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BUSINESS

Banks Closed for Dussehra 2026: All Financial Institutions Shut on October 20



The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced that all banks will remain closed on October 20, 2026, for Dussehra. This date is included in the RBI's official holiday list for the financial year 2026-27.

The closure will affect all commercial banks, cooperative banks, and public sector banks, along with their branches and ATMs. Customers will not be able to avail themselves of cash deposits,

withdrawals, or any branch-based transactions on that day. However, electronic banking channels, including internet banking, mobile banking, and UPI, will remain fully operational. The RBI has advised

customers to plan their financial transactions in advance and use digital platforms for any immediate needs. Normal banking operations will resume on October 21, 2026. The RBI's statement also noted that post offices and

other government offices will remain open during the holiday. Financial advisors suggest that individuals and businesses postpone any significant payments or fund transfers during this holiday to avoid delays.

DEFENCE

Indian Army engages youth in Arunachal Pradesh



The Indian Army, in collaboration with Army Recruitment Offices, organized outreach programs in several districts of Arunachal Pradesh to engage with the youth.

The programs featured interactive workshops, career counseling sessions, and displays of military equipment. Participants were briefed on recruitment benefits, educational assistance, and the Army's role in national security.

An officer emphasized that the initiative aims to expand recruitment reach in the northeastern region, where enlistment rates have historically been low. Hundreds of students, teachers, and community leaders participated in the sessions.

The Army reiterated its commitment to fostering a sense of patriotism and service among the youth, while also addressing concerns regarding employment opportunities and skill development in Arunachal Pradesh.

SPORTS

Assam Rifles Organise Fit India Run in Arunachal



Assam Rifles, a paramilitary force, organized a Fit India Run in Arunachal Pradesh under the Fit India campaign. Soldiers and local residents participated, highlighting the importance of physical activity.

The run was held in a scenic area of Arunachal, emphasizing the significance of fitness amidst natural beauty. Leadership of Assam Rifles stressed the role of sports in enhancing discipline and teamwork among soldiers.

Through the Fit India Run, Assam Rifles reaffirmed its commitment to community engagement and promoting a healthy lifestyle at the national level.

POLITICS

Indigenous Rights Group Condemns Police Action Against Adi Community



Police forces in Siang district forcibly dispersed members of the Adi community who had gathered to protest against illegal sand mining along the Siang River. An indigenous rights group condemned the action, describing it as a violation of the right to protect environmental and cultural heritage. The group called for a review of the police action and the conservation of the river. The incident highlights growing tensions in the region between development projects and indigenous rights.

DEFENCE

₹50 crore memorial to be built in Arunachal in honor of 1962 war hero Neelam Taba



The Arunachal Pradesh government has taken a significant step to honor the legacy of Neelam Taba, a prominent hero of the 1962 Sino-Indian War. Authorities have announced the construction of a dedicated war memorial to commemorate his bravery and sacrifice.

The project is estimated to cost 50 crore rupees, with the aim of paying a lasting tribute to the soldiers who defended the country's borders. Neelam Taba is remembered for his extraordinary courage and leadership during the intense battles of 1962.

This initiative reflects the state's commitment to preserving its military history and inspiring future generations. The memorial is expected to become a significant site for both senior veterans and civilians, fostering a sense of national pride and remembrance.

While the architectural details and exact location of the memorial are still being planned, the announcement marks a significant milestone in recognizing the contributions of Arunachal Pradesh's war heroes.

SCIENCE

Wildlife Institute of India to survey population of four bear species



The Wildlife Institute of India (WII) will launch a comprehensive survey to systematically assess the population sizes of the country's four bear species: the Sloth Bear, Himalayan Black Bear, Asiatic Brown Bear, and Sun Bear.

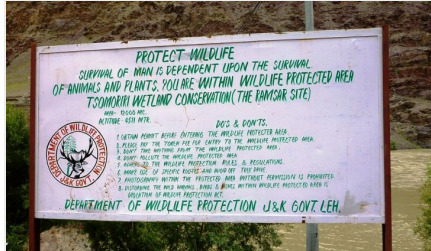
The survey will combine camera trapping, genetic sampling from hair and feces, and direct field observations. It will be conducted over a two-year period in collaboration with state forest departments and non-governmental organizations.

Accurate population data is crucial for strengthening conservation strategies, as many bear species face challenges such as habitat loss, poaching, and human-bear conflicts.

