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1: Assam: NTPC Bongaigaon achieves 93.72 per cent declared capacity, generates 4,110 MU in FY 2025–26



The NTPC Bongaigaon unit in Assam has recorded strong operational performance during the 2025–26 fiscal, achieving over 93 per cent declared capacity, according to a senior company official.

Arnab Maitra, Head of Project, stated that the plant generated around 4,110 million units (MU) of electricity so far this fiscal, continuing to play a crucial role in meeting the energy needs of Assam and other northeastern states.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/story/assam-ntpc-bongaigaon-achieves-9372-per-cent-declared-capacity-generates-4110-mu-in-fy-2025-26-1361799-2026-03-18

2: PM Modi launches Rs 23,550 crore development projects in Silchar to boost connectivity and growth in Barak Valley

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday, March 14, unveiled a series of major development projects worth approximately Rs 23,550 crore in Silchar, Assam, aimed at enhancing connectivity, infrastructure, and socio-economic growth in the Barak Valley and the broader North-East region.



https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/story/pm-modi-launches-rs-23550-crore-development-projects-in-silchar-to-boost-connectivity-and-growth-in-barak-valley-1359591-2026-03-14

3: Arunachal villagers sign MoU for pre-feasibility work on Siang multipurpose project



A majority of families from three Upper Siang villages have signed agreements with the Arunachal Pradesh government, paving the way for pre-feasibility studies on the Siang Upper Multipurpose Project (SUMP), a major hydropower initiative.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/arunachal-pradesh/story/arunachal-villagers-sign-mou-for-pre-feasibility-work-on-siang-multipurpose-project-1360116-2026-03-15

4: Nagaland steps up work on 19 EMRS projects, targets operationalisation by next year



The Nagaland government on March 12 informed the Assembly that efforts are underway to operationalise at least 19 under-construction Eklavya Model Residential Schools (EMRS) across the state by next year.

Replying to a starred question raised by JD(U) MLA Jwenga Seb, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said the EMRS projects in the state fall under both the old and new phases of the centrally sponsored scheme.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/nagaland/story/nagaland-steps-up-work-on-19-emrs-projects-targets-operationalisation-by-next-year-1358950-2026-03-13

5: Manipur innovator builds affordable machines to simplify mushroom farming



A farmer from Manipur has developed a range of locally built machines to simplify mushroom cultivation, aiming to reduce labour and improve production for growers across the state. Manjit Khwairakpam, a farmer and innovator from Khurai Khongpal Chingangbam Leikai in Imphal East district, has designed equipment that assists farmers at different stages of mushroom farming — from spawn preparation to cultivation.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/manipur/video/manipur-innovator-builds-affordable-machines-to-simplify-mushroom-farming-1360403-2026-03-16

6. Yumnam Khemchand Singh tables fiscal policy statements as Manipur Assembly passes Rs 1,258 Crore budget for seven departments



On the concluding day of the 7th Session of the 12th Manipur Legislative Assembly, Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh on Tuesday, March 17, tabled key financial documents, including the Medium Term Fiscal Policy Statement, Fiscal Policy Strategy Statement, and Macro Economic Framework Statement..

https://www.indiatodayne.in/manipur/story/yumnam-khemchand-singh-tables-fiscal-policy-statements-as-manipur-assembly-passes-rs-1258-crore-budget-for-seven-departments-1361273-2026-03-17

7. Mizoram CM lays foundation stone for Aizawl beautification project



Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma, on March 17, laid the foundation stone for a major beautification project at a vacated Assam Rifles base in the state capital Aizawl. The project aims to develop and beautify around 17 hectares of land in the central part of the city, converting it into a public utility space for residents.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/mizoram/story/mizoram-cm-lays-foundation-stone-for-aizawl-beautification-project-1361177-2026-03-17

8. Asian Development Bank team reviews urban and tourism projects in Tripura



A high-level delegation from the Asian Development Bank is currently on a visit to Tripura to review progress under the Tripura Urban and Tourism Development Project (TUTDP), covering multiple towns and key tourism sites. The delegation is led by Tomoo Ueda, Principal Urban Development Specialist, and includes officials such as Sorin Chung and Bhavesh Kumar, along with experts on social and environmental safeguards from ADB headquarters in Manila and its India Resident Mission.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/tripura/story/asian-development-bank-team-reviews-urban-and-tourism-projects-in-tripura-1361764-2026-03-18

9. Tripura government constructs 650-meter embankment, cleans Katakhal Canal to safeguard Agartala from floods



In a proactive step to protect Agartala from seasonal flooding, the Tripura government has begun cleaning the Katakhal Canal and started constructing a 650-meter embankment along the Howrah River. Officials, including Secretary Kiran Gitte, Commissioner of Agartala Municipal Corporation, West Tripura District Magistrate Dr Vishal Kumar, Saju Wahid, and Dr Gugulavath Sharath Nayak, CEO of Agartala Smart City Ltd, conducted an on-site inspection of the canal and embankment project. https://www.indiatodayne.in/sikkim/story/sikkim-chief-secretary-reviews-operational-readiness-of-sevok-rangpo-railway-line-1355719-2026-03-06

10. Meghalaya Governor inaugurates mobile food processing unit developed by NECTAR and CSIR-CFTRI to empower northeast farmers



The Mobile Food Processing Unit (MPU)was formally inaugurated today by the Hon'ble Governor of Meghalaya, Shri C. H.Vijayashankarin the presence of Director General, NECTAR, Shillong, Dr. Arun K Sarma, Director CSIR-CFTRI Mysuru Dr. Giridhar Pravatham, and distinguished dignitaries of the State and Central Government at Lok Bhavan, Shillong. The inauguration ceremony marked a significant milestone in strengthening institutional infrastructure and advancing collaborative development efforts in the NER particularly for farmer community.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/meghalaya/story/meghalaya-governor-inaugurates-mobile-food-processing-unit-developed-by-nectar-and-csir-cftri-to-empower-northeast-farmers-1359675-2026-03-14