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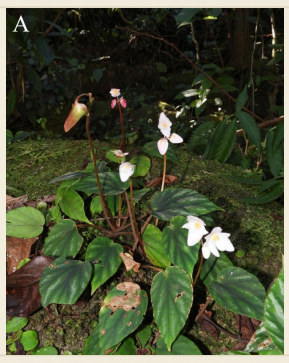
Geothermal Drying Facility Launched in Arunachal Pradesh to Prevent Food Waste



The Arunachal Pradesh government has inaugurated an innovative geothermal energy-powered drying facility. This infrastructure is designed to reduce post-harvest crop losses in the region. By utilizing geothermal energy, the facility aims to provide a sustainable and efficient method for drying crops, thereby extending their shelf life and reducing waste. The facility is expected to benefit local farmers by increasing the value of their produce and ensuring a more stable food supply.

SCIENCE

Vajiram & Ravi Report New Begonia Species: Begonia siangensis



Vajiram & Ravi, a prominent Indian legal firm, has announced the identification of a new Begonia species, Begonia siangensis. This brief notice marks the first public mention of the plant, indicating that botanists have distinguished it from other Begonia species.

The naming of Begonia siangensis adds another entry to India's rich botanical diversity. While no details were provided regarding its habitat, size, or conservation status, the discovery may spark interest among botanists and conservation experts.

The firm did not provide detailed information about the circumstances of the discovery, but it officially confirms that the species is now recorded in the scientific literature. Further research and field studies are expected to yield more information about the plant's characteristics and environmental significance.

INTERNATIONAL

China begins fishing in Arunachal Pradesh waters amid dam protests



China has begun fishing operations in the waters of Arunachal Pradesh, a region claimed by India but administered by China. This move comes amid ongoing protests against the dam project on the Lohit River, where local communities and Indian officials have expressed concerns over environmental impact and sovereignty. Indian authorities have described the fishing as a violation of Indian jurisdiction and have urged China to respect the region's sovereignty. China has yet to issue a formal statement, but has continued patrolling the area, citing historical fishing rights.

POLITICS

BJP MP says Sing Dam will be built soon as protests continue in Arunachal



New Delhi – A senior BJP MP stated that the long-delayed Sing Dam will be constructed soon, signaling the government's intent to move the project forward. The remark was made amid ongoing protests by local residents in Arunachal Pradesh, who have expressed concerns over displacement, environmental impact, and the lack of adequate rehabilitation measures.

The Sing Dam, proposed on a tributary of the Brahmaputra for hydropower generation and river flow regulation, has been a source of controversy for several years. Protesters have blocked access roads to several villages and organized rallies, demanding a transparent review of the project's social and environmental costs.

Government officials have not yet provided a detailed timeline, but the MP's remarks suggest an accelerated schedule. The central government has previously stated that the project aligns with national energy goals, yet ground-level resistance highlights the need to balance development with local interests.

The administration will seek to maintain law and order while engaging with protesters' demands, as the Sing Dam remains a focal point of debate between development and local welfare.

The situation remains fluid, with both the state and central governments closely monitoring the protests.

SCIENCE

Five New Species of Small Horned Frogs Discovered in Arunachal Pradesh



A recent scientific survey in the remote forests of Arunachal Pradesh has led to the discovery of five new species of small horned frogs, known for the distinct bony projections on their heads. Reported by The Hindu, this discovery adds a new chapter to the amphibian diversity of the Eastern Himalayas and re-establishes the state as a biodiversity hotspot.

These new frogs are significantly smaller than their known counterparts, hence the descriptor "small" in regional notes. The specimens were collected from high-altitude streams and leaf-litter habitats, which had been studied very little due to the difficult terrain.

Scientists believe this discovery highlights the existence of many unknown species in the region and underscores the need for continued taxonomic research. It also serves as a signal for conservation efforts to protect these fragile habitats from deforestation and climate change.

The formal description of these five species will be published in an upcoming peer-reviewed journal, including their physical characteristics and genetic analysis, which will distinguish them from known horned frog species.

Conservationists hope that this new information will draw greater attention to the ecological importance of Arunachal Pradesh's forest regions and secure additional funding for biodiversity surveys.

POLITICS

ANSU and ANYA launch indefinite economic blockade in Bulukpong



The Arunachal Students Union (ANSU) and the Arunachal Nyishi Youth Association (ANYA) announced on Thursday the launch of an indefinite economic blockade in Bulukpong and Nikipu. This action was taken following violent incidents that both organizations described as attacks on members of the Nyishi community, and they have demanded immediate action.

Protesters have blocked the main road connecting Bulukpong to the rest of the state, halting the flow of goods and public transport. Local traders have complained of shortages of essential items, while police have been deployed to prevent the situation from deteriorating.