The initiative is funded by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, with technical support from international conservation partners. The findings will serve as a basis for future amendments to the Wildlife Protection Act.

SCIENCE

India's Ramsar Network expands to 103 wetland sites



India's Ramsar Network now includes 103 wetland sites, up from the previous 102. The expansion was announced by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. The new sites cover diverse ecosystems, such as mangrove forests and freshwater wetlands, aiming to strengthen conservation efforts across the country. The Ramsar Convention, an international treaty for wetland conservation, encourages member states to identify and protect wetlands of international importance. By adding more sites, India reaffirms its commitment to biodiversity and sustainable water management.

TRAVEL

Outlook Traveller Launches New Issue, 'The Long Way Around'



Outlook Traveller, the monthly travel magazine, has released its latest issue titled 'The Long Way Around.' The issue is available at newsstands this week and is also accessible digitally for subscribers.

The issue focuses on long-distance travel, showcasing deep cultural experiences and diverse landscapes without taking shortcuts.

Readers will find detailed articles on train journeys through the Himalayas, road trips across the Deccan Plateau, and sea voyages connecting Indian coastal cities.

Practical advice on budgeting, sustainable packing, and planning for long-term travel is also presented.

The editorial team believes this issue will inspire travelers to adopt patience and a sense of exploration over speed.

POLITICS

Arunachal BJP backs comprehensive overhaul of electoral voter list



Arunachal BJP has supported a special intensive revision of the state's electoral voter list. The aim of this step is to eliminate discrepancies in the list and reflect the current demographic reality. Officials say the revision will remove duplicate entries and delete deceased or ineligible voters, thereby enhancing the credibility of elections. The party has urged the Election Commission to expedite the process and pledged to provide logistical support as needed.

BUSINESS

NHPC seeks forest clearance to cut 2.3 million trees for hydro project in Arunachal



National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) has formally requested forest clearance to cut more than 2.3 million trees for a hydroelectric project in Arunachal Pradesh. The application submitted to the state forest department details the quantity of vegetation to be removed for the dam and associated infrastructure. According to the filing, tree felling is essential to create the reservoir and access roads, which will increase power generation capacity in the northeastern region. NHPC said it will comply with all legal standards and undertake reforestation measures mandated by law. Environmental groups had earlier warned about large-scale deforestation in the Himalayan state. The clearance request will subject the project to rigorous scrutiny, requiring a balance between developmental goals and forest conservation. The outcome of the forest clearance process will determine whether the hydro project proceeds as planned, affecting both renewable energy capacity and the region’s forest cover.

POLITICS

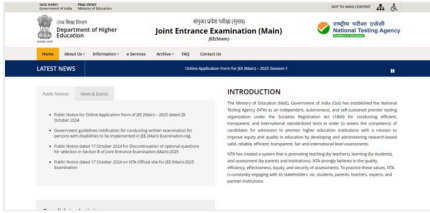
Former Siang administration denies permission for anti-dam rally in Pasighat



The administration of the former Siang district has denied permission for a public rally planned for Tuesday in Pasighat. Local groups had intended to hold the event to protest dam construction in the area. Officials said the permission was not granted, resulting in the cancellation of the planned demonstration. The administration has adopted a neutral stance, adhering to standard public safety and order protocols. The decision remains a topic of discussion among local residents, who view the dam project as a significant environmental and social concern. The administration did not immediately provide further details on the specific reasons for the denial. The incident highlights the administrative decisions related to infrastructure projects and the ongoing tensions between authorities and local communities in the northeastern state of Arunachal Pradesh.

EDUCATION

JEE Main 2027 test centres announced: state-wise city list released



The Ministry of Education published the list of JEE Main 2027 test centres on its official portal on Thursday. The detailed table includes city-wise information for over 1,200 centres spread across 28 states and union territories. Candidates can now select their state and city and search for their preferred centre on the ministry’s website. Final centre allocations will be made after the application process to ensure balanced distribution of candidates. Applicants are advised to closely monitor final allocation notifications, as the assigned centre may differ from the initial choice. The ministry also stated that all centres will adhere to the latest safety and seating protocols. For further guidance, the ministry directed students to consult the official JEE Main 2027 information booklet and contact the nearest test centre for any queries.

