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Rail, road and air revolution turned northeast into India's growth engine: Sarbananda Sonowal



Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal on Thursday, December 4 credited Prime Minister Narendra Modi for what he described as a "historic transformation" of the Northeast, asserting that the region has evolved from decades of neglect into a major engine of India's economic and strategic growth.

Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/story/rail-road-and-air-revolution-turned-northeast-into-indias-growth-engine-sarbananda-sonowal-1312769-2025-12-04

Centre allocates Rs 15,905 crore to Northeast; States utilise 62% of funds in 5 years



The Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER) has allocated a total of Rs 15,905.86 crore over the past five years to the North Eastern states under major flagship programmes, according to the Revised Estimates. The funds were released through schemes including the Prime Minister's Development Initiative for North East Region (PM-DevINE), Schemes of North Eastern Council (SoNEC), North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme for both roads and non-road

infrastructure, Special Development Packages (SDP), and the North East Entrepreneurs Development Scheme (NEEDS).

Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/story/rs-15905-crore-allocated-to-north-eastern-states-under-pm-devine-and-development-schemes-1312493-2025-12-03

International trade begins via Brahmaputra from Bongaigaon's Jogighopa IWT Terminal



The Jogighopa Inland Water Transport (IWT) Terminal in Bongaigaon district has commenced international commercial shipments via the Brahmaputra River, with consignments being transported to Bangladesh. The terminal is currently handling tons of stone imported from neighbouring Bhutan, ready for onward shipment.

Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/video/international-trade-begins-via-brahmaputra-from-bongaigaons-jogighopa-iwt-terminal-1312132-2025-12-03

NRL achieves Navratna status, marking major boost for Assam's energy sector: Union Minister



Union Minister for Petroleum and Natural Gas Hardeep Singh Puri on December 2 announced that Numaligarh Refinery Limited (NRL) has been granted Navratna status, marking a significant milestone for the Assam-based public sector enterprise.

Calling it a moment of pride, the minister said the achievement reflects NRL's strong financial performance and its ambitious expansion plans under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/story/nrl-achieves-navratna-status-marking-major-boost-for-assams-energy-sector-union-minister-1312079-2025-12-03

Nagaland moves to upgrade health and education infrastructure under new agreement



Nagaland's ailing healthcare system will receive a boost after Toyota Kirloskar Motor Private Limited signed a corporate social responsibility agreement with the state government on December 2.

The memorandum of understanding, exchanged at the Bamboo Hall in Naga Heritage Village, Kisama, commits the automotive manufacturer to strengthening healthcare infrastructure and improving educational facilities in Kohima and Dimapur.

Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/nagaland/story/nagaland-moves-to-upgrade-health-and-education-infrastructure-under-new-agreement-1311998-2025-12-02

Manipur completes 87% of rural road projects as state pushes to meet PMGSY-III targets

Manipur has successfully completed 87 per cent of rural road projects sanctioned over 25 years under the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana, with authorities now working to expedite the third phase before the scheduled March 2026 completion date.



Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/manipur/story/manipur-completes-87-of-rural-road-projects-as-state-pushes-to-meet-pmgsy-iii-targets-1311412-2025-12-01

New Bairabi-Sairang railway line to transform Mizoram's connectivity and economy: Governor V.K. Singh

Mizoram Governor General Vijay Kumar Singh (Retd) on Friday, November 28 described the newly inaugurated Bairabi–Sairang railway line as a landmark development that will significantly reshape the state's economic and social landscape.



Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/mizoram/story/new-bairabi-sairang-railway-line-to-transform-mizorams-connectivity-and-economy-governor-vk-singh-1310299-2025-11-29

TRLM launches Rs 16.60 crore infrastructure boost across Tripura, officials inspects Saras Mela preparedness

The Tripura Rural Livelihood Mission (TRLM) is undertaking a major infrastructure push with an investment of Rs 16.60 crore through the Rural Development Department, TREDA and the Horticulture Department. A review meeting on the construction-related activities was held today at the TRLM State Office, chaired by CEO TRLM Tarit Kanti Chakma, IAS.



Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/tripura/story/trlm-launches-rs-1660-crore-infrastructure-boost-across-tripura-officials-inspects-saras-mela-preparedness-1312404-2025-12-03

Meghalaya CM announces Rs. 130 crore scholarship release for 70,000 students

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma on November 28, Friday announced the release of the second and final instalment of the Umbrella Post Matric Scholarship, amounting to Rs. 130 crore, for nearly 70,000 students for the 2024-25 academic year.



Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/meghalaya/story/umbrella-post-matric-scholarship-rs-130-crore-released-70000-meghalaya-students-2024-25-1310505-2025-11-29