Both ANSU and ANYA have demanded that the state government investigate the attacks, provide security measures for the Nyishi community, and engage in dialogue with tribal representatives. They stated that the blockade will continue until their demands are met, prioritizing the safety of the community.

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The state administration has not yet issued an official response, but officials said they are in contact with the protesters and are assessing the security situation on the ground.

EDUCATION

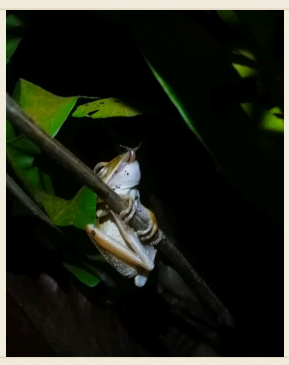
Arunachal Deputy CM emphasizes education to shape the state’s future



The Deputy Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh recently addressed students, emphasizing the importance of education in shaping the state’s future. He encouraged them to make the most of educational opportunities and work towards building a prosperous and developed Arunachal Pradesh. The Deputy Chief Minister’s message underscores the government’s commitment to education and its pivotal role in the state’s progress.

SCIENCE

New Snail-Eating Frog Species Found in Arunachal Pradesh



A team of frog experts conducting a biodiversity survey in the Eastern Himalayan regions of Arunachal Pradesh has identified a new frog species that primarily feeds on land snails. The specimen was collected from a humid, leaf-covered stream bank and has been provisionally described as a new species pending formal classification.

While most amphibians in India are insectivores or small invertebrate eaters, this frog’s specific diet sets it apart. Preliminary observations indicate that its jaw structure and digestive enzymes are capable of breaking down and digesting the hard shells of snails, a trait rare among amphibians in the region.

Scientists view this discovery as evidence of Arunachal Pradesh’s rich but understudied biodiversity and emphasize the importance of conserving its forest ecosystems. Further research is planned to understand the species’ distribution, conservation status, and ecological role.

Arunachal Roads and Bridges Cleared After Clash with China



India has completed the cleaning of several important roads and bridges in Arunachal Pradesh after clashes with China. The Ministry of Defence said the work was carried out by engineers and soldiers in remote border areas. Road cleaning restored military transport and access for local communities. This step came after months of tension along the Line of Actual Control. Officials said the work will maintain readiness and support civilian infrastructure.

JOBS & CAREER

CAT cancels transfer of visually impaired IAS officer from Delhi to Arunachal Pradesh



The Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) has cancelled the order transferring a visually impaired IAS officer from Delhi to Arunachal Pradesh. Following this decision, the officer’s posting will remain in Delhi, and they will not be transferred.

The transfer order issued by the government was considered controversial due to the challenging geographical conditions of the remote state. The tribunal emphasized the fairness of the process and the officer’s rights without providing detailed reasons.

The ruling highlights CAT’s role in reviewing administrative decisions and underscores the need for sensitivity in the posting of persons with disabilities. The officer will continue to work in Delhi until further orders are issued.

The officer’s name has not been made public, but it is clear that they will continue to fulfill their duties in Delhi.

India Approves New Roads and Infrastructure on China Border



The Ministry of Defence officially approved several road and infrastructure projects on the China border. This decision is part of a broader effort to improve access and logistical support in high-altitude border areas. While the announcement did not specify a budget or timeline, officials said the projects will enable rapid movement of troops and equipment in critical areas. The move is seen as a response to recent security concerns and the need for better infrastructure in remote border zones. Implementation will be handled by the Border Roads Organisation under the Ministry's directives. The projects are expected to improve both civilian and military connectivity in border areas.

HEALTH

Dr. Mohesh Chai inaugurates Day Care Cancer Centre at Zonal General Hospital, Tezu



An inauguration ceremony was held at the Zonal General Hospital in Tezu, Arunachal Pradesh, where senior health official Dr. Mohesh Chai formally inaugurated the Day Care Cancer Centre. The facility has been set up to provide day-care oncology services, allowing patients to undergo chemotherapy and other treatments without requiring overnight hospitalization.

The centre aims to spare cancer patients from the state’s remote districts the need to travel to larger cities, where they previously sought similar care. Equipped with modern infusion chairs, a pharmacy unit, and a diagnostic lab, the centre is ready to manage outpatient cases on a regular basis.

Health department officials stated that this new unit is part of a broader strategy to expand cancer care infrastructure in Arunachal Pradesh, which is expected to improve early detection and treatment outcomes for the local population.

Arunachal Students Demand Release Before Exam



A student organisation in Arunachal Pradesh has appealed for the early release of 18 students recently arrested. The organisation emphasises the need for the students to prepare for December exams. The arrested students' academic progress is a significant concern for the student body, which believes that their detention will negatively affect exam performance. The organisation urges authorities to consider the students' academic future and release them in time for their studies.