SCIENCE

Wildlife Institute of India to conduct national census of four bear species



The Wildlife Institute of India (WII) has confirmed a systematic count of the four bear species found in the country. The initiative aims to produce reliable estimates of the populations of the Himalayan black bear, sloth bear, sun bear, and Asiatic brown bear, which are essential for conservation strategies. According to an official statement, the survey will involve field surveys in forest areas, camera traps, and reporting from local communities. The operation is expected to commence later this year in the Himalayas, Western Ghats, and other wildlife habitats, coordinated with state forest departments and wildlife NGOs. The institute said accurate bear population figures are crucial for assessing challenges such as habitat loss, poaching, and human-bear conflict. These data will be incorporated into national wildlife action plans and could influence future policy-making, particularly the management of protected areas. WII officials indicated that the results will be published as a detailed report and shared with the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, establishing a baseline dataset for monitoring trends over the next decade.

DEFENCE

1962 Sino-Indian War: Analyzing Strategic Failures and Enduring Defence Lessons



The 1962 war between India and China remains a pivotal chapter in the nation's history, often studied for its stark military and strategic outcomes. While the conflict was brief, its impact on India's foreign policy and defence architecture was profound, marking a significant turning point in bilateral relations.

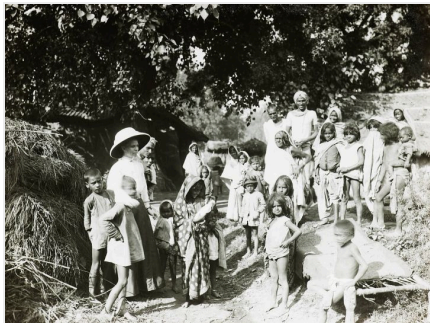
Analysts point to several key factors that contributed to India's loss during this period. A primary cause was the underestimation of the Chinese military's capability and determination, coupled with a lack of adequate infrastructure in the high-altitude border regions. The Indian forces faced severe logistical challenges in supplying troops stationed in remote, rugged terrain, which hampered their operational effectiveness.

Furthermore, the strategic approach adopted at the time was criticized for being reactive rather than proactive. The failure to establish a robust defensive perimeter and the reliance on outdated tactical doctrines left the Indian army vulnerable to a coordinated and well-prepared Chinese offensive.

The lessons drawn from this historical event continue to shape India's current defence strategy. There has been a sustained focus on improving border infrastructure, enhancing rapid deployment capabilities, and modernizing military equipment to ensure readiness in high-altitude warfare. This historical analysis serves as a reminder of the importance of comprehensive defence planning and strategic foresight.

RELIGION

Celebration of World Mission Sunday in Northeast India



On World Mission Sunday, churches in Northeast India gathered to celebrate the Catholic mission. The event featured coordinated prayers, musical performances, and messages of solidarity among the region's diverse Christian communities.

Organisers stressed the importance of unity and peace, encouraging believers to support one another in their spiritual journeys. The celebration was covered by Agnazia Fides, highlighting the vibrant participation of local clergy and laypeople.

The gathering reminded of the church's commitment to evangelisation and social assistance worldwide, especially in the culturally rich states of the Northeast.

DEFENCE

ITBP Deputy Commissioner Says Clashes with China Continue on Arunachal Border



New Delhi – The Deputy Commissioner of the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) said that clashes with China along the Arunachal Pradesh border continue at several points. He noted that patrol teams have reported repeated incursions by Chinese soldiers and escalating activities.

According to the ITBP officer, the clashes are not confined to a single location; they are observed at multiple sites across both the eastern and western parts of the frontier. Border guards have been instructed to maintain vigilance, strengthen outposts, and monitor Chinese military movements while avoiding any escalation.

The Indian Ministry of Defence reiterated its commitment to safeguarding the country’s sovereignty. While diplomatic channels remain open, officials warned that any breach of the Line of Actual Control (LAC) would trigger a proportional response. Similar incidents have been reported in the Himalayan region in recent weeks, underscoring the fragility of the security environment.

Residents of villages near the frontier have reported disruptions to daily life, with temporary road closures and stringent security checks in some areas. The ITBP is coordinating with state officials to ensure civilian safety and maintain a robust defensive posture.

