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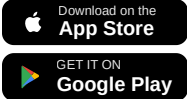
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POLITICS

Interstellar Testing Centre Pvt. Ltd. Receives Order from Meghalaya's BRDC



Interstellar Testing Centre Pvt. Ltd. announced that it has received an order from the Meghalaya government's BRDC. Under the contract, the company's testing and certification

services will be utilized, although detailed terms have not been made public. The deal reflects the company's growing presence in Northeast India.

The Meghalaya government is promoting such public-private partnerships to strengthen quality assurance and regulatory compliance. By leveraging specialized expertise, the

state can achieve its objectives without building new infrastructure.

Analysts believe that such collaborative initiatives encourage local employment

and technology transfer, while also providing the testing company with a platform to demonstrate its capabilities to other government departments.

POLITICS

Three UDP MLAs join NPP, strengthening party's grip in Meghalaya



Three UDP MLAs from Meghalaya have joined the National People's Party (NPP), strengthening the party's grip. This move marks a significant shift in the state's political landscape.

The identities of the three MLAs have not been publicly disclosed in detail, but the announcement makes it clear that the NPP is adopting a strategy of attracting prominent figures from rival parties to increase its strength.

Analysts believe that this move will increase the NPP's number of seats in the assembly and impact the balance of power in upcoming elections.

SARKARI YOJANA

Meghalaya CM approves Rs 200 crore for block office renovation



The Chief Minister of Meghalaya has allocated a budget of Rs 200 crore for the modernization of all block offices in the state. This fund will be used to improve infrastructure, digital facilities, and service delivery. Officials stated that the plan will be implemented in phases, with priority given to blocks where basic facilities are still lacking. The renovation is expected to streamline administrative processes and provide better services to the rural population. The state government will conduct regular audits to monitor progress and keep the public updated.

EDUCATION

Meghalaya Cabinet approves school complex rules, regularizes 26 staff, settles MCCL dues



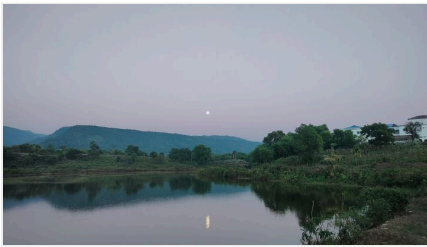
The Meghalaya Cabinet approved a draft ordinance for school complexes during a meeting in Shillong, which includes guidelines to ensure compliance with infrastructure, safety standards, and educational regulations.

The meeting also approved the regularization of 26 staff members who were previously working on contract or temporary positions. They will now receive full salary, allowances, and job security under state service rules.

The Cabinet also settled the pending financial dues of the Meghalaya College of Law (MCCL), allowing the institution to continue its academic and administrative activities without financial hindrance.

TECHNOLOGY

Meghalaya AI startup raises \$5 million seed funding in San Francisco



An artificial intelligence startup based in Shillong has closed a \$5 million seed funding round in San Francisco.

With this investment, the company's total capital has reached \$5 million, which was announced at a virtual event with American investors.

Analysts believe this round reflects growing confidence in Indian AI ventures, particularly projects emerging from smaller cities.

The company's CEO stated that the capital will accelerate the development of its flagship platform and help in hiring new talent.

SARKARI YOJANA

Meghalaya announces incentive scheme for electric two-wheelers, cars, and e-autos



The Meghalaya government has launched a new incentive scheme to promote the adoption of electric vehicles. Under the scheme, buyers of electric two-wheelers, passenger cars, and e-autos will receive subsidies to reduce upfront costs and encourage a shift away from petrol and diesel vehicles.

The policy is part of broader efforts to reduce air pollution in the state and align with India's national electric mobility targets. Officials said the subsidies will be provided through an online portal, with eligibility criteria based on vehicle price limits and registration within the state.

The announcement did not specify the exact subsidy amount, but the scheme is expected to make electric vehicles more affordable for a wider audience. The government also plans to develop infrastructure such as charging stations alongside this initiative.

Industry experts believe this move by Meghalaya could stimulate local demand and attract manufacturers to establish service networks in the region. The initiative reflects a trend among Indian states to use financial measures to accelerate the transition to green transport.

POLITICS

Meghalaya Assembly Speaker seeks legal opinion on UDP MLA merger into NPP



The Speaker of the Meghalaya Assembly stated that legal opinion will be sought on the application by three MLAs of the United Democratic Front (UDP) to join the National People's Party (NPP). The application was submitted this week and seeks to confirm the validity of the defection under the state's anti-defection law.

The Speaker said that the opinion will be obtained from the state's legal advisory body to ensure the merger is examined in accordance with the provisions of the Representation of the People Act and the assembly rules. A clear legal interpretation is necessary before official approval or rejection.