RELIGION

31,000 Devotees Pay Tribute to Buddha's Relics at Tawang Monastery



At Tawang Monastery in Arunachal Pradesh, a crowd of about 31,000 devotees gathered on Sunday to pay tribute to Buddha's relics. Many of the devotees had come from neighbouring states and performed worship with traditional rituals and bhajans in the monastery's ancient hall. Monastery officials said the ceremony was conducted in accordance with traditional customs. Local administration arranged crowd control and medical assistance. The event was part of the annual pilgrimage programme and attracted visitors from many parts of the region.

CRIME

Three Arrested in Inter-State Heroin Trafficking in Arunachal



Arunachal Pradesh police arrested three suspects during an inter-state operation aimed at curbing heroin trafficking. The action was part of a large operation spanning several states, though the exact location of the arrest was not specified. During the operation, authorities also seized a quantity of suspected heroin. Details of the quantity were not disclosed, but it is believed that the drug was intended for distribution across state borders. The police said the three arrested are being interrogated for further investigation to identify other members of the trafficking network. The inquiry continues, and agencies have pledged to intensify measures to curb drug trafficking in the region. The seizure highlights growing concerns over drug trafficking in the northeastern states, prompting law-enforcement agencies across the country to heighten vigilance.

Centre approves new infrastructure projects along China border in Arunachal Pradesh



New infrastructure projects have been approved by the central government for the stretch of the India-China border that runs through Arunachal Pradesh. The sanction covers a range of works aimed at strengthening road, bridge and other logistical facilities in the frontier region.

The primary objective, as outlined by officials, is to enhance civilian connectivity while simultaneously improving the army’s ability to mobilise quickly in a sensitive border zone. Faster movement of supplies and personnel is expected to bolster deterrence and preparedness.

The move comes amid a broader push to upgrade border infrastructure across the country, reflecting ongoing strategic concerns along the Line of Actual Control. Earlier projects in the northeast have focused on similar goals, and the latest approval adds to that effort.

Details of the individual projects, including cost and timelines, have not been disclosed publicly, but the government has indicated that implementation will begin shortly.

SCIENCE

New flowering plant species discovered in Changlang, Arunachal Pradesh



A team of botanists has discovered a new species of flowering plant in the dense forests of Changlang district. The specimen was collected during a routine biodiversity survey, and its distinct morphology set it apart from known species in the region.

Preliminary analysis suggests the plant may be related to an Eastern Himalayan genus, but further taxonomic work is required to assign it an official scientific name. The specimen has been preserved at the Arunachal Pradesh State Herbarium.

This discovery highlights the rich yet understudied flora of Arunachal Pradesh, a biodiversity hotspot that continues to reveal new species. Conservation experts say the find underscores the need to protect these habitats from deforestation and other human-induced pressures.

The team plans to publish a scientific paper by the end of the year detailing the plant's characteristics, habitat preferences, and potential ecological significance.

Local authorities have been informed of the discovery, and the plant's habitat will be monitored to ensure conservation alongside scientific research.

31,000 devotees gather at Tawang Monastery to view sacred Buddha relics



Tawang Monastery, one of India's largest Buddhist monasteries, has attracted approximately 31,000 devotees to view sacred Buddha relics. The gathering highlighted the spiritual aspirations of pilgrims from local and other regions. Organizers took appropriate measures to manage the crowd within the monastery premises. The event reaffirms the monastery's significance as a major pilgrimage site in the Himalayan region. Officials stated that no major issues arose during the pilgrimage, and devotees displayed deep reverence during the viewing.

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Arunachal Pradesh inaugurates geothermal drying unit to boost farmers' income

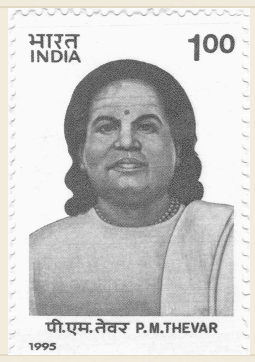


The government of Arunachal Pradesh has officially inaugurated a new drying unit powered by geothermal energy, a first for the region's agricultural sector. The unit is designed to process various crops, helping farmers preserve their produce more effectively and fetch better prices in the market.

The geothermal system utilizes heat extracted from the earth, resulting in lower energy costs and reduced environmental impact compared to traditional diesel-based drying methods. Officials stated that this technology will increase farmers' net income by reducing operational expenses. be made available to small and marginal farmers through a subscription model to ensure benefits reach the most vulnerable producers. This inauguration is part of broader efforts to modernize agriculture and improve rural incomes in the northeast.