POLITICS

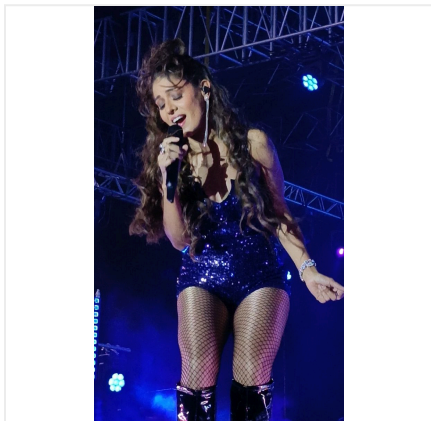
Prime Minister Modi Pays Tribute to Police on Police Remembrance Day



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed police personnel on Police Remembrance Day, thanking them for their dedication and service. He highlighted the crucial role of the police in maintaining law and order across the country. Modi underscored that the nation’s security depends on the courage and commitment of the police forces. The tribute underscored the government’s continued support for law-enforcement agencies.

ENTERTAINMENT

Sanidhi Chauhan Arrives for Arunachal Orange Fruit Festival



Renowned playback singer Sanidhi Chauhan has arrived in Arunachal Pradesh to take part in the state’s celebrated Orange Fruit Festival. The festival is a major cultural and agricultural showcase for the northeastern state.

Her presence is expected to lend special significance to the event, showcasing the region’s rich horticultural heritage. The singer is slated to perform and meet audiences during the festival.

The Orange Fruit Festival is a key initiative to promote Arunachal’s citrus produce on a wide scale. Celebrity appearances often help boost local agriculture and tourism.

This visit reflects the growing cultural exchange between the entertainment industry and Northeast India, providing a platform for local artists and farmers to gain visibility.

BUSINESS

Indian Banks Shut Down in 13 States Today Amid Nationwide Closure



All banking institutions across India were closed today, affecting 13 states including Uttar Pradesh, Bihar and West Bengal. The shutdown was announced by the Reserve Bank of India as part of a coordinated effort to address a system-wide liquidity crunch.

The closure impacted both public and private sector banks, halting all cash withdrawals, deposits and electronic transactions. Customers were advised to plan ahead and use alternative financial services where possible.

Bank officials said the move was taken to prevent a potential run on banks and to ensure stability in the financial system. The Reserve Bank has urged banks to maintain adequate reserves and to communicate the closure to their customers promptly.

The shutdown is expected to last for 24 hours, after which banks will resume normal operations. Customers are encouraged to keep track of official notices for any changes to the reopening schedule.

DEFENCE

Arunachal Pradesh Allocates Rs5 Crore for Memorial to 1962 War Hero



Arunachal Pradesh’s administration announced a budget of Rs5crore for the construction of a memorial dedicated to a hero of the 1962 Sino-Indian war. The allocation, revealed in a recent statement, signals the state’s intent to commemorate the sacrifices made during the conflict.

Officials said the funds will cover land acquisition, design, and erection of the structure, though the exact site has not yet been disclosed. The project is expected to proceed after the relevant departments finalize the memorial’s design and obtain necessary clearances.

The move has been welcomed by veterans’ groups, who view the memorial as a long-overdue tribute to the bravery of soldiers who defended the nation’s borders in 1962. The state aims to complete the memorial within the next few years, creating a place of remembrance for future generations.

DEFENCE

Assam Rifles Launch Fitness Drive to Boost Readiness in Eastern Northeast



The Assam Rifles, a paramilitary force deployed in the northeastern states of India, recently conducted a fitness drive across the region. The initiative aims to maintain a high level of physical fitness among troops, deemed essential for operational effectiveness in the rugged terrain of the Northeast.

The drives emphasized rigorous physical training and health checks to ensure personnel are ready for the demands of their duties. By prioritising physical health, the force seeks to improve the overall readiness and resilience of its units deployed in the area.

Such regular fitness programmes are a standard part of the Assam Rifles’ training doctrine, helping to uphold the high standards of discipline and physical capability required for border and internal security operations.

BUSINESS

NHPC Commences Commercial Operation of Unit 5 at Sabansiri in Arunachal



The National Hydroelectric Power Corporation (NHPC) has declared the commercial operation of Unit 5 of the Sabansiri hydroelectric project. This milestone marks a significant achievement in the project’s schedule, further strengthening the existing power generation infrastructure in India’s northeastern region.

