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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.

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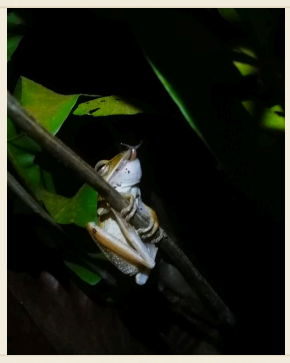
## China begins fishing in Arunachal Pradesh waters amid dam protests



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.

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.

DEFENCE

## Central Government Approves New Infrastructure Projects Along China Border in Arunachal Pradesh



The central government has approved new infrastructure projects near the India-China border in Arunachal Pradesh. The approval includes the construction of roads, bridges and other logistical facilities, strengthening connectivity in the border region. Officials say the primary aim is to facilitate civilian travel while enhancing the army's rapid deployment capability. Faster movement of supplies and personnel will aid strategic readiness and deterrence. This step is part of a broader programme to upgrade border infrastructure across the country, taken in view of the ongoing tensions along the Line of Actual Control (LAC). Similar projects have already been launched in the northeast. Details on individual project costs and timelines have not yet been released, but the government has indicated that implementation will commence promptly.

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.

DEFENCE

## 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.

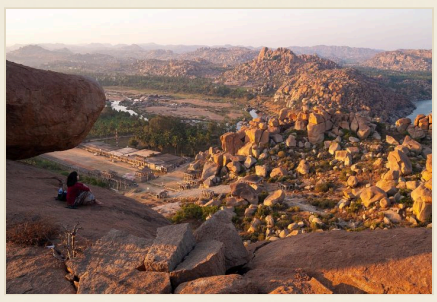
## India Approves New Roads and Infrastructure on China Border




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.

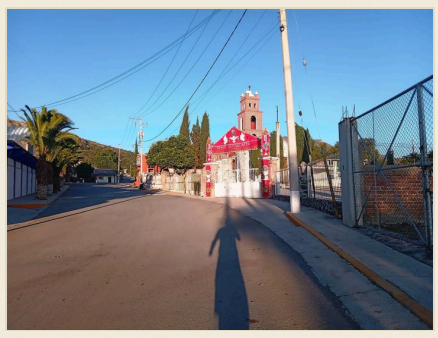
DEFENCE

## 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.

## APSU President Maje Taku Calls for Dialogue for Peace in Bhualukpong



APSU President Maje Taku urged prioritising dialogue in the border town of Bhualukpong, Arunachal Pradesh, amid rising tensions. He said that in the midst of current strains, dialogue is essential to maintain peace. Taku added that peaceful talks can prevent escalation and safeguard community welfare. The statement reflects APSU's commitment to fostering a harmonious environment among students and citizens. He also requested support from officials and local organisations for this call for peace.

LOCAL

## Two killed, 20 homes destroyed in Kurung Kumey fire



A massive fire in Kurung Kumey district, Arunachal Pradesh, claimed two lives and completely destroyed around 20 houses, district officials said. The blaze, which broke out in the morning, spread to several homes and quickly overwhelmed the local fire brigade's capacity.

Rescue teams arrived immediately, but the rapidly spreading fire and the proximity of wooden structures made rescue operations difficult. Strong winds further accelerated the spread of the flames, making containment challenging.

Authorities have launched an investigation into the cause of the fire and are providing emergency assistance to displaced families. The district administration has promised to rebuild the destroyed homes and provide medical aid to the injured.

The incident highlights the fire risks in remote settlements in the northeast, increasing calls for better safety measures and improved availability of firefighting equipment.

Locals have expressed grief over the loss and are appealing to the government for prompt assistance in the recovery efforts.

LIFESTYLE

## Panina Miri to represent Arunachal Pradesh at 62nd Femina Miss India



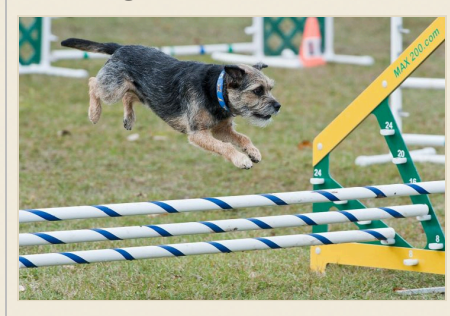

Panina Miri has secured the right to represent Arunachal Pradesh in the prestigious 62nd Femina Miss India competition. This selection is a significant achievement for the state in the national beauty pageant landscape. India competition is one of the most anticipated events in India's entertainment and lifestyle calendar. Contestants from various states across the country will compete for the coveted title.

As the official representative of Arunachal Pradesh, Panina Miri will now prepare for the national round, where she will compete against winners from other states. The event serves as a platform to showcase talent, grace, and cultural representation from different parts of the country.

The selection process for the state representative is highly competitive, and Panina Miri's selection reflects her strong standing among candidates from the northeastern region.

