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1: Mission Krishi Veer launched in Arunachal Pradesh's Tezu to link farmers with Army supply chain



Mission Krishi Veer was launched at the 274 ASC Supply Depot of the Indian Army in Arunachal Pradesh's Tezu, marking a major initiative to strengthen linkages between local farmers and institutional buyers, particularly the armed forces. The programme aims to create a structured supply chain enabling farmers to directly supply agricultural produce to the Army, ensuring assured market access and timely payments.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/arunachal-pradesh/story/mission-krishi-veer-launched-in-arunachal-pradeshs-tezu-to-link-farmers-with-army-supply-chain-1379624-2026-04-22

2. Arunachal explores geothermal energy potential with industry experts



A high-level meeting on April 20 focused on developing geothermal energy in Arunachal Pradesh, with discussions centred on tapping the state's untapped renewable resources for long-term energy security

Science and Technology Minister Dasanglu Pul met representatives from SEROS, including General Manager (Business Development) Gaurav Madan, along with former ONGC Director

General Ravi, who is currently associated with a geothermal project. Tage Tana, Director of the Centre for Earth Sciences and Himalayan Studies, also attended the meeting.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/arunachal-pradesh/story/arunachal-explores-geothermal-energy-potential-with-industry-experts-1378724-2026-04-20

3: Nagaland MLA calls for boosting local pork production



Achumbemo Kikon, Secretary General of the Naga People's Front (NPF), on April 21, called for scaling up local pork production in Nagaland to address a significant supply. Speaking at the inauguration of a pork store in Kohima, Kikon highlighted the high demand for pork in the state. He noted that Nagaland requires around 60,000 tonnes of pork annually, while local production stands at approximately 30,000 tonnes, leaving a 50 per cent shortfall. deficit.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/nagaland/story/nagaland-mla-calls-for-boosting-local-pork-production-1379319-2026-04-21

4: Meghalaya pushes startup ecosystem with new digital platforms and youth outreach



Meghalaya sharpened its focus on entrepreneurship and digital support systems at a state-backed event marking World Creativity and Innovation Day, where new platforms, funding figures and youth-led initiatives took centre stage.

The programme, 'PRIME IGNITE 2026', brought together entrepreneurs, officials and student innovators at Lok Bhavan, signalling a shift towards expanding market access and structured support for startups across the state.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/meghalaya/story/meghalaya-pushes-startup-ecosystem-with-new-digital-platforms-and-youth-outreach-1379416-2026-04-22

5. Sikkim's Temi tea garden first flush fetches record Rs 27,000 per kg

Sikkim's state-owned Temi Tea Estate has recorded a strong start to the season, with its first flush organic tea fetching a record price of Rs 27,000 at auction, according to an official statement issued on April 18.The first flush, known for its delicate flavour and superior quality, has drawn robust demand from buyers. Initial lots offered through open bidding received an



encouraging response, with subsequent batches also securing high prices, the statement said. Temi Tea Estate continues to focus on producing premium varieties such as orthodox black tea and oolong tea, made from freshly harvested leaves.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/sikkim/story/sikkims-temi-tea-garden-first-flush-fetches-record-rs-27000-per-kg-1377826-2026-04-18

6. NEC spends nearly Rs 1,500 crore in 2025–26, boosts infra and connectivity in Northeast



The North Eastern Council (NEC) on Wednesday, April 22 said it recorded an expenditure of nearly Rs 1,500 crore in the 2025–26 financial year, marking a significant push towards infrastructure and development across the Northeast. Officials stated that the total expenditure stood at Rs 1,496.78 crore, including Rs 792.12 crore under the Schemes of NEC (SoNEC) and Rs 704.66 crore under the North East Special Infrastructure Development Scheme (NESIDS-Roads), reflecting a strong focus on connectivity and core sector development.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/meghalaya/story/nec-spends-nearly-rs-1500-crore-in-2025-26-boosts-infra-and-connectivity-in-northeast-1379876-2026-04-22

7. Youdha launches long-range Youdha EPOD in Assam, targets E-rickshaw market



Electric mobility firm Youdha on Wednesday entered the Assam market with the launch of its passenger electric three-wheeler, Youdha EPOD, targeting the state's rapidly growing e-rickshaw segment. Positioned as a high-range and monsoon-ready vehicle, the EPOD offers a certified driving range of 227 km on a single charge, aimed at reducing operating costs for drivers amid rising fuel prices.

https://nenews.in/assam/youdha-launches-long-range-youdha-epod-in-assam-targets-e-rickshaw-market/48744/

8. Arunachal plans eco-tourism hub at Subansiri pondage, seeks Centre's support



In a major bid to position Arunachal Pradesh as a premier tourism destination, the State Government has announced plans to transform the Subansiri Lower Pondage into a world-class mountain-cum-river immersive tourism hub. The ambitious initiative aims to integrate eco-tourism, adventure, culture, and sustainable livelihoods.

https://assamtribune.com/north-east/arunachal-plans-eco-tourism-hub-at-subansiri-pondage-seeks-centres-support-1610917

9. Aquaex Northeast 2026 with NFDB support to Boost Fisheries Value Chain in the Region

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With a focus on strengthening the fisheries value chain and addressing the growing protein demand in the Northeast, a Press Meet was held in Shillong today to highlight the upcoming Aquaex Northeast 2026 – Regional Fisheries & Aquaculture Expo and Seminar. The interaction underscored the region's vast potential in fisheries and the need for

integrated efforts to enhance production, productivity and market linkages.

The event is being organised by Aquaex India in collaboration with the National Fisheries Development Board (NFDB), Government of India, along with partnership support from Progressive Farmer Trust.

https://www.pib.gov.in/PressReleasePage.aspx?PRID=2254973&reg=3&lang=2