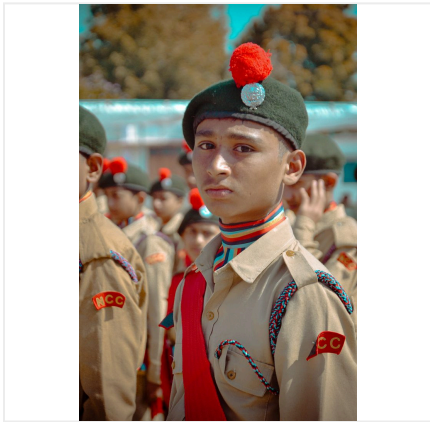
The Sabansiri project is a large hydroelectric facility located in Arunachal Pradesh. The activation of Unit 5 is expected to make a substantial contribution to the national grid, enhancing regional energy security and helping meet the growing demand for electricity.

NHPC, a central public sector undertaking, is responsible for the development and management of this large-scale renewable energy endeavour. The announcement of commercial operation signals that the unit has successfully completed its testing phase and is now ready to generate electricity for distribution.

The addition to the Sabansiri complex aligns with India’s broader objectives of expanding the renewable energy mix and reducing dependence on fossil fuels for power generation.

EDUCATION

NCC Cadets Complete Beeli Trail Trek in Arunachal Pradesh



A contingent of National Cadet Corps (NCC) cadets from Arunachal Pradesh completed a multi-day arduous trek on the Beeli Trail and returned at the end of the week. The trek confronted dense forests, uneven mountainous paths, and changing weather, testing the cadets’ endurance and navigation skills.

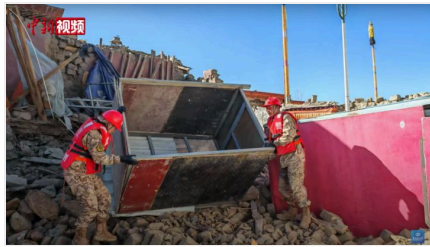
The unit, drawn from a local college, was welcomed with flags by senior NCC officers upon return, formally concluding the expedition. Officers noted that the exercise is an integral part of the NCC’s outdoor leadership programme, aimed at fostering teamwork and perseverance among youth.

State officials praised the successful completion, stating that such programmes promote adventure tourism and raise awareness of the state’s natural heritage. During the trek, cadets also interacted with local communities along the route, encouraging cultural exchange.

The NCC command announced that similar treks will be organised in the coming months to reinforce experiential learning in remote northeastern areas. The Arunachal Times reported the event, highlighting its significance for both cadets and the wider community.

INTERNATIONAL

7.0-Magnitude Earthquake Hits Tibet



On Tuesday, a 7.0-magnitude earthquake shook the Tibetan region, sending tremors across the area. The epicentre was located in a remote mountainous zone, complicating immediate damage assessment. Authorities are currently gathering information on potential damage or casualties. The quake followed a series of deadly landslides that recently devastated parts of Tibet, underscoring the region’s vulnerability to natural disasters.

JOBS & CAREER

Punjab and Sind Bank Announce PSB LBO 2026 Results; Download Phase III Merit List



Punjab and Sind Bank (PSB) has released the 2026 Limited to Bank Officer (LBO) results on its official portal punjabandsind.bank.in. The announcement includes the Phase III merit list, now available in PDF format.

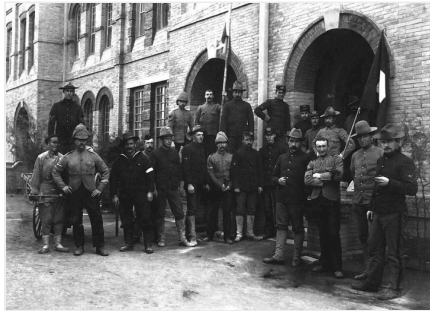
Candidates who appeared for the LBO exam can access the merit list to verify their rank, allocated category, and the number of PSB branches for which they are eligible. The PDF contains detailed information such as the candidate’s name, roll number, and specific PSB branches.

The bank urges all selected candidates to review the merit list promptly and complete any pending documentation or verification steps before the stipulated deadline. Failure to do so may result in forfeiting the opportunity.

For further details, candidates are advised to visit the official website or contact the PSB recruitment helpline. A FAQ section has also been published to address common queries related to the selection process.

INTERNATIONAL

China Raises Signal Threat, Warns of October Shock



Asian Age reports that China has escalated a signal threat that could trigger an October shock.

The move is described as a signal threat, raising analysts’ concerns about potential disruptions in the coming months.

Details about the nature of the threat are limited, but officials have warned that the timing could have significant impact.

Experts are closely monitoring the situation as the date approaches.