DEFENCE

## 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.

SPORTS

## Services vs Arunachal Pradesh: Cricket match scheduled for November 18, 2026



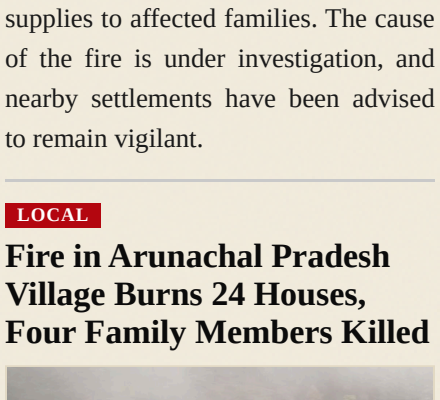
Cricket enthusiasts are in for an exciting encounter as the Services and Arunachal Pradesh teams are set to face off. The match is scheduled for November 18, 2026.

The game is set to start at 5:30 AM, marking a significant date in the upcoming sports calendar. The fixture is listed as 'SER vs ARP' in the sports schedule and has been marked as an upcoming event.

turn to team compositions and pitch conditions, although detailed information regarding the venue and player lists is not yet available in the initial schedule.

LOCAL

## Fire in Parsee Parlo of Arunachal Pradesh, 20 Houses Burned, Two Deaths



A fire broke out in the village of Parsee Parlo in Arunachal Pradesh, reducing almost twenty houses to ashes. The blaze spread rapidly through the densely populated area, claiming two lives and leaving several families homeless. Local rescue teams and volunteers promptly worked to extinguish the flames and evacuate residents to safe locations. Authorities are now assessing the damage and have begun relief operations to provide temporary shelter and essential supplies to affected families. The cause of the fire is under investigation, and nearby settlements have been advised to remain vigilant.

LOCAL

## Fire in Arunachal Pradesh Village Burns 24 Houses, Four Family Members Killed



A remote village in Arunachal Pradesh caught fire, where the nearest fire station is absent. The absence of immediate firefighting resources forced villagers to take matters into their own hands, delaying response. The blaze engulfed many houses, and four members of a single family lost their lives. Local officials reported that the fire destroyed a total of 24 houses, leaving many families homeless. Rescue teams from neighboring districts arrived only after the fire had spread widely, highlighting a serious lack of emergency facilities in the area. Following the incident, community leaders demanded the establishment of a dedicated fire station in the village and faster emergency services to prevent future tragedies.

## Arunachal Pradesh CM hands over appointment orders to 529 new recruits



Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu handed over appointment orders to 529 newly selected recruits at a ceremony held in the state capital, Itanagar. The candidates, selected from various departments, will soon join the state's civil services and other government positions.

The distribution ceremony reflects the government's commitment to strengthening state administration and providing employment to the state's youth. Officials stated that merit-based criteria were followed in this year's recruitment process, which was aimed at filling several key positions.

State authorities said that the newly appointed officers will undergo training shortly and will then be posted to their respective offices. This step is part of a broader effort to improve service delivery and governance in Arunachal Pradesh.

Senior officials and representatives of recruitment agencies at the ceremony commended the candidates' performance in the selection exams. The Chief Minister reiterated his focus on capacity building and effective public administration.

This recruitment drive adds to the state's ongoing initiatives to create jobs and improve the quality of public services, aligning with the development agenda for the upcoming financial year.

SARKARI YOJANA

## Jairampur becomes Arunachal Pradesh's first clean city



Jairampur has been declared Arunachal Pradesh's first clean city under the Swachh Bharat Mission. The announcement was made during a ceremony attended by state officials and local leaders.

This recognition comes after years of coordinated efforts by the municipal council, community volunteers, and the state government, focusing on waste management, sanitation infrastructure, and public awareness.

Key initiatives contributing to this achievement include the installation of public toilets, a door-to-door waste segregation campaign, and the deployment of mobile sanitation units across the city.

Officials stated that this award will serve as a model for other cities, with plans to expand the program to neighboring districts in the coming years.

## UBSS Rejects Government's Offer on Arunachal SUMP Dispute, Sets Three Conditions




The United Bodoland Students Society (UBSS) has declined the government's recent outreach to resolve the ongoing SUMP dispute in Arunachal Pradesh. The society stated it would not engage in any discussion until its conditions are met. UBSS has laid down three preconditions that must be satisfied before any negotiation can take place. The details of these conditions were not disclosed, but the society said they are essential for meaningful dialogue. The rejection has complicated the SUMP dispute further, forcing the government to address UBSS's demands before moving forward with a solution.

## Arunachal Pradesh Cabinet Approves Rs 1,500 Crore Education Mission



The Arunachal Pradesh cabinet has given its approval to 'Mission Shikshit Arunachal,' a major initiative aimed at improving the state's education system. The mission has been allocated a substantial budget of Rs 1,500 crore. Details about the specific goals and implementation plans of the mission are expected to be released in the coming days. This development comes as the state government continues to prioritize education and invest in its human capital.

## Arunachal Police Taekwondo Trio Qualifies for 2027 World Police & Fire Games in Perth



Arunachal Pradesh Police’s taekwondo squad has earned a spot at the 2027 World Police & Fire Games, scheduled to take place in Perth, Australia. The trio secured qualification through the national selection trials held earlier this year.

The World Police & Fire Games is a biennial event that brings together law-enforcement and fire-fighting personnel from around the globe to compete in a range of sports. Taekwondo is one of the disciplines featured in the 2027 edition.

achievement for Arunachal Pradesh Police, underscoring the growing emphasis on sports within the state’s police force. Officials expect the athletes to represent the state with distinction at the international event.