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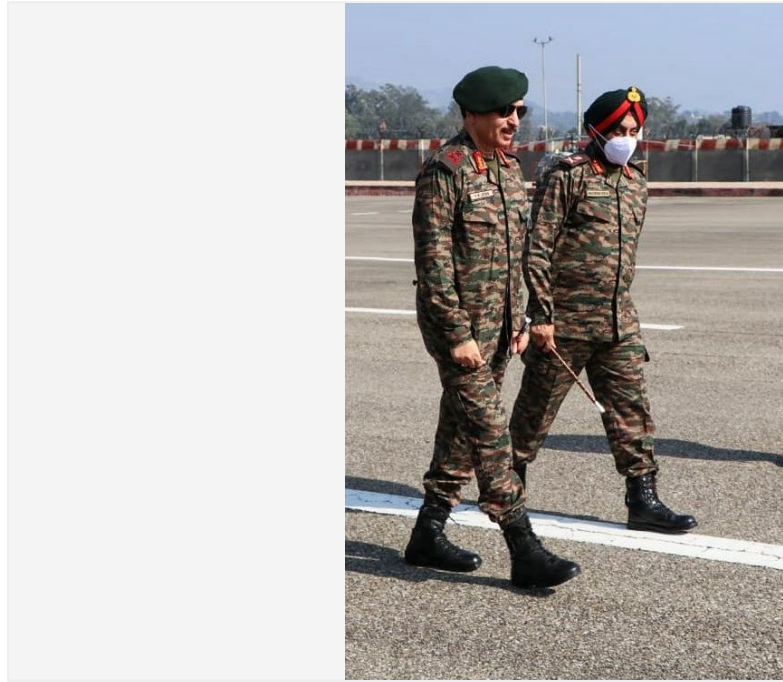
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Indian Army Mountaineering Team Successfully Ascends Khangchengyao Peak in North Sikkim

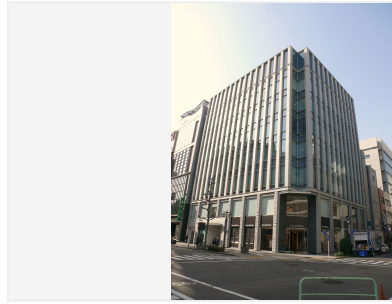


An Indian Army mountaineering team has successfully summited the Khangchengyao Peak in North Sikkim, marking a...

New Delhi, September 19 — The Indian Army's mountaineering unit has successfully scaled the 6,527-meter high Khangchengyao Peak, located in North Sikkim. The expedition, which commenced from Base Camp Gurudongmar, spanned several days and involved experienced soldiers and support staff. The team navigated challenging weather

conditions and treacherous icy technical sections to plant the national flag atop the summit. Officials stated that this accomplishment underscores the Army's capability in high-altitude operations, which is crucial for border security. Senior Army officials commented that such expeditions boost soldier morale and provi...

Nifty rises 0.43%, Sensex gains 333 points as US Fed rate hike expectations buoy markets



Benchmark Nifty 50 index closed 0.43% higher, while BSE Sensex recorded a gain of 333 points, reflecting investor enthusiasm amid expectations of a US Federal Reserve rate hike. Traders had priced in the potential rate increase, raising concerns of tightening global liquidity. Market participants noted that the Fed expectation spurred risk appetite, leading foreign institutional investors to increase exposure to Indian equities. This inflow also saw a modest strengthening of the rupee against the dollar during the day. Analysts said domestic fundamentals remain strong, but Indian markets have become more sensitive to global signals, especia...

Rain wreaks havoc in Sikkim: Landslides and debris flow engulf many areas of Gangtok



Heavy rains have caused landslides and debris flows in many parts of Gangtok, prompting the Sikkim administration to launch a detailed damage assessment. The inclement weather has affected numerous settlements, raising concerns about public safety and infrastructure. Officials are surveying the impacted zones to identify damaged roads, properties and vulnerable slopes, aiming to produce a comprehensive damage report and plan immediate relief and restoration work. Residents of sensitive areas have been urged to stay alert and heed official advice. With rain continuing, the terrain remains unstable, so authorities are prioritising debris remova...

