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1: Centre releases over Rs 299 crore under Fifteenth Finance Commission Grants for rural bodies in Assam



The Union Government has released over Rs 299 crore in grants under the Fifteenth Finance Commission Grants for Panchayati Raj Institutions and Rural Local Bodies in Assam during the financial year 2025–26. According to official sources, the funds include the second instalment of untied grants amounting to Rs 256.60 crore, which will be distributed among 27 District Panchayats, 182 Block Panchayats, 2,192 Gram Panchayats, and three Autonomous District Councils in the state, Bodoland Territorial Council, Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council, and Dima Hasao Autonomous Council.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/story/centre-releases-over-rs-299-crore-under-fifteenth-finance-commission-grants-for-rural-bodies-in-assam-1356721-2026-03-08

2: Diphu Cancer Centre opens, boosting healthcare access in Assam with Rs 270 crore investment

The Diphu Cancer Centre, built at a cost of Rs 270 crore, was inaugurated by Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma in Karbi Anglong. The centre aims to provide advanced oncology care locally, reducing the need for long-distance travel for patients. Plans for a new BSc Nursing College in Diphu have also been



announced to further improve medical education and healthcare services.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/story/diphu-cancer-centre-inaugurated-karbi-anglong-advanced-oncology-treatment-1358120-2026-03-11

3: Arunachal budget focuses on connectivity push with Aero-City, convention centre and rural roads



The Arunachal Pradesh government has announced a series of major initiatives in the Budget 2026–27 aimed at strengthening connectivity and infrastructure across the state, with a focus on tourism, investment and regional development. Among the key announcements is the development of an Aero-City near Donyi Polo Airport at Hollongi with an allocation of Rs 90 crore.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/arunachal-pradesh/story/arunachal-budget-focuses-on-connectivity-push-with-aero-city-convention-centre-and-rural-roads-1357455-2026-03-10

4: NEC releases Rs 67.41 crore for development projects across Northeast



The North Eastern Council (NEC) released Rs 67.41 crore during February 2026 to support development initiatives across the northeastern region, with funds directed to state governments, regional institutions and implementing agencies.

The funding, provided under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), will support projects ranging from infrastructure development and agriculture to research, tourism and livelihood generation across the eight northeastern states.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/nagaland/story/nec-releases-rs-6741-crore-for-development-projects-across-northeast-1357592-2026-03-10

5: Manipur govt to allocate Rs 350 crore for women's welfare in Budget 2026–27: Yumnam Khemchand Singh



Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh on Sunday, March 8, announced that Rs 350 crore has been allocated in the upcoming 2026–27 state Budget for the welfare of around 3.5 lakh women across Manipur. The chief minister made the announcement while attending a programme marking International Women's Day in Imphal. He said the allocation aims to support women and strengthen their livelihoods, particularly in the wake of economic hardships faced by many families due to recent unrest in the state.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/manipur/story/manipur-govt-to-allocate-rs-350-crore-for-womens-welfare-in-budget-2026-27-yumnam-khemchand-singh-1356603-2026-03-08

6. Mizoram spent Rs 685.93 crore on power purchase from external sources: Minister



The Mizoram government has spent Rs 685.93 crore to procure electricity from external sources during the current financial year, Power Minister F Rodingliana informed the state Assembly on March 11. Replying to a query by K Lalawmdawna of the Mizo National Front (MNF), the minister said the state's internal power generation from both hydro and solar sources reached only 41 million units between January and December 2026.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/mizoram/story/mizoram-spent-rs-68593-crore-on-power-purchase-from-external-sources-minister-1358441-2026-03-12

7. Tripura ranks among leading states in NITI Aayog's Fiscal Health Assessment



NITI Aayog has released the second edition of the Fiscal Health Index (FHI) for the fiscal year 2023–24. Tripura is among the 18 top-ranking states in this edition of the Index. The report was released on 11 March 2026 in New Delhi by Suman Bery, Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog, in the presence of senior officials of the organization.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/tripura/story/tripura-ranks-among-leading-states-in-niti-aayogs-fiscal-health-assessment-1358253-2026-03-11

8. Meghalaya debuts at AAHAR 2026 to connect local producers with national buyers



Meghalaya made its debut at AAHAR 2026, one of Asia's largest food and hospitality trade exhibitions, aiming to connect local producers and entrepreneurs with national and international market players. The state government used the platform to showcase indigenous organic agricultural and artisanal products while facilitating direct interaction between producers and food industry stakeholders.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/meghalaya/story/meghalaya-debuts-at-aahar-2026-to-connect-local-producers-with-national-buyers-1358103-2026-03-11

9. Sikkim Chief Secretary reviews operational readiness of Sevok–Rangpo railway line



R. Telang, Chief Secretary to the Government of Sikkim, on March 6, chaired a meeting to review the operational readiness of the Sevok–Rangpo Railway Line at Teesta Lounge in Gangtok. The meeting brought together senior officials from the state government and representatives of Northeast Frontier Railway to assess preparations for commissioning the railway line, which is expected to commence operations in December 2027.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/sikkim/story/sikkim-chief-secretary-reviews-operational-readiness-of-sevok-rangpo-railway-line-1355719-2026-03-06