Analysts believe that this step could impact the balance of power in the 60-member assembly, where the NPP currently leads a coalition government. The outcome of the legal review will be significant for both parties and could set a precedent for future defection cases in the state.

The Speaker has not yet indicated when the opinion will be received, but stated that the issue will be resolved promptly to reduce uncertainty in the legislative process.

FOOD

Meghalaya’s Culinary Heritage to Be Showcased on a National Platform



Meghalaya’s rich culinary traditions will be displayed at a national exhibition, as reported by The Statesman. The aim of the event is to bring the state’s unique dishes and food practices to a wide audience across India. The initiative showcases the diversity of Northeast India, featuring local ingredients, traditional cooking methods, and the cultural narratives that have shaped Meghalaya’s food heritage. Organisers hope the platform will increase respect for regional cuisine, promote food tourism, and provide local producers with opportunities in broader markets.

EDUCATION

Meghalaya launches special legal courses for corporate law expertise



The Meghalaya Department of Education has announced the launch of special legal courses aimed at developing expertise in corporate law. The initiative is designed to equip future lawyers with the knowledge and skills required by the corporate sector, thereby meeting the growing demand for qualified professionals.

These courses will be conducted in the state's existing law colleges and will include specialized modules on topics such as corporate governance, mergers and acquisitions, and regulatory compliance. Officials stated that strengthening corporate law education is in line with broader economic development goals.

Stakeholders from the legal and business communities have welcomed the move, noting that a robust pool of corporate law experts could benefit both local enterprises and national companies.

The launch reflects Meghalaya's strategic direction to establish itself as a hub for advanced legal training, with the potential to attract students from across the country.

SPORTS

Meghalaya CM Lays Foundation Stone for ₹8.57 Crore Synthetic Football Ground



Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad Sangma laid the foundation stone for a synthetic football ground in the state. The ceremony was attended by several senior officials and local sports representatives, highlighting the government's focus on sports infrastructure.

Constructed with a budget of approximately ₹8.57 crore, the project will feature modern artificial turf in accordance with national standards, enabling year-round training and matches regardless of weather conditions. The facility will be prepared for use by schools, clubs, and the Meghalaya Football Association.

Construction work is expected to begin immediately, with the project slated for completion within 18 to 24 months. The opening of the ground is expected to boost grassroots football, provide a suitable venue for state-level tournaments, and increase participation among young players.

HEALTH

Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria Found in Pork and Chicken Samples in Meghalaya



A scientific survey conducted in Meghalaya has identified the presence of antibiotic-resistant bacteria in pork and chicken samples. Local health authorities stated that these findings underscore the need for stringent monitoring of the meat production and supply chain.

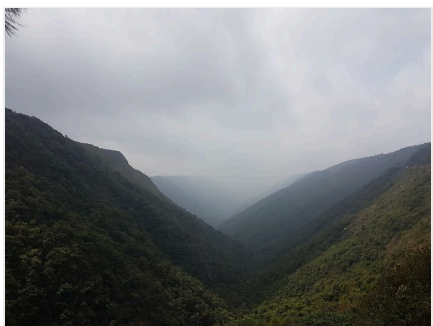
Laboratory testing of multiple meat samples collected from various markets across the state confirmed that the bacteria exhibit resistance to at least one class of antibiotics, which could complicate the treatment of infections.

Health officials have called for immediate action, urging producers to adopt better hygiene practices and advising consumers to cook meat thoroughly. They also outlined plans to enhance monitoring of other food items to better assess the extent of antimicrobial resistance.

This finding adds to the growing evidence of the spread of drug-resistant pathogens in the food chain across the country, intensifying calls for coordinated policy responses at both the state and central levels.

WEATHER

Unusual Heat Wave Hits Meghalaya in Late October



Meghalaya experienced unusually warm weather in the final days of October, according to reports from local weather monitoring agencies.

October is typically a cooler month for the region, with temperatures gradually declining as the monsoon season ends. However, recent readings have indicated higher temperatures than the expected pattern.

Meteorologists attribute this anomaly to temporary changes in atmospheric conditions, although they emphasize the need for further data to confirm any long-term trends.

Residents and local officials are closely monitoring the situation, as this sudden heat could impact agriculture, water resources, and daily life.

BUSINESS

Meghalaya's September inflation falls to 3.59%, below national average



According to the latest data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Meghalaya's Consumer Price Index (CPI) recorded a rise of 3.59% in September. This rate is slower than in previous months and is significantly lower than the national CPI for the same period.

Experts believe that the stability of inflation in Meghalaya is due to balanced food prices and a slight increase in fuel and services. The state's agriculture-based economy and effective price monitoring by local authorities have helped keep price pressures in check.

The lower inflation rate offers hope of reducing the cost of living for residents and could positively impact the state government's financial planning for the upcoming fiscal year. However, experts warn that monsoon uncertainties and disruptions in national supply chains could affect inflation in the future.