Sikkim launches PMFME outreach to boost food processing entrepreneurship



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The Sikkim government has launched an outreach campaign under the Prime Minister's Formalization of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) scheme to promote food processing entrepreneurship. The campaign targets rural and semi-urban areas where local produce can be value-added. Under the outreach, officials are organizing

awareness camps and training sessions to inform potential entrepreneurs about the scheme's benefits, eligibility criteria, and application process. The initiative also includes credit linkage and technical assistance to help beneficiaries establish small-scale food processing units. This effort aligns with the state's...

Sikkim's sewage system lags behind national standards, report

The latest report by The Hindu reveals that Sikkim's sewage system is still lagging behind national standards. The analysis highlights significant gaps in the state's wastewater management infrastructure. These shortcomings underscore the urgent need for investment and policy action to upgrade facilities. The findings make it clear that bringing Sikkim's sewage network in line with national standards is essential for protecting public health and environmental quality.

SikkimExpress Calls Narendra Modi 'More Than Pragmatic'

SikkimExpress published an editorial titled 'Numero Uno – Narendra Modi – more than a pragmatic Prime Minister.' The article describes the Prime Minister as more than just a pragmatic leader, possessing a broader vision. No additional data or commentary was provided beyond the title. This piece is an opinion column, not a report on a specific event or policy announcement. The publication does not include statements from government officials or independent analysts; it solely presents a positive image of the Prime Minister. As an editorial, its aim is to influence public perception rather than deliver breaking news. Readers are advised to un...

An aerial photograph showing a steep, rocky mountain slope. The rock face is light-colored and shows signs of weathering and fracturing. A road or path runs horizontally across the base of the slope. The top of the slope is covered with dense, dark vegetation. The foreground shows a rocky, scree-covered area.

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Sikkim band 'Girish and the Chronicles' gives a rock twist to Guns N' Roses' 'November Rain'



Sikkim's rock band Girish and the Chronicles recently presented the iconic Guns N' Roses song "November Rain" with a unique Sikkim rock twist. This performance was part of a collaborative event, where the local band performed alongside the renowned American rock group. The event was covered by India Today NE, highlighting the unique effort of blending Western rock with Sikkimese music. The performance showcased Girish and the Chronicles' ability to reinterpret classic rock with their regional flavor. Their version of "November Rain" combines familiar Guns N' Roses guitar solos with traditional Sikkimese instruments, creating a novel experien...

Sikkim Launches Cleanliness High Service Campaign 2026



The Sikkim government today announced the Cleanliness High Service Campaign 2026, a comprehensive programme designed to enhance public hygiene and sanitation throughout the state. Running for the full calendar year, the campaign seeks to involve communities, local bodies and private partners in maintaining clean public spaces and promoting proper waste management. Officials said the initiative will feature awareness drives, regular cleaning sweeps and the installation of waste-segregation facilities at key locations. State officials and local leaders attended the launch, stressing the importance of collective responsibility for a cleaner Sikk...

161 People Evacuated in Geyzing, Sikkim, Villages Threatened by Landslides and Floods

Heavy rainfall in Geyzing, Sikkim, has triggered landslides and floods, posing a threat to several villages and necessitating the evacuation of 161 people to safer locations. The local administration issued immediate evacuation orders due to rising water levels and soil erosion. Landslides have blocked access to multiple settlements, while floodwaters continue to rise, prompting residents to move to safe shelters. Emergency teams are closely monitoring the situation, and temporary shelters have been established for the displaced. The administration has warned that seasonal conditions may persist, increasing the risk of further landslides an...

