

Prez calls NE astalakhi



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[President](#) Pranab Mukherjee on Tuesday stressed sustainable development in the north eastern region.

In his opening speech in [Parliament](#), Mukherjee called the north [east](#) Astalakhi and said the region has immense potentials to help the entire nation develop.

He said the metre gauge lines in the seven states and Sikkim would be converted to broad gauge line this year itself drawing applause from all the legislators. Railway minister of [state](#) Rajen Gohain, who hails from Assam looked very excited [as](#) the president was addressing the joint session on Tuesday morning.

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