura emerges as startup powerhouse, records 66 per cent growth over past five years

Tripura is fast becoming a major force in India's startup landscape, posting an impressive 66 per cent average growth in startup recognitions over the past five years. The state's progress was spotlighted at the Tamil Nadu Global Startup Summit 2025, held at the CODISSIA Trade Fair Complex in Coimbatore, where over Rs 100 crore in investment commitments were announced.

Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/tripura/story/tripura-emerges-as-startup-powerhouse-records-66-per-cent-growth-over-past-five-years-1290104-2025-10-13

Sikkim unveils 'Connect to CM' platform for direct public access to government

Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang on October 13 introduced the 'Connect to CM' platform at Samman Bhawan, a new system that allows residents to directly reach the Chief Minister's Office for grievances, feedback, and service-related queries. The move is aimed at improving transparency and ensuring faster response to citizen concerns.

Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/sikkim/story/sikkim-unveils-connect-to-cm-platform-for-direct-public-access-to-government-1290252-2025-10-13

‘Healthy Seeds – Healthy Crops’ campaign launched in Boko to empower farmers

In a significant move to enhance agricultural productivity and promote sustainable farming, the Department of Agriculture, Government of India, has launched a scientifically designed seed treatment campaign under its flagship initiative “Healthy Seeds – Healthy Crops.”

The program seeks to boost rural economies by equipping farmers with modern, eco-friendly agricultural techniques.

Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/story/healthy-seeds-healthy-crops-campaign-launched-in-boko-to-empower-farmers-1291266-2025-10-16

Prohibitory orders imposed along India-Bangladesh border in Cachar

Authorities on October 14 issued prohibitory orders along the India-Bangladesh border in Assam’s Cachar district amid concerns over potential extremist activity and cross-border smuggling, an official statement said.

The restrictions, imposed by Cachar District Magistrate Mridul Yadav under Section 163 of the BNSS, target maintaining law and order and preventing illegal transport of goods and cattle in sensitive areas adjoining the international border.

Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/story/prohibitory-orders-imposed-along-india-bangladesh-border-in-cachar-1290878-2025-10-15

Manipur pushes for stronger sports ecosystem in northeast at high-level meeting

Manipur took centre stage today as the state hosted the 2nd High-Level Task Force Meeting on the Promotion of Sports in the North Eastern Region via video conferencing. The session, co-chaired by the Governor of Manipur, Ajay Kumar Bhalla, and Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, focused on boosting grassroots talent and building a sustainable sports ecosystem.

Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/manipur/story/manipur-pushes-for-stronger-sports-ecosystem-in-northeast-at-high-level-meeting-1291055-2025-10-15

Manipur issues should be addressed at national level: Former CM Biren Singh

Former Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh emphasised that Manipur is an integral part of India and that all state-related issues must be handled at the national level.

Singh spoke to reporters after returning to Imphal today with a delegation of Manipur legislators, following meetings with central BJP leaders in New Delhi.

Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/manipur/story/manipur-issues-should-be-addressed-at-national-level-former-cm-biren-singh-1290670-2025-10-14

Mizoram emerges as top tourist destination in Northeast, records 139.5% rise in visitors

Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma said that the state ranked among the top tourist destinations in the Northeast last year, registering a remarkable surge in visitor arrivals.

Addressing the Hnahsin (cosmos flower) festival in Champhai district, Lalduhoma revealed that over 5.2 lakh tourists visited Mizoram in 2024, marking a 139.5 per cent increase from the previous year. He expressed optimism that the numbers would continue to grow with the improved connectivity brought by the newly inaugurated Bairabi–Sairang railway line.

Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/mizoram/story/mizoram-emerges-as-top-tourist-destination-in-northeast-records-1395-rise-in-visitors-1290843-2025-10-15

Mizoram moves to simplify Inner Line Permits process for train travellers

Mizoram is taking steps to streamline the issuance of Inner Line Permits (ILPs) for visitors arriving by train, officials said. The ILP, required for entry into certain states, including Mizoram, has become a key requirement since the state was connected to the national railway network last month.

Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/mizoram/story/mizoram-moves-to-simplify-inner-line-permits-process-for-train-travellers-1290667-2025-10-14

Tripura government signs MoU with AIIMS to develop centres of excellence in healthcare: CM Manik Saha

In a landmark move aimed at revolutionizing healthcare in Tripura, the Government of Tripura today signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi to develop Centres of Excellence in medical education and advanced healthcare services across the state.

The MoU was signed in the presence of Chief Minister Prof. (Dr.) Manik Saha at Tripura Bhawan, New Delhi, marking a major milestone in the state's journey toward modern, patient-centric healthcare delivery.

Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/tripura/story/tripura-government-signs-mou-with-aiims-to-develop-centres-of-excellence-in-healthcare-cm-manik-saha-1290849-2025-10-15