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INTERNATIONAL

Tibetan Minister Tsegyal Drany Completes Official Tour of Tibetan Settlements in West Bengal and Sikkim



Senior Minister Kalon Tsegyal Chukya Drany of the Central Tibetan Administration (CTA) has concluded his visit to Tibetan settlements located in West Bengal and Sikkim. The trip, undertaken in the early part of this week, formed part of CTA's ongoing effort to maintain close contact with the Tibetan diaspora community. Drany met elders, religious heads, and youth representatives in the settlements. Discussions covered the preservation of Tibetan cultural traditions, strengthening education in the Tibetan language, and reviewing livelihood programmes funded by the CTA. Local leaders welcomed the minister's presence, noting that such engagement provides an opportunity to highlight ground-level challenges and request additional resources. CTA reiterated its commitment to assist the settlements in areas such as health, vocational training and infrastructure. The tour also underscores the broader relationship between the Indian states and the Tibetan Government-in-Exile, reflecting a mutual interest in safeguarding the welfare of the refugee Tibetan community while respecting India's sovereign policies.

LOCAL

Sikkim State Lottery Results Announced for 10 November 2026



The Sikkim State Lottery Authority released the results of the 10 November 2026 draw on its official website and through local media. In the live announcement on the same day, the winning numbers and the prizes to be awarded to top winners were disclosed. Winners will receive notification from the lottery office and must claim their prizes within the stipulated period. The draw was conducted under the provisions of the Sikkim State Gaming Act, which supports various state welfare schemes. The authority urged participants to verify their tickets against the published results and to report any discrepancies immediately. Detailed information, including the number of winners and prize distribution, is available on the state lottery portal. The lottery office has also set up a dedicated helpline for inquiries related to the draw.

BUSINESS

RBI Declares Bank Holiday on 10 November, Branches Closed in Five States



The RBI has announced a bank holiday on 10 November in its official holiday calendar, meaning that normal banking operations will be suspended on that day. Consequently, all bank branches located in five states will remain closed, although the specific states have not yet been disclosed. Customers have been advised to plan their transactions through digital channels, as branch services will be unavailable. ATMs may operate in some areas, but their availability will depend on local regulations. Detailed information is available on the RBI's website.

BUSINESS

Banks Closed on 10 November: State-wise Bank Holiday Status



India's banking sector will observe a pause after the government declared Tuesday, 10 November a national holiday. All scheduled commercial banks, cooperative banks and regional rural banks will keep their services closed on that day. The holiday follows the public holiday calendar set by the Ministry of Finance and is uniformly applied across the country. Without any state-specific variations, every branch, ATM and online banking service will be unavailable. Business owners and individuals are advised to plan their transactions ahead of the closure, as payment processing, fund transfers and loan disbursements will be delayed until the next working day. The measure is intended to give employees a day of rest and to align banking services with the national holiday programme.

TRAVEL

Green Lake Trek Reopens in Sikkim, Reviving Adventure Tourism



The famed Green Lake Trek in Sikkim has been reopened, giving adventure enthusiasts the chance to traverse alpine meadows and the region's turquoise lake once again. The state tourism department said the trek's revival will energise Sikkim's adventure tourism, which has become a key driver of economic growth in recent years. Local homestays, gear-rental shops and other service providers anticipate benefiting from the influx of visitors. Authorities have urged trekkers to adhere to safety guidelines, carry appropriate equipment and protect the mountain ecosystem.

SPORTS

Sikkim to Host 49th Junior National Badminton Championships 2026



Sikkim has been chosen to host the 49th Junior National Badminton Championships in 2026, a decision announced by the Badminton Association of India. The selection highlights the growing popularity of badminton in the northeastern states and aims to provide young players with world-class facilities.

Officials believe the event will attract participants from across the country, boosting local tourism and showcasing Sikkim's natural beauty.

Preparations for the event are underway, including the upgrading of existing courts and ensuring facilities meet the standards of the national federation.

The championship will span several days, featuring competitors from various age groups and serving as a platform to discover future national stars.