Overall, Meghalaya's September CPI highlights regional disparities in price trends in India, underscoring the need for local-level policy-making to combat inflation.

SPORTS

BSF Meghalaya Unveils Scenic Route for 'Run Above the Clouds' Marathon



The Border Security Force (BSF) Meghalaya has revealed the route for its upcoming 'Run Above the Clouds' marathon. The event promises participants a unique blend of athletic challenge and the breathtaking natural beauty of the region's distinctive high-altitude terrain.

The marathon track begins at the Sports Authority of India (SAI) Gate and concludes at Golf Links. This specific path was chosen to showcase the area's scenic vistas, allowing runners to experience the natural landscapes and misty environments that define the state's geography.

By organizing such an event, the BSF aims to promote fitness and tourism in the region while highlighting the magnificent landscapes available. The 'Run Above the Clouds' initiative is expected to attract participants seeking a memorable running experience amidst nature.

This announcement marks a significant step in utilizing local geography for sporting events, providing a platform for local and international athletes to connect with Meghalaya's cultural and natural heritage.

POLITICS

Three UDP MLAs Expelled from Meghalaya Party Before Joining NPP



Meghalaya's United Democratic Party (UDP) expelled three of its MLAs on Wednesday as they were preparing to join the National People's Party (NPP). The party stated that this step was taken to maintain discipline and prevent its legislative strength from weakening further.

The names of the three MLAs were not disclosed in the official statement, but reports indicate they had resigned from the UDP with the intention of transferring to the NPP. The UDP described this move as a breach of loyalty to the party.

Analysts believe this action could shift the balance of power in the state assembly, as the NPP-led government currently relies on the support of smaller parties and independent legislators to stay in power. The UDP, which was once a major force in regional politics, has been losing influence in recent elections.

The expelled MLAs are expected to formally apply for membership in the NPP, although the NPP has yet to confirm their admission. Both parties have appealed to the public to focus on governance issues rather than internal party disputes.

This development marks a new chapter in Meghalaya's shifting political landscape, where realignments among parties are common ahead of upcoming legislative sessions.

POLITICS

Meghalaya Politics: Regional Party Loses Three More MLAs After BJP Defections



Political instability in Meghalaya is deepening, with a prominent regional party facing further erosion of its legislative strength. Reports suggest that three more members are preparing to leave the party, following the recent defection of eight MLAs to the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

This latest development signals a significant shift in the state's political landscape, intensifying pressure on the regional party's leadership. The MLAs' move to the BJP has altered the balance of power in the assembly, raising questions about the stability of the current government.

Although the identities of the three MLAs have not yet been officially confirmed in public records, the trend of MLAs joining the BJP points to a broader realignment of political alliances in the eastern states. Observers believe such shifts are often driven by internal party dynamics and strategic political calculations.

The situation remains fluid, and political analysts are closely watching for official announcements regarding the status of these three MLAs in the coming days. The BJP's growing presence in Meghalaya is reshaping the region's electoral and legislative dynamics.

LOCAL

Meghalaya Government Holds High-Level Briefing on Shillong Peak Ropeway Project



The Meghalaya government has announced a high-level briefing on the Shillong Peak Ropeway Project.

The meeting aims to review the project's current status, discuss challenges, and outline the next phases of implementation.

The ropeway, which will connect Shillong city to its scenic peak, is part of the state's broader tourism development plan.

Officials from the Tourism Department and the Meghalaya Tourism Development Corporation will present updates and engage with stakeholders.

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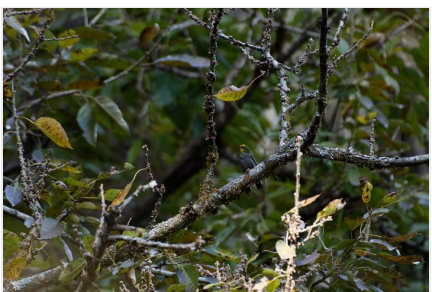
Petrol Bomb Attacks in Shillong: DC Says Multiple CCTV Clips Need to Be Pieced Together



Shillong police confirmed a series of petrol bomb attacks in the city over the past few days. The Deputy Commissioner (DC) of Police stated that the incidents were captured on multiple CCTV cameras, but the footage is fragmented. "We will have to piece together several CCTV clips to reconstruct the incidents," the DC told reporters. Police are analyzing the footage in coordination with the State Crime Branch and are attempting to identify the perpetrators. Officials have urged residents to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity.

AGRICULTURE

Meghalaya Honey Declared World's Best by Chief Minister Conrad



Chief Minister Conrad announced that Meghalaya's honey is the best in the world, further enhancing the state's reputation for apiculture.

The statement was made during a press briefing, where the Chief Minister praised local honey producers for their traditional methods and quality standards.

