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1: Assam CM distributes seed fund to 16,395 women entrepreneurs under MMUA in Bokajan



Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma ceremonially distributed Rs 10,000 each as financial assistance to 16,395 women entrepreneurs under the Mukhyamantri Mahila Udyamita Abhiyan (MMUA) in Bokajan Legislative Assembly Constituency on Tuesday, February 24.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/story/assam-cm-distributes-seed-fund-to-16395-women-entrepreneurs-under-mmua-in-bokajan-1350919-2026-02-24

2: Assam's Kanak Deka scripts history with Northeast's first private rail corridor, invests Rs 250 crore in landmark logistics hub

Assam-based entrepreneur Kanak Deka has established the region's first private railway corridor, marking a transformative moment in the logistics and manufacturing landscape of the state.



What began as a bold idea evolved into a full-scale infrastructure venture, including the purchase of two complete trains to operationalise freight movement through the private corridor.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/video/assams-kanak-deka-scripts-history-with-northeasts-first-private-rail-corridor-invests-rs-250-crore-in-landmark-logistics-hub-1350513-2026-02-23

3: Arunachal CM attends 50th Nyokum Yullo golden jubilee in Bameng; announces Rs 67 crore projects



Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu participated in the historic 50th Year Golden Jubilee celebration of Nyokum Yullo in Bameng constituency, terming the occasion a proud and sacred moment for the people.On the auspicious occasion, the Chief Minister said prayers were offered to Nyokum Ane for peace, prosperity, and unity. Emphasising the cultural significance of the festival, he stated that Nyokum is not merely a celebration but a deep bond between the people and nature.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/arunachal-pradesh/story/arunachal-cm-attends-50th-nyokum-yullo-golden-jubilee-in-bameng-announces-rs-67-crore-projects-1351088-2026-02-24

4: Soybean festival begins in Chümoukedima to boost production in Nagaland



A two-day Soybean Festival under the theme "From Field to Feast: Celebrating Our Soybean Legacy" began at Angh Hall, Agri Expo, Chümoukedima, on February 20, with a focus on promoting scientific cultivation, value addition and market linkages to strengthen soybean production in Nagaland.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/nagaland/story/soybean-festival-begins-in-chumoukedima-to-boost-production-in-nagaland-1349565-2026-02-21

5: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman pledges full support to revive Manipur's economy

Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan is set to virtually inaugurate and lay the foundation stones for 179 projects under the Rural Development Department and the Tripura Rural Livelihood Mission, with a combined outlay of Rs 546.79 crore.



https://economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/india/finance-minister-nirmala-sitharaman-pledges-full-support-to-revive-manipurs-economy/articleshow/128747756.cms?from=mdr

6. Centre sanctions Rs 97 crore to upgrade Sairang into world-class railway station



The Central Government has sanctioned Rs 97 crore for the comprehensive upgrade of Sairang railway station into a world-class facility, marking a major boost to rail infrastructure in Mizoram. Chief Minister Lalduhoma informed the Assembly that the Ministry of Railways has formally approved the state's request to accord Sairang the status of a "World Class" railway station.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/mizoram/story/centre-sanctions-rs-97-crore-to-upgrade-sairang-into-world-class-railway-station-1350594-2026-02-23

7. **Hindustan Zinc signs pact with Tripura group to boost Zinc Park development in Rajasthan**



Hindustan Zinc Limited (HZL), a Vedanta Group firm, on Monday, February 23, signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Tripura Group to operationalise a manufacturing unit at its flagship zinc park in Rajasthan. The agreement marks a significant step in HZL's plan to establish the country's first integrated downstream industrial hub centred on zinc-based value chains.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/tripura/story/hindustan-zinc-signs-pact-with-tripura-group-to-boost-zinc-park-development-in-rajasthan-1350676-2026-02-23

8. CM Conrad Sangma lays foundation stone for 10-bedded integrated AYUSH hospital at Meghalaya's Merengipara



Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma on February 7, laid the foundation stone for a 10-bedded Integrated AYUSH Hospital at Merengipara in South West Garo Hills district under the National AYUSH Mission, marking a major step towards strengthening healthcare services in the region.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/meghalaya/story/cm-conrad-sangma-lays-foundation-stone-for-10-bedded-integrated-ayush-hospital-at-meghalayas-merengipara-1342659-2026-02-07

9. Meghalaya CM presents Rs 32,023-crore budget for 2026–27, projects 3.5 per cent fiscal deficit



Conrad K Sangma on February 23 presented a Rs 32,023-crore budget for the 2026–27 financial year in the Assembly, projecting a fiscal deficit of around 3.5 per cent of the Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) and announcing no new taxes.

Presenting his ninth consecutive budget, the chief minister, who also holds the finance portfolio, said the government aims to balance fiscal discipline with accelerated growth under its "Vision 2032" roadmap, targeting a three-fold expansion of Meghalaya's economy during what he termed the "Meghalayan Decade."

https://www.indiatodayne.in/sikkim/story/sikkim-cm-inaugurates-farmer-focused-organic-market-in-gangtok-1343354-2026-02-09

10. Destination Tripura Business Summit draws enthusiastic participation in Delhi



The Destination Tripura Business Summit 2026, held at Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), New Delhi, was not merely a business conference but a dynamic and forward-looking platform, said the Industries & Commerce department in a post on social media on Tuesday. The Destination Tripura Business Summit 2026, held at Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), Tansen Marg, New Delhi, was not merely a business conference but a dynamic and forward-looking platform highlighting the immense potential, innovation, and emerging opportunities of Northeast India", it wrote on Facebook.

https://newseyes.in/article.php?v=1163