DEFENCE

Defense Minister Rajnath Singh Celebrates Diwali with the Army in Sikkim



On 14 October 2023, Defense Minister Rajnath Singh joined the Indian Army in Sikkim to observe Diwali at a military cantonment. The minister lit a ceremonial lamp and delivered a brief address, wishing the troops prosperity. Senior officers and newly recruited soldiers participated, underscoring the government's commitment to boosting morale of forces deployed in the North-Eastern region. The event formed part of the army's annual Diwali programme and was broadcast on AIR

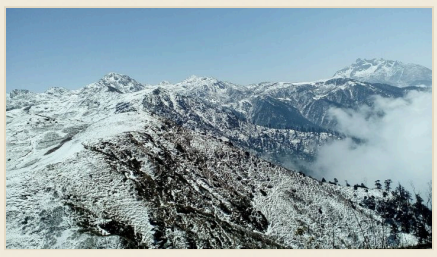
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WEATHER

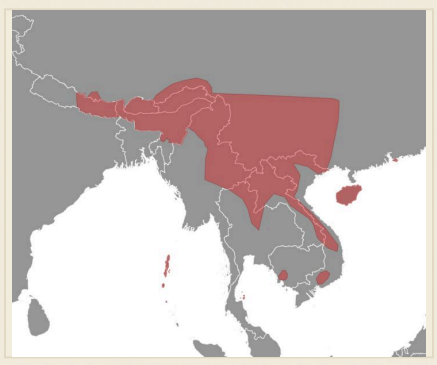
Sudden Snow, Hail and Rain Hit Sikkim and North Bengal



A sudden weather shift brought heavy snowfall, hail and rain to Sikkim and North Bengal, causing widespread disruption. Roads in the hilly areas have become slippery, and many local transport services have been suspended for safety. The meteorological department has warned of avalanche risk and advised residents to stay indoors. The abrupt change has also impacted agricultural activities, with farmers reporting damage to crops and livestock. Local authorities are closely monitoring the situation and have set up emergency shelters for affected communities. Residents are urged to follow official guidance and avoid unnecessary travel until conditions improve.

CRIME

Sikkim Animal Welfare Group Files Police Complaint Over Firecracker Ban Violation



The Sikkim Animal Welfare Society (SAWS) filed a formal complaint with local police, accusing individuals and vendors of violating the firecracker ban. The group says that despite the ban, fireworks are being sold and used illegally during festivals, posing a threat to wildlife and the general public. SAWS noted that the loud noises disturb or injure birds and small animals, and therefore called for strict enforcement of the ban. Police confirmed receipt of the complaint and pledged to investigate the violations. This move aligns with the state government's efforts to reduce pollution and protect the Himalayan ecosystem.

Sikkim's Last Tibetan Shepherd Faces Time Crunch as 55 Sheep Are at Risk



Sikkim's last Tibetan shepherd, a member of a small community that was once based on grazing, is now facing an immediate crisis.

The shepherd, who tends to 55 sheep, has stated that time is rapidly running out for sufficient grazing.

Due to limited pastures and the pressure of changing land use, the shepherd's livelihood and the survival of his flock are at risk.

This situation highlights the insecurity of traditional animal husbandry practices in the Himalayan region and underscores the need for timely assistance to preserve this cultural heritage.

WEATHER

Magnitude 4.9 earthquake strikes Sikkim-Nepal border



A magnitude 4.9 earthquake was recorded in the area along the border between Sikkim, India, and neighboring Nepal, according to Pratinidhi Times. Light tremors were felt in several settlements near the border, and local authorities issued an advisory urging caution.

The Himalayan region, which includes Sikkim, is prone to continuous seismic activity due to the collision of the Indian and Eurasian tectonic plates. Scientists keep such moderate-magnitude earthquakes under constant surveillance, as they can indicate tectonic stress.

As of the time of reporting, official sources have not confirmed any casualties or property damage. Emergency services are on standby to assess potential impacts, and surveys will continue for further updates.

Soldiers Rescue Over 900 Tourists and Locals Trapped by Heavy Snowfall at Nathu La



The Indian Army launched a large-scale rescue operation after more than 900 tourists and local residents were stranded at Nathu La pass due to heavy snowfall. Soldiers cleared snow-blocked roads and transported the stranded individuals to safe locations. The operation was carried out over several days, with soldiers working in harsh winter conditions. Local authorities praised the army's swift response and coordination with rescue teams. The incident highlighted the challenges of travel in high-altitude Himalayan regions during winter.

POLITICS

Sikkim High Court quashes criminal case over Darjeeling-Sikkim unification talks



On Tuesday, the Sikkim High Court quashed a criminal case related to discussions regarding the potential unification of Darjeeling and Sikkim. The court stated that the issue is part of a political and constitutional debate, not a criminal offense.

