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1: Arunachal Pradesh: Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project hits milestone as Unit-4 wet commissioning begins



Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu on April 1, hailed a major milestone in India's energy sector as the wet commissioning of Unit-4 (250 MW) at the Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project commenced.

Describing it as a significant step toward realising the country's largest hydropower venture, the Chief Minister said the successful mechanical run marks the transition from the construction phase to power generation.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/arunachal-pradesh/story/arunachal-pradesh-subansiri-lower-hydroelectric-project-hits-milestone-as-unit-4-wet-commissioning-begins-1369062-2026-04-02

2: Arunachal's Dibang Valley holds public hearing on 680-mw Attunli hydropower project

A public hearing for the proposed 680-MW Attunli hydropower project was conducted on Wednesday, April 1, in Arunachal Pradesh's Dibang Valley district, marking a key step towards obtaining environmental clearance.



The consultation, organised by the Arunachal Pradesh Pollution Control Board, took place at Anini and was chaired by Deputy Commissioner Bekir Nyorak. Officials said the hearing drew participation from local residents, project-affected families and other stakeholders.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/arunachal-pradesh/story/arunachals-dibang-valley-holds-public-hearing-on-680-mw-attunli-hydropower-project-1369016-2026-04-01

3: Assam Rifles distributes solar lights in Arunachal's Tirap to boost rural connectivity



The Assam Rifles organised a civic outreach programme to distribute solar lights in a remote village of Tirap district, aiming to improve living conditions and promote sustainable energy use. The initiative, undertaken by the Khonsa Battalion, was carried out at Old Paniduria village, where residents were provided with solar lighting solutions to enhance safety and convenience during evening hours.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/arunachal-pradesh/story/assam-rifles-distributes-solar-lights-in-arunachals-tirap-to-boost-rural-connectivity-1367205-2026-03-29

4: Focus on coordination to accelerate MSME development in Nagaland



A high-level meeting on promoting Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) as engines of growth was held at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat, focusing on strengthening convergence between the Centre and the state. Chaired by Additional Chief Secretary V. Shashank Shekhar, the

meeting emphasized coordinated efforts across departments to maximise benefits for stakeholders. Secretary, MSME Ministry, S.C.L. Das highlighted the need to break departmental silos and enhance collaboration for effective implementation of schemes.
https://www.indiatodayne.in/nagaland/story/focus-on-coordination-to-accelerate-msme-development-in-nagaland-1367711-2026-03-30

5: Aizawl launches mass cleanliness drive to boost tourism, go garbage-free



A large-scale cleanliness drive was carried out across Aizawl on March 28 as part of efforts to transform the state capital into one of the cleanest cities in the country. The initiative was organised by the Coordination Committee for Aizawl City Cleanliness, in collaboration with the state's Urban Development and Poverty Alleviation (UD&PA) Department, Aizawl Smart City Ltd, Aizawl Municipal Corporation, and the Central Young Mizo Association.
https://www.indiatodayne.in/mizoram/story/aizawl-launches-mass-cleanliness-drive-to-boost-tourism-go-garbage-free-1366935-2026-03-28

6: Assam Rifles conducts drone training for Central Industrial Security Force personnel in Tripura's Agartala



The Assam Rifles conducted a comprehensive drone awareness and training session for personnel of the Central Industrial Security Force in Tripura's Agartala, according to an official release. The session, held at the Assam Rifles ground on April 1, saw experts briefing participants on various types of drones, their capabilities, and associated security implications

https://www.indiatodayne.in/tripura/story/assam-rifles-conducts-drone-training-for-central-industrial-security-force-personnel-in-tripuras-agartala-1369222-2026-04-02

7: Meghalaya partners with Elon Musk's Starlink to boost digital access in remote areas



Meghalaya has moved to strengthen digital connectivity by signing a memorandum of understanding with Starlink, the satellite internet venture owned by Elon Musk. Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma said the agreement marks a significant push to expand access in hard-to-reach regions of the state. Starlink has received a letter of intent from the Centre for starting satcom services in the country, but it is yet to fulfil the criteria required for the licence.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/meghalaya/story/meghalaya-partners-with-elon-musks-starlink-to-boost-digital-access-in-remote-areas-1368868-2026-04-01

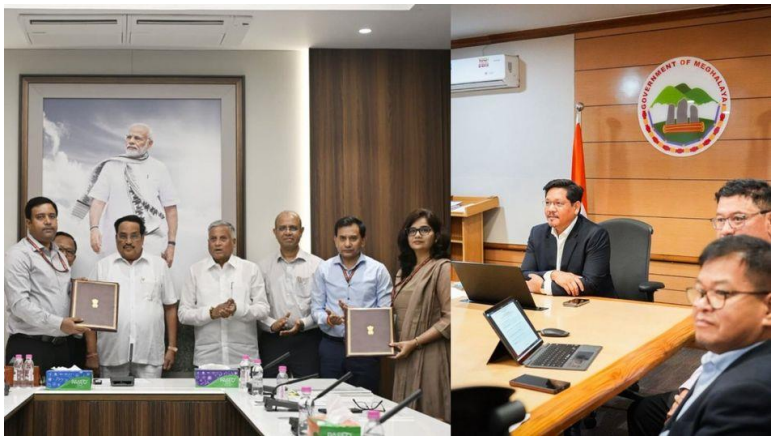
8: Meghalaya launches Rs 4.61 crore E-RISE scheme to strengthen Eri silk sector



The Meghalaya government has rolled out a Rs 4.61 crore initiative aimed at boosting the state's eri silk economy, alongside announcing new infrastructure projects and education support measures. Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma launched the E-RISE (Eri Rearing, Innovation, Spinning and Empowerment) programme in Ri-Bhoi district, targeting 1,200 farming households across 22 clusters.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/meghalaya/story/meghalaya-launches-rs-461-crore-e-rise-scheme-to-strengthen-eri-silk-sector-1367947-2026-03-31

9: Meghalaya signs MoU with Jal Jeevan Mission, targets full rural water coverage



Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma, on March 27, joined virtually the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between the state government and the National Jal Jeevan Mission, reaffirming the state's commitment to delivering safe drinking water to every household. The MoU formalises closer coordination between state agencies and the Central mission directorate, with the aim of ensuring funds are deployed efficiently and targets met within the stipulated timeline

https://www.indiatodayne.in/meghalaya/story/meghalaya-signs-mou-with-jal-jeevan-mission-targets-full-rural-water-coverage-1366144-2026-03-27

10: Assam's budget touches Rs 2 lakh crore, achieves 85 per cent fund utilisation: Himanta Biswa Sarma



Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Wednesday, April 1 highlighted the State's fiscal performance for the financial year 2025–26, describing it as a model of "disciplined spending and growth-oriented governance," with a sharp rise in budget size and record public expenditure.

In a post on X, the Chief Minister said Assam's budget outlay had expanded to Rs 2 lakh crore in 2025–26, up from Rs 1.69 lakh crore in the previous financial year, signalling both enhanced fiscal ambition and improved execution capacity.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/story/assams-budget-touches-rs-2-lakh-crore-achieves-85-per-cent-fund-utilisation-himanta-biswa-sarma-1368962-2026-04-01