RELIGION

8th death anniversary of Buddhist monk U Gunanvanto Mahathero observed in Arunachal Pradesh

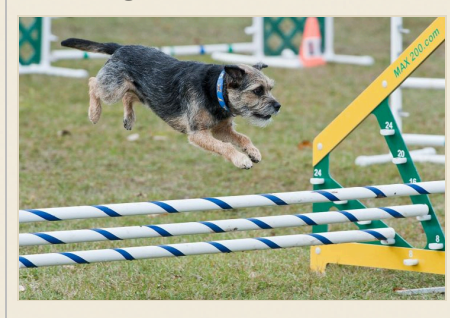


A memorial ceremony was held on Thursday in Arunachal Pradesh to mark the 8th death anniversary of Buddhist monk U Gunanvanto Mahathero. Members of the regional Buddhist community gathered at a local monastery to pay tribute to the late monk, whose teachings continue to have a significant impact in the state.

The ceremony included traditional prayers, the lighting of incense, and a brief mention of the Mahathero's contributions to Buddhist scholarship. Organizers highlighted the monk's significant role in promoting social harmony and spiritual education.

Local officials also participated in the event, acknowledging the Mahathero's lasting influence on the state's cultural and religious heritage. The memorial ceremony reflects the deep reverence for Buddhist heritage in northeastern India.

China's 'salami-slicing' strategy poses growing challenges at the LAC



China's gradual, incremental moves along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) have been described as a 'salami-slicing' strategy, reflecting a systematic approach to altering the status quo without provoking large-scale conflict.

According to recent reports, Chinese soldiers have realigned patrols and established small outposts in areas previously under Indian control, particularly in the eastern sector of the LAC. These actions are viewed as an attempt to consolidate gains and create new strategic points.

In response, the Indian Army has increased the frequency of patrols, deployed additional surveillance equipment, and fortified key locations. Joint exercises with allied forces have also been intensified to deter potential incursions in the region.

At the diplomatic level, both sides have held talks at the LAC coordination level, but the incremental nature of the moves has made reaching a permanent solution difficult. The Indian government has reiterated its commitment to maintaining the status quo and urged China to respect established boundaries.

Statements by BJP MP on Siang Dam Spark New Wave of Controversy



A member of the BJP recently commented on the Siang Dam project, triggering a fresh wave of controversy in the political arena. Opposition members of Parliament immediately condemned the statement, calling it taken out of context and potentially misleading. This controversy has brought the Siang Dam back into the spotlight, prompting a reevaluation of divergent views on the project's future. The incident underscores the political sensitivity surrounding large infrastructure projects in India and the scrutiny they attract.

EDUCATION

Arunachal Deputy Chief Minister Urges Students to Seize Educational Opportunities



In a recent speech, the deputy chief minister of Arunachal Pradesh urged students to fully exploit the educational opportunities available, stressing that an educated youth is essential for the state's socio-economic development. He highlighted the importance of higher education and skill-development programmes, enabling young people to align with the emerging job market and technological progress. He called on educational institutions to collaborate with industry and government bodies to create practical learning pathways and employment prospects, inspiring students to take proactive steps toward their academic and professional growth to shape Arunachal's bright future.

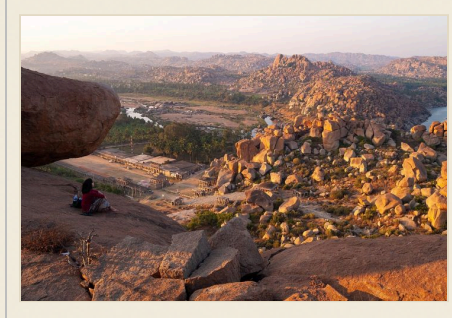
ANSU and ANYA Initiate Indefinite Economic Blockade Following Attacks on the Nyishi Community



ANSU and ANYA declared an indefinite economic blockade in response to recent attacks on the Nyishi community in Arunachal Pradesh, as reported by The Sentinel. The blockade aims to pressure state authorities and ensure justice for the affected community. Local officials and community leaders have not yet issued official statements, and the impact of the blockade on trade and daily life remains unclear.

DEFENCE

China's Salami-Slicing Strategy Escalates Tensions on the India-China LAC



China has adopted a salami-slicing strategy on the Line of Actual Control (LAC), involving small steps such as infrastructure development, troop deployments, and occasional incursions that alter the status quo without provoking large-scale conflict. Indian defence officials have highlighted these moves as escalating threats, noting that each incremental step erodes strategic depth along India's high-altitude frontier. The cumulative effect may necessitate a re-organisation of Indian deployments and surveillance. Diplomatic dialogue continues, with both sides urging restraint and reiterating established confidence-building measures. However, experts contend that in the absence of a clear LAC definition, China's piecemeal approach will continue to challenge India's border management and regional stability.