Sikkim Reclassifies Restricted Area Permit Fees to Revenue Account from Oct. 1

The Sikkim government has announced that, effective 1 October, permit fees collected for entry into restricted areas will be recorded under a new head in the state's revenue account. The change is intended to clarify income accounting without altering the fee rates themselves. Officials said the re-classification will better align revenue accounting with the state's financial-management reforms. The order was issued through an official notification to district administrations and tourism agencies, which must implement the new accounting practice from the next financial quarter.

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Five Red Panda Cubs Born at Gangtok Zoo, Conservation Breeding Program Revived



The Gangtok Zoo has reported the birth of five red panda cubs. Officials indicate that the cubs are healthy and are under constant observation by zoo staff. These births are part of the revival of a conservation breeding program aimed at increasing the population of the endangered red panda. The program had been previously stalled and has now been restarted with

renewed vigor. Zoo officials stated that successful breeding contributes to global efforts to protect the species, which faces threats from habitat loss and poaching in the wild. The cubs are currently under the care of the zoo's veterinary team, and further updates on their develo...

Sikkim CM P.S. Golay congratulates PM Modi on his birthday, praises his guidance



Sikkim Chief Minister P.S. Golay sent birthday wishes to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and praised his leadership. Golay stated that Modi's guidance has been a stabilizing force in helping the country navigate numerous challenges. The congratulatory message was released through official channels, reflecting cordial relations between the state and the center. No further comment was received from either side.

Yodenla Bhutia from Sikkim Represents India at Miss Asia Pacific International

Young model Yodenla Bhutia from Sikkim has been appointed as India's representative at the Miss Asia Pacific International competition. This announcement was made by Northeast Today, indicating her participation in the international beauty pageant featuring contestants from various Asia-Pacific countries. Bhutia's selection is a significant achievement for Sikkim, as the state has seen very few representatives in national-level beauty pageants until now. While detailed information about her prior pageant experience is not available, this selection is considered a positive step towards bringing regional talent to the global stage. The organi...

Former Sikkim Minister Seeks Clarity on '4th Pathway', Urges Assembly Resolution on Article 371F



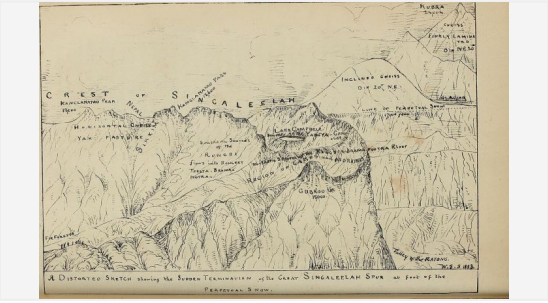
A former minister of Sikkim has demanded a detailed clarification on the '4th Pathway' and urged the state assembly to pass a formal resolution on Article 371F. The resolution aims to strengthen autonomy and administrative structure, making any new central government initiative subject to state-level scrutiny. The demand for an assembly resolution is intended to ensure...

connectivity and economic growth in the Himalayan region, but its implementation details remain unclear. Article 371F governs Sikkim's autonomy and administrative structure, making any new central government initiative subject to state-level scrutiny. The demand for an assembly resolution is intended to ensure...

Sikkim CM Prem Singh Tamang Calls for Innovation and Integrity on Engineer's Day

Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang addressed the state's engineers on National Engineer's Day, emphasizing the importance of innovation and integrity. He stated that engineers play a pivotal role in the state's infrastructure, renewable energy, and digital transformation. The Chief Minister appealed to engineers to adopt the latest technologies, collaborate with research institutions, and adhere to stringent ethical standards in their work. He added that integrity not only maintains public trust but also strengthens the national reputation of Sikkim's engineering sector. Tamang mentioned that the state government will bolster skill dev...

Future of Traditional Yak Shepherds in Sikkim: Analysis in New Report



A recent article on thinklandscape.globallandscapesforum.org examines the future of traditional yak shepherds in Sikkim. It looks at the current state of yak grazing in the state's Himalayan region. The article raises questions about what steps might be needed to preserve this traditional livelihood.

