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Modi shares Scindia's article highlighting Northeast as India's 'forward face'



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on November 9 shared an article by Union Minister for the Development of North Eastern Region, Jyotiraditya Scindia, who described the Northeast as India's "forward face" and its "natural gateway" to Southeast Asia.

The article, shared by the Prime Minister on X, outlines how the region — referred to by Scindia as Ashtalakshmi — has seen a remarkable transformation through improved air connectivity, highways, and other infrastructure initiatives.

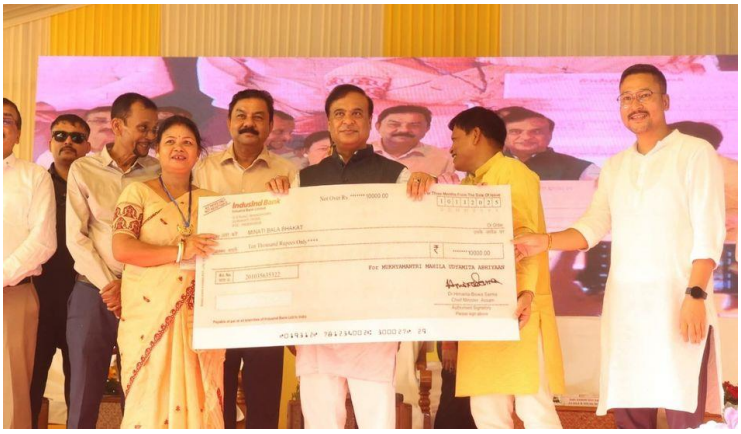
Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/meghalaya/story/modi-shares-scindias-article-highlighting-northeast-as-indias-forward-face-1301384-2025-11-09

Assam CM disburses financial aid to women entrepreneurs in Dhubri under MMUA, reaffirms 'Nation First' commitment

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Monday, November 10 disbursed financial assistance to women entrepreneurs in Dhubri under the flagship Mukhyamantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyan (MMUA).

The event was held in a constituency that has been regarded as one of the most challenging political territories for the ruling party, where the Congress had registered a massive victory by nearly 10 lakh votes in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Despite the

political differences, the Chief Minister emphasized that the welfare initiative is guided purely by the principle of inclusive development.



Read more: https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/story/assam-cm-disburses-financial-aid-to-women-entrepreneurs-in-dhubri-under-mmua-reaffirms-nation-first-commitment-1301940-2025-11-10

Assam Cabinet approves Rs 478 crore judicial township in Guwahati

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma chaired a crucial Cabinet meeting at Lok Sewa Bhawan on Sunday, November 9 where the Council of Ministers approved a series of landmark decisions spanning the judicial, educational, and social welfare sectors.

One of the major highlights of the meeting was the green signal for the construction of a State-of-the-Art Judicial Township at Rangmahal, North Guwahati, as part of Phase I of the High Court Complex Development Project.

Read more: https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/story/assam-cabinet-approves-rs-478-crore-judicial-township-in-guwahati-1301604-2025-11-09

Governor Parnaik calls for Gujarat–Arunachal partnership at Bharat Parv 2025

The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh, Lt. General KT Parnaik, PVSM, UYSM, YSM (Retd.), participated in Bharat Parv 2025 at the Statue of Unity, Ekta Nagar, Gujarat, marking the 150th birth anniversary celebrations of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.

Addressing the gathering, the Governor called for a joint partnership between Arunachal Pradesh and Gujarat for mutual benefits and a common commitment to nation-building. He said that the relationship between the two States rests on deep cultural foundations, beautifully reflected in shared mythology — particularly the story of Lord Krishna and Rukmini.



Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/arunachal-pradesh/story/governor-parnaik-calls-for-gujarat-arunachal-partnership-at-bharat-parv-2025-1303205-2025-11-13

Air cargo services resume at Donyi Polo Airport, Itanagar after temporary halt

Air cargo services have officially resumed at Donyi Polo Airport in Itanagar, bringing much-needed relief to traders, MSMEs, and exporters in Arunachal Pradesh.



The services were temporarily suspended following the shifting of flight operations to the airport's newly inaugurated terminal building.

Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/arunachal-pradesh/story/air-cargo-services-resume-at-donyi-polo-airport-itanagar-after-temporary-halt-1302720-2025-11-12

Pumping test of Northeast India's first geothermal well begins in Arunachal's Dirang

In a landmark development for India's renewable energy sector, scientists in Arunachal Pradesh have begun the pumping test of Northeast India's first geothermal production well at Dirang in West Kameng district.

The initiative marks a major stride in the region's pursuit of clean and sustainable energy alternatives.



Read more: https://www.indiatodayne.in/arunachal-pradesh/story/pumping-test-of-northeast-indias-first-geothermal-well-begins-in-arunachals-dirang-1301787-2025-11-10

Nagaland CM urges Centre to revive IISER project, strengthen connectivity and education infrastructure

Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio made a strong appeal to the Central government for enhanced support in critical sectors, including infrastructure, education, and connectivity, to ensure equitable development of the state.

Speaking as the guest of honour at the 22nd Annual Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region Zone-III Conference held at the Nagaland Legislative Assembly, Rio urged the Centre to reconsider the establishment of an Indian Institute of Science Education and Research (IISER) in Nagaland.



Read more: https://www.indiatodayne.in/nagaland/story/nagaland-cm-urges-centre-to-revive-iiser-project-strengthen-connectivity-and-education-infrastructure-1302267-2025-11-11

Rs 12,000 crore highway upgrade to transform Manipur's road network by 2027



The Centre has committed Rs 12,000 crore over five years to overhaul Manipur's road infrastructure, with the state's critical Imphal-Jiribam highway set for completion by 2026, a visiting minister announced on November 12.

