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1. AIIMS Guwahati becomes northeast's first ATLS provider centre

The All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) Guwahati has achieved a significant milestone by becoming the first institution in Northeast India to receive accreditation as an Advanced Trauma Life Support (ATLS) Provider Centre. The recognition marks a major step forward in strengthening structured trauma care and emergency medical training in the region.



Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/story/aiims-guwahati-becomes-northeasts-first-atls-provider-centre-1318437-2025-12-17

2. **Arunachal's Anini conferred the 'Best Emerging Adventure Destination' award at National Tourism Convention**

Arunachal's Anini in Dibang Valley, has been conferred the "Best Emerging Adventure Destination" award at the 17th Annual Convention of the Adventure Tour Operators Association of India (ATOAI), held in Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir.

The prestigious award was presented by Jammu & Kashmir Chief Minister Shri Omar Abdullah, recognising Anini's growing prominence on India's adventure tourism landscape and its commitment to sustainable tourism development.

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Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/arunachal-pradesh/story/rajnath-singh-inaugurates-125-bro-projects-six-key-bridges-boost-connectivity-in-arunachals-siang-valley-1314327-2025-12-08

3. **Nagaland rolls out e-challan system to end cash-based traffic enforcement**



Cash transactions in traffic enforcement are set to end in Nagaland with the launch of the e-challan system, a digital platform aimed at improving transparency, accountability and road safety.

The service was officially launched on December 15 at the District Transport Office, Dimapur, by the Commissioner and Secretary of the Transport Department, Robert Longchari. The system enables traffic violations to be detected, recorded and penalised electronically, replacing the traditional paper-based challan process.

Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/nagaland/story/nagaland-rolls-out-e-challan-system-to-end-cash-based-traffic-enforcement-1317871-2025-12-15

4. Manipur University to get Japanese language training centre for global jobs



In a major step towards enhancing global employment opportunities for youth in Manipur, NSDC International Limited (NSDCI) and the Department of Vocational Studies and Skill Development (DVSSD), Manipur University, have signed an agreement to establish a Japanese Language Training Centre at Manipur University.

Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/manipur/story/japanese-language-training-centre-manipur-university-global-job-opportunities-1317796-2025-12-15

5. Tripura–Mizoram gas pipeline set for 2027 completion, Aizawl to get piped supply

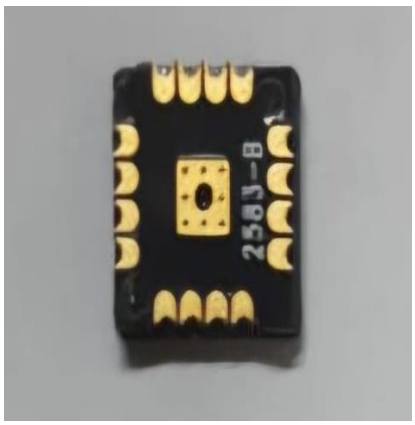
Mizoram is set to receive piped natural gas for the first time as the Tripura–Mizoram gas pipeline project moves ahead, with completion targeted for 2027, officials said on December 15.

More than 20 per cent of the 119.5-kilometre pipeline has already been laid, marking steady progress on a project expected to significantly improve energy access in the state, particularly in Aizawl.



Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/mizoram/story/tripura-mizoram-gas-pipeline-set-for-2027-completion-aizawl-to-get-piped-supply-1317866-2025-12-15

6. **Meghalaya: NEHU develops indigenous semiconductor chip to combat Red Spider Mite in tea plantations**



North-Eastern Hill University has created indigenous semiconductor chip designed to repel Red Spider Mite, a devastating pest responsible for severe yield losses and declining tea quality across the country's plantations.

The breakthrough addresses a critical agricultural challenge, as the mite has long plagued tea gardens in the Northeast and other growing regions, forcing farmers to rely heavily on chemical pesticides that harm the environment and increase production costs.

Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/meghalaya/story/meghalaya-nehu-develops-indigenous-semiconductor-chip-to-combat-red-spider-mite-in-tea-plantations-1318237-2025-12-16

7. **Sikkim opens Doklam and Cho La to tourists, CM Prem Singh Tamang highlights boost to border villages and tourism**



In a historic move aimed at promoting battlefield tourism and fostering development in border regions, Sikkim on Monday opened two of its most sensitive and historically significant border areas, Doklam and Cho La, to tourists under regulated conditions. The announcement marks a key step in the state's initiative to connect citizens with India's border history while enhancing livelihoods in remote villages.

Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/sikkim/video/sikkim-opens-doklam-and-cho-la-to-tourists-cm-prem-singh-tamang-highlights-boost-to-border-villages-and-tourism-1317477-2025-12-15

8. **Assam Cabinet clears land for Namrup fertiliser expansion, approves welfare and security measures**

The Assam cabinet has sanctioned the transfer of government land to Brahmaputra Valley Fertilizer Corporation Limited (BVFCL) for the Namrup-IV Ammonia-Urea Brownfield Project, marking a significant step towards enhancing the state's fertiliser production capacity.

The decision was announced following a cabinet meeting on December 18, alongside several other key measures aimed at boosting infrastructure, security, and social welfare across the state.



Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/story/assam-cabinet-clears-land-for-namrup-fertiliser-expansion-approves-welfare-and-security-measures-1319263-2025-12-18

9. **Nagaland rolls out low-energy technologies for hill districts under Rs 574 crore project**

The Excellence for Renewable Energy Studies (CERES) has been engaged as the State Technical Partner to drive research, innovation and technology development under the ELEMENT Project, a major five-year initiative covering 225 villages across 16 districts of Nagaland with a total outlay of Rs 574.63 crore.



Read more at: https://www.indiatodayne.in/nagaland/story/nagaland-rolls-out-low-energy-technologies-for-hill-districts-under-rs-574-crore-project-1319278-2025-12-18