The case arose after police charged several activists and local leaders under the Indian Penal Code for organizing a meeting on the possibility of merging parts of Darjeeling with Sikkim.

In its ruling, the court emphasized the protection of freedom of expression and democratic discourse on constitutional issues. It was held that discussing a political proposal cannot be considered criminal unless it incites violence or illegal activity.

Legal experts welcomed the decision, noting that it reinforces the judiciary's role in protecting political discourse. The order may have implications for similar cases related to regional autonomy movements in other states.

The court did not comment on the validity of the unification proposal, allowing the political debate to continue on the public platform.

WEATHER

Magnitude 4.9 earthquake hits West Sikkim; light tremors felt in Gangtok

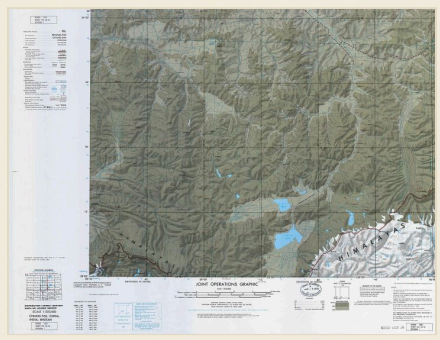


A magnitude 4.9 earthquake, classified as moderate, struck the hilly regions of West Sikkim. The tremor was centered in the remote western part of Sikkim, an area that experiences periodic seismic activity. located approximately 70 kilometers away, felt light tremors, but no reports of damage or injuries were received. Local authorities confirmed that the shaking was minor and that no immediate damage occurred.

Disaster management teams and the India Meteorological Department are monitoring the situation and have advised caution regarding potential aftershocks.

LOCAL

Sikkim's Key Route NH-10 to Remain Closed at Night Until December 13



NH-10, Sikkim's main route connecting Gangtok to other parts of India, will remain closed at night until December 13.

The night closure is part of an erosion control program initiated after recent landslides in the area.

Travelers will need to use alternative routes at night, and the Transport Department has advised checking official updates.

Work to stabilize the slopes is expected to be completed by the 13th, after which the road will reopen.

Officials are monitoring the situation and will issue further instructions if necessary.

BUSINESS

Sikkim's Contribution: 5% of India's Industrial Drugs Transported via a Single Highway



Sikkim is playing a pivotal role in India's pharmaceutical sector, accounting for roughly five percent of the nation's industrial drug output. The majority of the state's production is concentrated in a few specialized plants that meet national demand. Logistical data indicate that almost the entire volume of this drug production is transported via a single highway, which links the state's industrial hubs with the country's major distribution centers. Reliance on this single route underscores the importance of maintaining efficiency in the drug supply chain. The concentration of both production and transportation in Sikkim highlights the state's strategic role in ensuring the timely supply of essential medicines.

Mangan Municipal Council wins Clean City Award for the fifth consecutive year



The Mangan Municipal Council has been awarded the Clean City Award for the fifth consecutive year, marking a significant achievement for the local administration.

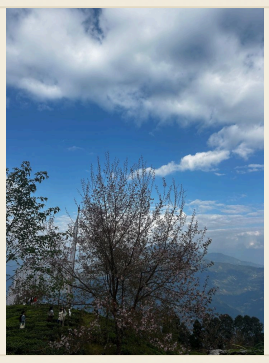
The award, conferred by the relevant authorities, recognizes the city's consistent efforts in cleanliness and waste management.

Municipal Council officials expressed their gratitude and highlighted the importance of community participation in achieving this milestone.

This honor further strengthens Mangan's reputation as a model city for sanitation and civic administration in Sikkim.

TRAVEL

Sikkim's Cherry Blossom Season: A Must-Visit in November



Sikkim, the small Himalayan state, is becoming a major tourist destination in November due to the blooming of cherry blossoms. The cool weather this month is ideal for the flowers to bloom, creating enchanting views across the region.

Tourists can visit beautiful spots such as Yumthang Valley and Khangchendzonga National Park, where pink and white cherry blossoms adorn the mountains. Local guides and hospitality services have been enhanced to accommodate the increasing number of visitors.

The state government has incorporated the cherry blossom season into its broader tourism strategy, aiming to boost economic activity and showcase Sikkim's natural beauty. Visitors are advised to plan their trips early, as peak bloom usually lasts for a few weeks in late November.