Ajay Tamta, minister of state for road transport and highways, told reporters that 747 kilometres of the state's 1,774-kilometre national highway network has been upgraded and blacktopped, with many single-lane roads widened to two-lane standards. The remaining 332 kilometres will be finished by the 2026-27 financial year.

Read more: https://www.indiatodayne.in/manipur/story/rs-12000-crore-highway-upgrade-to-transform-manipurs-road-network-by-2027-1303063-2025-11-12

Manipur’s traditional Wangkhei Phee to enter global market as MANITEX signs export pacts

Manipur’s signature handwoven textile, the Wangkhei Phee, is set to reach international markets as the Directorate of Handloom and Textiles prepares to sign memoranda of understanding (MoUs) with four global buying houses at the ongoing Manipur International Textile Expo (MANITEX) 2025.



Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/manipur/story/manipurs-traditional-wangkhei-phee-to-enter-global-market-as-manitex-signs-export-pacts-1302496-2025-11-11

Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla inaugurates MANITEX 2025, showcasing state's global weaving heritage



Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla inaugurated the Manipur International Textile Expo (MANITEX) 2025 at Urban Haat, Nilakuthi, Imphal, marking a significant step toward promoting Manipur's rich handloom and textile traditions on the global stage.

Organised under the theme "Weaving a Sustainable Future: Manipur's Handloom Heritage to Global Fashion," the event has been hosted by the Department of Textiles, Commerce & Industry and the Directorate of Handloom & Textiles, Government of Manipur.

Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/manipur/story/manipur-governor-ajay-kumar-bhalla-inaugurates-manitex-2025-showcasing-states-global-weaving-heritage-1301052-2025-11-08

Mizoram honoured for exemplary traffic management at Urban Mobility India Conference



Mizoram has been honoured with a special award for outstanding performance in traffic management during the 18th Urban Mobility India (UMI) Conference, held recently in Gurugram, Haryana, an official statement said.

The award was presented to Lalmalsawma Pachuau, Secretary of the Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation (UD&PA) Department, by Union Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Manohar Lal and Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs Tokhan Sahu during the valedictory session of the event.

Read more at : https://www.indiatodayne.in/mizoram/story/mizoram-honoured-for-exemplary-traffic-management-at-urban-mobility-india-conference-1302731-2025-11-12

Centre committed to showcasing Tripura's cultural and spiritual heritage globally: Jyotiraditya Scindia

The Centre is committed to unlocking Tripura's immense potential and projecting its rich cultural and spiritual heritage to the world, Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region Jyotiraditya Scindia said on Wednesday, November 12.

Chairing a review meeting on the development of the Matabari Tourism Circuit in Tripura, Scindia urged officials to adopt global best practices and draw lessons from successful tourism models such as Lakshadweep, Andaman and Nicobar Islands, and Kevadia in Gujarat.

Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/tripura/story/centre-committed-to-showcasing-tripuras-cultural-and-spiritual-heritage-globally-jyotiraditya-scindia-1303297-2025-11-13

Tripura scientists develop eight high-yield Arhar Dal varieties to boost pulse self-sufficiency

Eight new varieties of Arhar Dal (pigeon pea), tailored to Tripura's soil and climate, have been developed by scientists at the Agriculture College in Lembuchara. The breakthrough aims to make the state self-reliant in pulse production, Agriculture and Farmers' Welfare Minister Ratan Lal Nath announced on November 12.



Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/tripura/story/tripura-scientists-develop-eight-high-yield-arhar-dal-varieties-to-boost-pulse-self-sufficiency-1303019-2025-11-12

Tripura ties up with IIM Calcutta to create 250 'Crorepati Didis'

The Tripura Rural Livelihood Mission (TRLM) is set to partner with the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Calcutta in an ambitious plan to help 250 women-led enterprises

grow into ‘Crorepati Didis’, marking a new chapter in women’s economic empowerment in the state.

According to TRLM Chief Executive Officer Tarit Kanti Chakma, the initiative involves a Rs 10.60 crore incubation plan to be implemented over three years with technical and strategic support from IIM Calcutta. The project aims to nurture and scale up individual and group enterprises led by rural women, enabling them to achieve crore-level turnovers.

Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/tripura/story/tripura-ties-up-with-iim-calcutta-to-create-250-crorepati-didis-1302736-2025-11-12

Tripura set to emerge as Northeast’s next IT and data hub: MeitY Secretary

Tripura is positioning itself as a key player in India’s digital transformation, with strong potential to become a major IT and data hub in the Northeast, according to S. Krishnan, Secretary, Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY).



Krishnan made the observation while launching the Tripura Cyber Security Policy 2025 (TCSP 2.0) and the Tripura Cyber Security Awareness Month Campaign 2025 (TCSAM 2025) at Pragna Bhavan in Agartala on November 11.

Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/tripura/story/tripura-set-to-emerge-as-northeasts-next-it-and-data-hub-meity-secretary-1302547-2025-11-11

Sikkim to host 13th International Tourism Mart, spotlight on sustainable growth in North East

The Ministry of Tourism, Government of India, will host the 13th edition of the International Tourism Mart (ITM) for the North Eastern Region from November 13-16, in Gangtok, Sikkim. The event will be inaugurated by Union Minister for Tourism and Culture Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, with Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang and Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu among the key dignitaries. Tourism Ministers from all North Eastern States and senior government officials are also set to attend.

Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/sikkim/story/sikkim-to-host-13th-international-tourism-mart-spotlight-on-sustainable-growth-in-north-east-1302918-2025-11-12