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1. **'Strengthen India's heritage, ensure progress': Union Minister Giriraj Singh at textiles meet in Guwahati**
   Union Minister for Textiles Giriraj Singh on January 8 said the Centre's focus remains on strengthening India's textile heritage while driving growth, as he inaugurated the National Textiles Ministers' Conference 2026 in Guwahati



https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/story/strengthen-indias-heritage-ensure-progress-union-minister-giriraj-singh-at-textiles-meet-in-guwahati-1328105-2026-01-08

2. **Bangladesh to import 180,000 tonnes of diesel from Assam refinery**



Bangladesh has approved the import of 180,000 tonnes of diesel from India's state-owned Numaligarh Refinery Limited by December this year, committing an estimated 14.62 billion Taka for the purchase.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/story/bangladesh-to-import-180000-tonnes-of-diesel-from-assam-refinery-1327970-2026-01-07

3. **Arunachal launches ‘Take a New Turn’ campaign to redefine experiential tourism**
   Arunachal's Department of Tourism launched its latest tourism brand campaign titled ‘Take a New Turn in Arunachal’, marking a strategic shift in how the northeastern frontier state positions itself on India’s tourism map. The initiative seeks to project Arunachal Pradesh as a destination rooted not only in scenic grandeur but also in immersive cultural narratives and lived human experiences.



https://www.indiatodayne.in/arunachal-pradesh/story/arunachal-launches-take-a-new-turn-campaign-to-redefine-experiential-tourism-1327290-2026-01-06

4. **Arunachal Guv pushes AI-driven governance, tech-led growth in meeting with Chief Secretary**
   The Governor highlighted the importance of scaling up India’s Digital Public Infrastructure and integrating AI tools to strengthen service delivery, monitor developmental projects effectively, and support evidence-based decision-making.



https://www.indiatodayne.in/arunachal-pradesh/story/arunachal-pradesh-governance-development-strategies-productivity-digital-infrastructure-1325606-2026-01-02

5. **Manipur’s young leaders gear up for National Youth Festival at Bharat Mandapam, to represent state at youth leadership forum**
   Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla on Tuesday, January 6 interacted with a select group of young leaders from the state who will represent Manipur at the 29th National Youth Festival (NYF)–2026, restructured as the Viksit Bharat Young Leaders Dialogue (VBYLD).



https://www.indiatodayne.in/manipur/story/manipurs-young-leaders-gear-up-for-national-youth-festival-at-bharat-mandapam-to-represent-state-at-youth-leadership-forum-1327499-2026-01-06

6. **Boost to MSMEs: Sikkim partners with IIFT to drive exports and entrepreneurial growth**



Sikkim has taken a decisive step to plug its local entrepreneurs into global trade networks by signing a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT), Kolkata, and launching a dedicated Export Facilitation Cell aimed at boosting exports and strengthening MSMEs.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/sikkim/story/boost-to-msmes-sikkim-partners-with-iift-to-drive-exports-and-entrepreneurial-growth-1327905-2026-01-07

7. **Tripura tops national business reforms ranking, investors eye Rs 15,000 crore**



Tripura has emerged as a leader in business reforms across India, due to strategic initiatives spearheaded under the guidance of Chief Minister Manik Saha, said an official from Tripura government.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/tripura/story/tripura-tops-national-business-reforms-ranking-investors-eye-rs-15000-crore-1327902-2026-01-07

8. **Tripura's Chabimura set for world-class eco-tourism makeover within 10 months**



Tripura's iconic hill-and-river destination Chabimura is being redeveloped into a world-class eco-tourism hub, with a Rs 60-crore investment backed by the Asian Development Bank. Tourism Minister Sushanta Chowdhury said nearly 35 per cent of the work has already been completed and the project is on track for delivery this year.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/tripura/story/tripuras-chabimura-set-for-world-class-eco-tourism-makeover-within-10-months-1327802-2026-01-07

9. **Tripura identifies 10 river sites for 185 MW hydrokinetic power projects: Power Minister**

   In a major push to expand renewable energy and ensure 24x7 electricity supply, the Tripura government has identified 10 river sites to generate 185 MW of power using Hydrokinetic Turbine Technology, Power Minister Ratan Lal Nath announced on January 3.



https://www.indiatodayne.in/tripura/story/tripura-renewable-energy-expansion-hydrokinetic-solar-power-supply-1326230-2026-01-04