Meghalaya's diverse flora contributes to the unique taste of the honey, making its quality distinct.

This declaration is expected to boost the state's honey industry and attract attention from national and international buyers.

Local producers believe this recognition will increase demand and prices for honey.

INTERNATIONAL

Students and Teachers March in Athens Against Rising Cost of Living



Athens, Greece – Thousands of students and teachers took to the streets of the capital to voice their discontent over the rising cost of living. The march, which traversed major routes, highlighted the growing economic burden across the country. Protesters held banners demanding immediate action to curb inflation and raise wages. The demonstration remained peaceful, but organizers stated that the large turnout underscores the severity of the issue. Authorities have not yet issued a clear response or announced any policy changes in response to the protests.

NATIONAL

Meghalaya: Late birth and death registrations to be referred to Judicial Magistrates



The Meghalaya High Court has issued a significant directive regarding cases of late birth and death registrations. The court has ordered that such cases, which are often plagued by procedural delays, be brought under the judicial authority of Judicial Magistrates.

This administrative shift aims to simplify and strengthen the legal framework for registering significant events that occur after the official legal deadline. By assigning these cases to Judicial Magistrates, it is expected that disputes related to civil registration will be resolved in a more structured and timely manner.

This move is likely to reduce pending complaints in civil registration matters and provide a clear legal path for citizens who need to register late births or deaths for official documentation.

POLITICS

Meghalaya UDP expels three MLAs attempting to join NPP



The United Democratic Party (UDP) in Meghalaya has expelled three MLAs who had expressed a desire to join the state’s ruling National People’s Party (NPP). The party stated that this step is against the UDP’s disciplinary rules and principles of independent political identity.

According to a UDP statement, the three MLAs expressed a wish to align with the NPP leadership, prompting the party’s executive committee to convene an emergency meeting and unanimously expel them.

This move comes as the NPP seeks to strengthen its position in the state assembly, while the UDP aims to prevent potential party defections to maintain its opposition role. The NPP has not yet issued an official comment on the matter.

Political analysts believe that such disciplinary action is not uncommon in Meghalaya’s shifting coalition politics and that this incident could impact party realignments ahead of upcoming elections.

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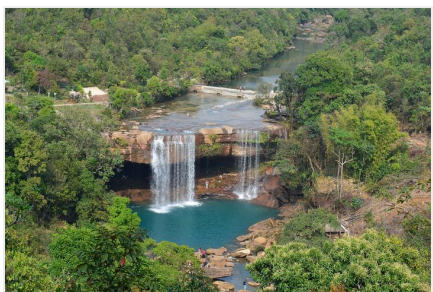
Meghalaya Forest Department busts illegal sawmill in West Garo Hills, seizes timber



Recently, officials from the Meghalaya Forest Department busted an illegal sawmill in West Garo Hills and seized a large quantity of timber. This action is part of broader efforts to curb illegal logging and protect the state’s forest resources. Officials stated that the dismantling of the sawmill has prevented further illegal timber cutting in the area. Procedures under forest laws have been initiated for the inspection and potential confiscation of the seized timber. The incident underscores the Forest Department’s commitment to enforcing environmental regulations.

SPORTS

Meghalaya beats Manipur by 3 runs in Ranji Trophy



In the 2026-27 Ranji Trophy, Meghalaya recorded a victory by defeating Manipur by three runs. Both teams put up a strong performance in the match, with Meghalaya’s bowlers applying pressure in the final overs to deny Manipur a win. This victory helps Meghalaya stay in the tournament for the next stage and boosts the team’s morale.

SPORTS

North-East Karate Championship to be held in Meghalaya after 30-year gap



Meghalaya is preparing to host the North-East Karate Championship. This is a major sporting event that has not been held in the region for the past 30 years. The tournament aims to rekindle interest in karate across the northeastern states of India.

Organizers expect approximately 900 participants to compete in the event. The large-scale nature of the event indicates that karate is gaining popularity in the region and that local infrastructure is ready for major sporting events.

The championship will provide a platform for players from various districts to showcase their skills and compete for top positions. It is considered a significant step towards strengthening the sporting culture in Meghalaya and the entire northeastern region.

POLITICS

Meghalaya UDP expels three MLAs who joined NPP



The UDP has announced that three of its MLAs have been expelled from the party after joining the NPP. The names of the three MLAs were not disclosed in the news report, but they aligned with the NPP, prompting the UDP to terminate their membership under its anti-defection rules. Party spokespersons stated that this step was necessary to maintain party discipline and preserve its strength in the upcoming assembly elections. Political analysts believe that this move could provide the NPP with greater support in the assembly, while the UDP may face difficulties in retaining its voter base. The expelled MLAs are likely to contest elections as NPP candidates in the future, although the legal aspects under the anti-defection law remain unclear at this stage.

