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1: Banana waste to livelihoods: Common facility centre opens in Arunachal to promote rural enterprise and sustainability



The North East Centre for Technology Application and Reach (NECTAR), an autonomous institute under the Department of Science and Technology, Government of India, on Tuesday inaugurated a Common Facility Centre (CFC) in East Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh under the PM-DevINE scheme of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER).

https://www.indiatodayne.in/arunachal-pradesh/video/banana-waste-to-livelihoods-common-facility-centre-opens-in-arunachal-to-promote-rural-enterprise-and-sustainability-1383738-2026-04-30

2. MDoNER secretary reviews key projects in Tripura, chairs high-level development meeting in Agartala



Shri Sanjay Jaju, Secretary of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER), chaired a high-level review meeting in Agartala to assess the progress of major development initiatives in Tripura.The meeting was held at the State Guest House and was attended by J K Sinha along with senior officials from the state and central governments.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/tripura/story/mdoner-secretary-reviews-key-projects-in-tripura-chairs-high-level-development-meeting-in-agartala-1382352-2026-04-27

3: Meghalaya picked as key site for new biodiversity governance push



Meghalaya's Garo Hills will serve as one of the primary landscapes for a new five-year biodiversity governance project aimed at strengthening local conservation and planning systems. Officials said the initiative places a strong emphasis on community-led action, with local institutions expected to play a central role in shaping and funding biodiversity plans.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/meghalaya/story/meghalaya-picked-as-key-site-for-new-biodiversity-governance-push-1381923-2026-04-27

4: PM Modi's Sikkim address to boost tourism, infra and adventure sector: Official



Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent address in Sikkim is expected to give a major boost to the state's tourism sector, according to Sikkim Additional Chief Secretary of the Tourism and Civil Aviation Department, C.S. Rao. Reacting to the Prime Minister's remarks, Rao said the speech would have a positive impact on tourism by bringing national attention to Sikkim's natural beauty, hospitality and untapped potential.

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

5. PM Modi calls for support to Northeast artisans, promotes bamboo products



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.

https://nenews.in/arunachal-pradesh/pm-modi-calls-for-support-to-northeast-artisans-promotes-bamboo-products/48954/

6. Nagaland struggles with low livestock output, veterinarians urged to step up



Nagaland is currently able to meet less than half of its demand for animal-based food products, with officials highlighting a growing supply gap that has led to large-scale imports from outside the state. Speaking at a programme marking World Veterinary Day in Kohima, Land Revenue and Tourism Secretary Chusi said Nagaland is meeting only about 44.5 per cent of its requirement, forcing it to import meat worth over Rs 263.56 crore.

https://nenews.in/nagaland/nagaland-struggles-with-low-livestock-output-veterinarians-urged-to-step-up/48933/

7. Arunachal Pradesh CM seeks Centre's support to develop Subansiri Lower pondage as tourism hub



The Arunachal Pradesh government has unveiled an ambitious plan to transform the pondage of the Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project into a world-class mountain and river tourism destination.The proposed project aims to blend ecotourism, adventure activities, cultural experiences and sustainable livelihood opportunities in the region.

https://nenews.in/arunachal-pradesh/arunachal-pradesh-cm-seeks-centres-support-to-develop-subansiri-lower-pondage-as-tourism-hub/48850/

8. Reliance Jio crosses 10 million subscribers in Assam telecom circle



Reliance Jio has crossed the significant milestone of 10 million subscribers in the Assam telecom circle, as per the latest telecom subscription data released by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI). According to the TRAI report for the month of March 2026, Reliance Jio's subscriber base in Assam has reached 10,015,219, up from 9,910,383 in February 2026. This marks a net addition of 1,04,836 subscribers during the month. https://nenews.in/business/reliance-jio-crosses-10-million-subscribers-in-assam-telecom-circle/49136/