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CARD 1: Assam India's best fiscally managed state, RBI has certified it: Himanta Biswa Sarma

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Monday, January 12 mounted a sharp counterattack against the Congress, dismissing allegations over Assam's fiscal management and asserting that the state stands as the best fiscally managed and fastest-growing state in India, a claim he said is conclusively endorsed by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI).



https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/video/assam-indias-best-fiscally-managed-state-rbi-has-certified-it-himanta-biswa-sarma-1330294-2026-01-12

CARD 2: Arunachal Govt working on tech driven ILP system to curb illegal migration: CM Pema Khandu

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu on January 12, said the state government is developing a robust, technology-driven Inner Line Permit (ILP) system to effectively curb illegal migration and prevent misuse of permits, asserting that protecting indigenous rights and maintaining the rule of law remain top priorities.



https://www.indiatodayne.in/arunachal-pradesh/story/arunachal-govt-working-on-tech-driven-ilp-system-to-curb-illegal-migration-cm-pema-khandu-1330425-2026-01-13

CARD 3: Governor Bhalla highlights Manipur's growth, stability, and potential at 2026 North-East Seminar



Discussions on Manipur's future, resilience, and development took centre stage at the 2026 North-East Seminar held at the City Convention Centre in Imphal on January 13. The seminar, themed "Resurgent Manipur: Framework for Stability & Sustained Growth," brought together experts, security officials, and students to explore pathways for lasting peace and prosperity in the state.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/manipur/story/governor-bhalla-highlights-manipurs-growth-stability-and-potential-at-2026-north-east-seminar-1330618-2026-01-13

CARD 4: Assam to get enhanced 90:10 central funding under new rural employment law



Assam is set to receive enhanced Central funding under the newly enacted Viksit Bharat Guarantee for Rozgar and Ajeevika Mission (Gramin) (VB-G RAM-G) Act, 2025, with the Centre extending a 90:10 funding pattern to the state, significantly strengthening rural livelihoods and infrastructure development.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/story/assam-to-get-enhanced-9010-central-funding-under-new-rural-employment-law-1335215-2026-01-22

CARD 5: Meghalaya signs MoU with Amazon to expand market access for MSMEs



In a significant step towards strengthening the micro, small and medium enterprise (MSME) ecosystem, the Department of Commerce and Industries, Government of Meghalaya, on January 19 signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with global e-commerce major Amazon.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/meghalaya/story/meghalaya-signs-mou-with-amazon-to-expand-market-access-for-msmes-1333688-2026-01-19

CARD 6: Nagaland to host 'Nagaland–Japan Connect 2026' to boost investment, people-to-people ties



The Government of Nagaland, through the Investment and Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN), in collaboration with the Centre of Excellence for Foreign Languages (CoEFL) and key institutional partners, will organise Nagaland–Japan Connect 2026, an initiative aimed at promoting investment by strengthening people-to-people ties, shared opportunities and long-term cooperation between Nagaland and Japan.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/nagaland/story/nagaland-japan-connect-2026-boost-investment-people-to-people-ties-1334708-2026-01-21

CARD 7: Nagaland University–led international team converts apple-leaf waste into green corrosion shield



Researchers from Nagaland University, in collaboration with international partners, have developed an innovative and eco-friendly corrosion inhibitor derived from discarded apple leaves, offering a sustainable alternative to conventional toxic anti-corrosion chemicals widely used in industry.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/nagaland/story/nagaland-university-led-international-team-converts-apple-leaf-waste-into-green-corrosion-shield-1333725-2026-01-19

CARD 8: Mizoram tourism surges 145% as new railway line transforms accessibility



Mizoram has recorded a 145.54 per cent surge in tourist arrivals between 2023 and 2024, with the opening of the Bairabi–Sairang railway line in September 2025 marking a turning point for the northeastern state's tourism sector. The new rail connection has dramatically improved access to what was previously one of India's most isolated destinations.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/mizoram/story/mizoram-tourism-surges-145-as-new-railway-line-transforms-accessibility-1334526-2026-01-21

CARD 9: Assam's presence at WEF Davos signals state's emergence as key investment destination: Himanta



Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on January 21 said Assam's participation at the World Economic Forum Annual Meeting in Davos as part of "Team Bharat" reflects how every part of the country is now emerging as a viable destination for global investment.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/video/assams-presence-at-wef-davos-signals-states-emergence-as-key-investment-destination-himanta-1334622-2026-01-21