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1: Assam exports first legal agarwood consignment worth Rs 2.35 crore to Saudi Arabia, UAE



Assam has exported its first legally approved consignment of agarwood chips worth Rs 2.35 crore to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, marking a major milestone for the state's agro-forest economy.

According to officials and the All Assam Agarwood Planters and Traders Association, the consignment was dispatched from the cargo terminal of Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport on Wednesday after obtaining all required statutory clearances.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/story/assam-exports-first-legal-agarwood-consignment-worth-rs-235-crore-to-saudi-arabia-uae-1391680-2026-05-14

2. US to explore new avenues for commercial ties with Assam: Ambassador Sergio Gor



US Ambassador to India Sergio Gor attended the swearing-in ceremony of Himanta Biswa Sarma as Chief Minister of Assam on May 12, signalling the growing diplomatic and commercial attention that the northeastern state has begun to attract from Washington.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/story/us-to-explore-new-avenues-for-commercial-ties-with-assam-ambassador-sergio-gor-1390652-2026-05-12

3: Arunachal Dy CM Chowna Mein hails Subansiri hydropower milestone as project reaches 1,000 MW



Arunachal Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein on Sunday, May 10, congratulated NHPC Limited on the successful commissioning of the fourth unit of the Subansiri Lower Hydroelectric Project, describing it as a major milestone in India's journey towards clean and sustainable energy generation.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/arunachal-pradesh/story/arunachal-dy-cm-chowna-mein-hails-subansiri-hydropower-milestone-as-project-reaches-1000-mw-1389764-2026-05-10

4: NPF farmers' wing to launch statewide tour to assess farming challenges across Nagaland



The farmers' wing of the ruling Naga People's Front on Saturday, May 9, announced a statewide tour aimed at directly engaging with farming communities across Nagaland to understand ground realities, identify successful farmers, and promote sustainable agricultural practices. Addressing a press conference in Kohima, NPF Central Farmers' Wing president Vikheho Swu said the organisation would undertake an "appreciative inquiry tour" covering all districts of the state.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/nagaland/story/npf-farmers-wing-to-launch-statewide-tour-to-assess-farming-challenges-across-nagaland-1389391-2026-05-09

5. Centre launches Rs 189 crore Mizoram Ginger Mission to take 'Mizo ginger' global



Mizoram has received a major boost to its agricultural sector with the launch of the Rs 189.79-crore Mizoram Ginger Mission, a Centre-backed initiative aimed at strengthening ginger cultivation, processing and global market access for farmers in the state. The project was jointly launched virtually on May 13 by Union DONER Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia and Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/mizoram/story/centre-launches-rs-189-crore-mizoram-ginger-mission-to-take-mizo-ginger-global-1391682-2026-05-14

6. Eight panchayats from four North Eastern States win honours at National Panchayat Awards 2025



Panchayats from the North East put up a strong performance in the National Panchayat Awards 2025 announced by the Union Ministry of Panchayati Raj, with Assam, Tripura, Mizoram and Sikkim securing national recognition across multiple categories.

A total of 42 panchayats from 17 States and Union Territories have been selected for this year's awards, which recognise excellence in rural governance, sustainable development, sanitation, infrastructure and grassroots leadership. The award ceremony is scheduled to be held in New Delhi on June 3. https://www.indiatodayne.in/assam/story/eight-panchayats-from-four-north-eastern-states-win-honours-at-national-panchayat-awards-2025-1389327-2026-05-09

7. Tripura to host Pineapple Mahotsav in Delhi; Rs 236 crore plan announced to boost Queen Pineapple sector



Tripura will organise a three-day Pineapple Mahotsav in New Delhi from June 27 to 29 to promote the state's GI-tagged Queen Pineapple at the national and international level. The announcement was made by Ratan Lal Nath after chairing a preparatory review meeting attended by officials from the Agriculture and Horticulture, Forest and Handloom departments along with MP Rajib Bhattacharya.

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

8. Meghalaya launches community biochar plant to boost organic farming incomes



A community biochar plant aimed at strengthening organic farming and improving farmer incomes was inaugurated at Umsli in Ri-Bhoi district on May 11, with the Meghalaya government positioning the project as part of its wider push towards climate-resilient agriculture.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/meghalaya/story/meghalaya-launches-community-biochar-plant-to-boost-organic-farming-incomes-1390379-2026-05-11

9. Meghalaya seeks Rs 234 crore hike for New Shillong water project after dam site shift



The Meghalaya government has proposed a revised estimate of Rs 772.96 crore for the New Shillong Township Water Supply Scheme, up from the originally sanctioned Rs 538.44 crore, citing major design and infrastructure changes linked to environmental and technical concerns. According to an official clarification note, the revised cost reflects a 43.55 per cent increase, amounting to an additional Rs 234.52 crore for the project aimed at supplying potable water to New Shillong Township, Mawkhanu Knowledge City and 32 adjoining villages.

https://www.indiatodayne.in/meghalaya/story/meghalaya-seeks-rs-234-crore-hike-for-new-shillong-water-project-after-dam-site-shift-1388591-2026-05-08

10. Tripura Holds Investors' Roadshow in Guwahati Ahead of Business Conclave 2026



The Department of Industries & Commerce, Government of Tripura organised the Destination Tripura – Investors' Roadshow in Guwahati on May 7 at Vivanta Guwahati ahead of the upcoming Destination Tripura: Business Conclave 2026. The programme was organised to promote investment opportunities in Tripura and strengthen business partnerships within the Northeast region. Industry leaders, entrepreneurs, financial institutions and investors from different states participated in the event.

https://theguwahati.com/tripura-holds-investors-roadshow-in-guwahati-ahead-of-business-conclave-2026/