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1: Industry bodies welcome Union Budget 2026-27, see major boost for Assam & NE



Ranjit Barthakur, chairman, FICCI Northeast Advisory Council, said the continued emphasis on public capital expenditure, manufacturing, MSMEs, and infrastructure provides a solid foundation for long-term growth and employment generation. Larsing Sawyan, co-chairman, FICCI Northeast State Council, said the focus on tourism, sports, skilling and agriculture will help create livelihood opportunities at the grassroots level.

https://assamtribune.com/assam/industry-bodies-welcome-union-budget-2026-27-see-major-boost-for-assam-ne-1606254

2: Odisha Parab 2026 in Guwahati Showcases Culture, Tourism, and Heritage Ties with Assam



In a vibrant celebration of heritage and connectivity, the Department of Tourism, Government of Odisha, partnered with the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), inaugurated the Odisha Parab 2026 in Guwahati today.

https://pragativadi.com/odisha-parab-2026-in-guwahati-showcases-culture-tourism-and-heritage-ties-with-assam/#:~:text=In%20a%20vibrant%20celebration%20of,Parab%202026%20in%20Guwahati%20today.

3: Union Budget 2026: Assam, five other northeastern states to get Buddhist circuit scheme



The central government has announced plans to establish a comprehensive development programme for Buddhist sites spanning six states in the Northeast, officials confirmed on February 1, 2026. The initiative will focus on Arunachal Pradesh, Sikkim, Assam, Manipur, Mizoram and Tripura, where Theravada and Mahayana/Vajrayana Buddhist traditions have coexisted for centuries.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/story/union-budget-2026-assam-five-other-northeastern-states-to-get-buddhist-circuit-scheme-1339657-2026-02-01

4: Donyi Polo airport bags top UDAN honour, boosts Arunachal's aviation footprint



Donyi Polo Airport at Hollongi in Arunachal Pradesh has been adjudged the best airport under the Regional Connectivity Scheme–UDAN, marking a significant milestone in the state's aviation and infrastructure journey.

The award was presented by Union Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu at the 'Wings India 2026' civil aviation event held in Hyderabad, officials said.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/arunachal-pradesh/story/donyi-polo-airport-bags-top-udan-honour-boosts-arunachals-aviation-footprint-1339112-2026-01-31

5: PM Modi hails Eastern Nagaland deal as 'historic', promises development and stability



Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday termed the newly signed tripartite agreement on Eastern Nagaland "historic", saying it would strengthen development and create fresh opportunities for people in the region.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/nagaland/story/pm-modi-hails-eastern-nagaland-deal-as-historic-promises-development-and-stability-1341959-2026-02-06

6. Mizoram clears proposal for plastic waste-to-sustainable energy plant



The Mizoram government on February 5, granted in-principle approval to a Mumbai-based company to set up a fuel cell and sustainable energy processing plant in the state, official sources said. The decision came after a presentation by FC Tech Energy Company at a meeting of the state's Empowered Committee on Investment, chaired by Chief Minister Lalduhoma. During the meeting, company representatives explained their technology for generating fuel cells and sustainable energy from plastic waste.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/mizoram/story/mizoram-clears-proposal-for-plastic-waste-to-sustainable-energy-plant-1342144-2026-02-06

7. **Mizoram accelerates oil, gas exploration while expanding green energy push**



Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma on Monday, February 2, said the state government is moving to fast-track the exploration of oil and natural gas resources, even as it intensifies efforts to harness renewable energy to ensure long-term energy security and environmental sustainability.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/mizoram/story/mizoram-accelerates-oil-gas-exploration-while-expanding-green-energy-push-1340430-2026-02-02

8. Meghalaya hosts reverse buyer seller meet to boost exports, buyers from 16 countries participate



Meghalaya on February 3 hosted a Reverse Buyer Seller Meet aimed at strengthening exports and promoting local enterprises, with buyers from 16 countries taking part in the two-day event. The meet, organised in Shillong, marks the first such initiative in the entire Northeast region.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/meghalaya/story/meghalaya-hosts-reverse-buyer-seller-meet-to-boost-exports-buyers-from-16-countries-participate-1340761-2026-02-03

9. IIT Guwahati team uses AI to design high-performance alloys without critical raw materials



A team of researchers has developed a machine learning–based method to design advanced metal alloys without relying on critical raw materials, offering a potential breakthrough for sustainable manufacturing and industrial security.

The work was led by researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati, in collaboration with teams from London South Bank University, University of Manchester and University of Leeds.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/story/iit-guwahati-team-uses-ai-to-design-high-performance-alloys-without-critical-raw-materials-1341223-2026-02-04