Travel agencies are offering special packages that include guided treks, cultural experiences, and accommodation in eco-friendly resorts. This initiative is expected to generate significant revenue for local communities while preserving the pristine environment of the hills.

Night Closure of NH-10 Near Sikkim



The Transport Department has issued an order to close a section of National Highway 10, located near the Sikkim border, during night hours. This restriction will be in effect from sunset to sunrise, halting all non-essential vehicles on this stretch.

Officials state that this measure has been taken to ensure regular maintenance work and safety on the high-altitude route. Drivers are requested to plan their journeys accordingly and avoid using this road at night.

Travelers who need to go beyond the closed section are advised to take alternative routes or postpone their travel until daylight. Updates regarding any changes in the situation will be released through official channels.

TRAVEL

Sikkim's Green Lake Trek Reopens, Attracting Adventurers After Four Years



Sikkim's renowned Green Lake Trek, a major attraction for the state's adventure tourism, has officially reopened after a four-year closure. This decision was made following extensive efforts by local authorities to ensure the safety and accessibility of the trail.

mountain paths and several pristine high-altitude lakes, and it is now attracting both experienced trekkers and new adventurous travelers. Guides and local tourism operators are ready to welcome visitors, emphasizing the region's natural beauty and cultural heritage.

Tourism officials stated that the reopening of the trek will boost the local economy, and an increase in the number of travelers is expected in the upcoming trekking season. Travelers are advised to check weather conditions and necessary permits before their journey.

The restoration of the Green Lake Trek reflects Sikkim's commitment to promoting sustainable adventure tourism and protecting its fragile ecosystem.

BUSINESS

ONGC to operate Venezuela oil blocks, gaining access to world’s largest reserves



ONGC has announced it will become the operator for several oil blocks in Venezuela, a move following an agreement signed between the two parties earlier this month. This step marks a significant expansion of the Indian oil major’s overseas portfolio.

proven crude oil reserves, and the operatorship will allow ONGC to oversee exploration, development, and production in these blocks. The company stated that this partnership will strengthen its supply chain and diversify its sources of crude oil.

Experts believe the agreement could enhance India’s energy security by providing a stable source of high-quality crude oil, while also strengthening ONGC’s position in the South American oil sector. The company said it would mobilize technical and financial resources to commence operations in accordance with Venezuelan regulations.

The deal also reflects the trend of Indian energy companies securing strategic footholds in global markets amidst volatility.

NATIONAL

Magar and Gurung Communities in Sikkim Celebrate Ancient Sorathi Dance



In the hilly state of Sikkim, the Magar and Gurung communities preserve their cultural heritage through the vibrant Sorathi dance. This traditional dance form narrates an ancient story passed down through generations, deeply linked to their history and identity. The rhythmic movements and colorful costumes of the Sorathi dance captivate audiences and offer a glimpse into the cultural traditions of these communities.

Sikkim Band 'Girish and the Chronicles' to Open for Guns N' Roses in India



Sikkim rock band Girish and the Chronicles has been named the opening act for Guns N' Roses' Indian tour. The announcement was made by the concert organizers of Guns N' Roses, marking a significant moment for the local music scene.

This collaboration brings together international star power and emerging regional artists, offering audiences a blend of classic hard rock and fresh regional flair. While the exact dates and venues for the shows have not yet been announced, the collaboration is expected to attract fans from across the country.

Girish and the Chronicles is known for its energetic performances and original compositions, and the band will perform a set before the main act. The band's participation has paved the way for artists from the northeastern states to gain recognition on the national touring circuit.

Industry insiders say this opportunity could open the door for more regional artists to secure spots on major international tours. Fans of both bands are eagerly awaiting the announcement of the tour schedule.

How Deadly a Scorpion Can Be

As you can see, how deadly even a small scorpion can be.

— Shivam Raja Chouhan

It's Just Been Like This...

Former Deputy Chief Minister Vijay Dada has been sitting at the fast site for three hours, but officials are not picking up the phone.

— Suhas Tagare

Area Panchayat

Former District Panchayat member from Sumerpur, second, met Omprakash Yadav.

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DEFENCE

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POLITICS

Sarpanch Ceremony

A welcome ceremony was organized for the Sarpanch Shri Man Anandpal Singh Thakur of Gram Panchayat Datalavas, Jaswantpura, Jalore district, Rajasthan. On this occasion, all village residents were present.

— Arjunsingh