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Assam to transfer tea garden land to workers, announce 3 per cent job reservation

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma has announced a landmark bill to be introduced in the Legislative Assembly on November 25 that will transfer land ownership from tea garden owners to workers who have lived on these estates for generations.



Speaking at the 19th Biennial Conference of the Assam Tea Tribes Students Association (ATTSA) on October 19, Sarma declared the government's commitment to securing land rights for tea garden communities.

Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/story/assam-to-transfer-tea-garden-land-to-workers-announce-3-per-cent-job-reservation-1292758-2025-10-19

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Arunachal business delegation explores Thailand's rubber, agriculture markets

The week-long Arunachal Pradesh business study and exposure tour in Thailand concluded on October 22, highlighting opportunities in the rubber and horticulture sectors.



The delegation, led by agriculturist Likha Maaj—who introduced large cardamom (1994) and kiwi (1999) to Arunachal Pradesh and served as the state's first Rubber Board Chairman—met His Excellency Nagesh Singh, IFS, Ambassador of India to Thailand and Permanent Representative to UNESCAP, at the Indian Embassy in Bangkok. Secretary (Economic & Commerce) Ms Jagpreet Kaur, IFS, also attended the meeting

Read more at:
https://www.indiatodayne.in/arunachal-pradesh/story/arunachal-business-delegation-explores-thailands-rubber-agriculture-markets-1293578-2025-10-22

Recommended Reads and Tools

Thai investors eye Arunachal's agro and food processing opportunities

Arunachal Pradesh is actively courting Thai investors to expand its food processing and agro-based industries, offering large tracts of land and financial incentives.

A delegation of entrepreneurs from the northeastern Indian state met the India–Thai Chamber of Commerce (ITCC) on October 20 to present investment opportunities in the Mega Food Park and tourism sectors. Likha Maaj, lead promoter of the Mega Food Park project, offered 50 acres of land for establishing food processing units and highlighted the state's investor-friendly policies, including power subsidies, GST reimbursements, and other incentives under the Industrial Policy led by Chief Minister Pema Khandu.



Read more at:
https://www.indiatodayne.in/arunachal-pradesh/story/thai-investors-eye-arunachals-agro-and-food-processing-opportunities-1293046-2025-10-20

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Arunachal's Kaimoi village in Longding emerges as hidden tourism gem amid insurgent-era challenges

Nestled amidst the lush green hills of eastern Arunachal Pradesh, Kaimoi village in Longding district is gradually transforming from an obscure settlement into a rising tourist destination. Longding, part of the Tirap-Changlang-Longding (TCL) corridor and historically affected by insurgent activity, has long been under the purview of the Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA).

On September 27, coinciding with World Tourism Day, the village was awarded the prestigious Best Tourism Village-2025 Award by the state tourism department.

Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/arunachal-pradesh/video/arunachals-kaimoi-village-in-longding-emerges-as-hidden-tourism-gem-amid-insurgent-era-challenges-1292424-2025-10-18

Nagaland University team discovers plant compound that speeds up diabetic wound healing



Researchers at Nagaland University have identified Sinapic acid, a naturally occurring plant compound, as a potential game-changer in diabetic wound treatment. The study shows that this compound, when taken orally, can significantly accelerate wound healing in diabetic conditions — a global first, according to the research team

Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/nagaland/story/nagaland-university-team-discovers-plant-compound-that-speeds-up-diabetic-wound-healing-1293288-2025-10-21

Sikkim showcases path to self-reliance during Union Minister's visit

Sikkim is being held up as a model for self-reliance and sustainable development following a three-day visit by Union Minister of State for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution, Nimuben Jayantibhai Bambhaniya. During her trip, the minister met with BJP workers, toured key locations, and inspected infrastructure projects across the state.



Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/sikkim/story/sikkim-showcases-path-to-self-reliance-during-union-ministers-visit-1292009-2025-10-17

Assam Governor adopts 100 TB patients, stresses on collective fight against tuberculosis



In a significant step towards strengthening Assam's fight against tuberculosis, Governor Lakshman Prasad Acharya on Wednesday, October 22 adopted 100 TB patients from Kamrup Metro and Nagaon districts under the Ni-kshay Mitra initiative of the National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme (NTEP). The adoption ceremony took place at Raj Bhavan, Guwahati.

Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/story/assam-governor-adopts-100-tb-patients-stresses-on-collective-fight-against-tuberculosis-1294078-2025-10-23

Assam: Piped natural gas network to reach Baihata, Hajo, Sualkuchi, and Rangia soon

The supply of piped natural gas (PNG) to households in Baihata, Hajo, Sualkuchi, and Rangia is set to become a reality soon, with pipeline-laying works scheduled to begin in phases from late October.
Purba Bharati Gas Private Limited (PBGPL), a joint venture of Assam Gas Company Limited (AGCL), Oil India Limited (OIL), and GAIL Gas Limited, has written to Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma informing him of the commencement of the works.



Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/story/assam-piped-natural-gas-network-to-reach-baihata-hajo-sualkuchi-and-rangia-soon-1293924-2025-10-22

Tripura prioritises timely, high-quality implementation of PM-SURYA free solar scheme

Tripura is giving top priority to the swift and high-quality rollout of the PM-SURYA Free Solar Scheme, officials said.

Speaking at a review meeting held on Wednesday at the Corporate Office of Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited (TSECL), Power Secretary Abhishek Singh (IAS) stressed that the flagship initiative of Prime Minister Narendra Modi must be implemented efficiently across the state.

Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/tripura/story/tripura-prioritises-timely-high-quality-implementation-of-pm-surya-free-solar-scheme-1293906-2025-10-22

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Meghalaya statistician maintains position in Stanford's top 2 per cent scientists list for 5th consecutive year



Dr Sanku Dey from St. Anthony's College, Shillong, has secured a place among the world's elite researchers for the fifth consecutive year, ranking 54,006th globally in Stanford University's prestigious 2025 list of top 2 per cent scientists.

The achievement is particularly significant as Dr Dey remains the sole representative from Meghalaya on this globally acclaimed list since 2021The statistics professor, who heads the Department of Statistics at the college, has demonstrated remarkable consistency in maintaining his position amongst the world's leading researchers across five consecutive years.

Read more: https://www.indiatodayne.in/meghalaya/story/meghalaya-statistician-maintains-position-in-stanfords-top-2-per-cent-scientists-list-for-5th-consecutive-year-1294070-2025-10-23

Arunachal CM pushes for stronger India-Japan partnership during Tokyo visit

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu continued his official visit to Japan with a series of high-level meetings in Tokyo, focusing on expanding cultural and economic cooperation between India and Japan.

A key engagement saw Khandu meet Yasutoshi Nishimura, Member of the House of Representatives and Chairman of the Japan–India Parliamentary Friendship League. The discussion centred on advancing the India–Japan partnership and strengthening cultural ties. "We discussed taking forward the India–Japan partnership to further strengthen our cultural ties and explore avenues of development cooperation," Khandu posted on X after the meeting.



Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/arunachal-pradesh/story/arunachal-cm-pushes-for-stronger-india-japan-partnership-during-tokyo-visit-1294474-2025-10-24