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1: 1,500 MT high-value cargo reaches Guwahati's Pandu via Indo-Bangladesh route



In a significant boost to riverine logistics, a high-value cargo consignment of nearly 1,500 metric tonnes has reached Pandu from Kolkata via the Indo-Bangladesh Protocol Route, underscoring the growing efficiency of inland waterways in the region.

The shipment, comprising granulated blast furnace slag and TMT bars, was transported for Larsen & Toubro by Tata Steel. The consignment included 23,980 bags weighing around 1,199 MT, along with an additional 300 MT of TMT bars.

https://www.sentinelassam.com/cities/guwahati-city/guwahati-maiden-scheduled-cargo-service-successfully-docks-at-pandu-carries-1500-tons-from-kolkata

2: Artisans' movement ends with focus on textiles, livelihoods and youth in Arunachal

An eight-day showcase of indigenous textiles and design concluded at Interior Park with a strong push towards positioning Arunachal Pradesh's craft sector within India's evolving fashion economy. The closing ceremony, marked as Cultural Heritage Day and Awards Night, brought together designers, weavers, artisans and industry stakeholders, highlighting how the platform has grown over five years into a structured space linking traditional craftsmanship with modern markets.



https://www.indiatodayne.in/arunachal-pradesh/story/artisans-movement-ends-with-focus-on-textiles-livelihoods-and-youth-in-arunachal-1363402-2026-03-22

3: Arunachal CM welcomes Union Cabinet approval of small hydro power scheme



Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu on March 18 hailed the Union Cabinet's approval of the Small Hydro Power (SHP) Development Scheme for 2026-31, describing it as a significant boost to clean energy generation and rural economic development in the northeast.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/arunachal-pradesh/story/arunachal-cm-welcomes-union-cabinet-approval-of-small-hydro-power-scheme-1361819-2026-03-18

4: Nagaland CM Neiphiu Rio unveils 'Developed Nagaland @ 2047' vision in state budget



Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio on March 26 presented the State Budget for 2026–27 during the second phase of the Assembly session, outlining it as a strategic roadmap to achieve the vision of "Developed Nagaland @ 2047". Rio began by congratulating the people of eastern districts on the signing of the Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority (FNTA) agreement, describing it as a historic step towards participatory governance.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/nagaland/story/nagaland-cm-neiphiu-rio-unveils-developed-nagaland-2047-vision-in-state-budget-1365863-2026-03-26

5: Nagaland opens Organic Farmer's Mart with global partnerships to boost sustainable economy



Marking a major step in its push toward becoming an organic hub, Nagaland on Tuesday officially opened The Local Organic Farmer's Mart at the Sereni Complex on Nyamo Lotha Road, following its high-profile inauguration in December last year.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/nagaland/story/nagaland-opens-organic-farmers-mart-with-global-partnerships-to-boost-sustainable-economy-1364804-2026-03-24

6. Mizoram Governor urges youth to compete globally, focus on skills and entrepreneurship



Mizoram Governor Vijay Kumar Singh on March 25 urged the youth of the state to move beyond regional boundaries and establish themselves as competitive players on the global stage, stressing that skills and entrepreneurship are key to success in today's economy.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/mizoram/story/mizoram-governor-urges-youth-to-compete-globally-focus-on-skills-and-entrepreneurship-1365395-2026-03-25

7. Mizoram to develop ropeway at Vantawng Falls to boost tourism infrastructure

The Mizoram government will construct a ropeway at Vantawng Falls near Thenzawl town in Serchhip district to strengthen tourism infrastructure in the state, an official said on March 19. The project, which will allow visitors to view Mizoram's highest waterfall from a bird's-eye perspective, will be funded under the Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment (SASCI) scheme, she said.



https://www.indiatodayne.in/mizoram/story/mizoram-to-develop-ropeway-at-vantawng-falls-to-boost-tourism-infrastructure-1362377-2026-03-19

8. Dhubri's historic Ashokastami mela in Assam enters 56th year as symbol of communal unity



The historic town of Dhubri came alive with colour and festivity on Wednesday evening, March 25 as the 56th edition of the Ashokastami Mela was formally inaugurated, marking the beginning of one of the region's most cherished annual fairs. Organised by the Dhubri Ashokastami Mela Committee, the event continues to stand as a symbol of communal harmony and cultural heritage, drawing people from different communities for days of celebration, trade and entertainment.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/video/dhubris-historic-ashokastami-mela-in-assam-enters-56th-year-as-symbol-of-communal-unity-1365368-2026-03-25

9. Arunachal: Army sets up oxygen generation plant in Subansiri Valley

The Indian Army has inaugurated a containerised oxygen generation plant and refilling centre at a field hospital in Arunachal Pradesh's Subansiri Valley to strengthen medical support in remote and high-altitude areas. The facility, set up at Borarupak field hospital, was contributed by the Soldiers' Independent Rehabilitation Foundation and inaugurated by the General Officer Commanding of Spear Corps in the presence of senior Army officials, state administration representatives, local residents and veterans, according to a defence statement.



https://www.indiatodayne.in/arunachal-pradesh/story/arunachal-army-sets-up-oxygen-generation-plant-in-subansiri-valley-1365929-2026-03-26

10. Tripura exports organic produce worth Rs 8.79 crore, targets 50,000 hectares expansion



The Tripura government has exported organic products worth Rs 8.79 crore over the last three years and is now aiming to expand organic and natural farming to 50,000 hectares, Agriculture Minister Ratan Lal Nath informed the state Assembly. Highlighting the growing importance of chemical-free agriculture, the minister said organic farming—also known as natural farming—gained significant traction during the COVID-19 period, when awareness around health and sustainability increased.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/tripura/story/tripura-exports-organic-produce-worth-rs-879-crore-targets-50000-hectares-expansion-1364232-2026-03-23