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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.

DEFENCE

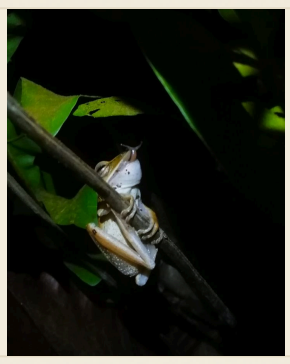
Arunachal Roads and Bridges Cleared After Clash with China



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.

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.

DEFENCE

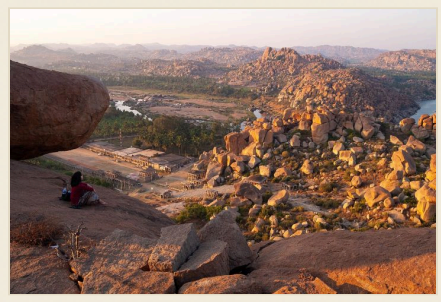
India Approves New Roads and Infrastructure on China Border



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.

First Disporopsis Species Discovered in Chandel, Arunachal Pradesh



A significant botanical discovery has been made in Arunachal Pradesh. Scientists have identified the first Disporopsis species in Chandel district. This finding adds a new name to the record of the country's diverse flora and highlights the rich ecological resources of the region.

The discovery helps establish Arunachal as an important biodiversity hotspot. Although the initial report did not provide detailed information about the research team or publication date, the identification of this new species is considered a notable scientific accomplishment for India. It reflects ongoing efforts to document the distinctive flora found in the remote areas of the northeastern region.

Adding this species to the national botanical record underscores the need for conservation and research in the area. Chandel district, known for its varied terrain and climate, is revealing new aspects of its natural heritage and contributing to a broader understanding of India's ecological landscape.

DEFENCE

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



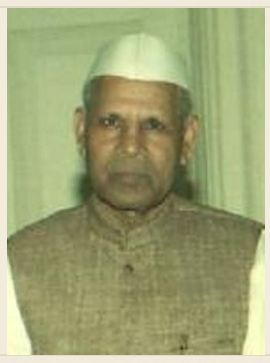
China's gradual, incremental moves along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) have been described as a 'salami-slicing' strategy, reflecting a systematic approach to altering the status quo without provoking large-scale conflict.

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.

Arunachal Pradesh Governor Calls on Youth to Preserve Indigenous Heritage



The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh highlighted the urgent need to preserve the state's rich indigenous heritage. He stated that the cultural practices, languages and art forms of the tribal communities are an integral part of the state's identity and must not be lost to modernization.

The governor appealed to schools, colleges and community organisations to incorporate heritage education into their curricula and programmes. He urged young people to document oral histories, participate in traditional festivals and support local artisans, ensuring that traditions remain alive.

He guaranteed government support for initiatives that promote cultural preservation and said that the new generation will become stewards of Arunachal's unique legacy.

DEFENCE

Arunachal Pradesh Government to Provide Financial Assistance for Armed Forces Coaching, Says Kandhu



Chief Minister Pema Khandu announced a new initiative aimed at increasing the participation of Arunachal Pradesh's youth in the Indian Armed Forces. Under the scheme, the state government will bear the costs of coaching, study materials, and other related expenses for eligible candidates.

The scheme targets residents aged 18 to 25 who meet the basic eligibility criteria for defense recruitment. Selected applicants will be sent to accredited coaching institutions, where they will be prepared for the written and physical examinations of the Army, Navy, and Air Force.

Khandu said that this step will help address the underrepresentation of the state's youth in the armed forces and provide capable individuals with a structured pathway. The government has allocated a special budget for the scheme and will establish a state-level committee to monitor progress.

The application process, deadlines, and a list of partner coaching institutions will be published on the official Arunachal Pradesh government website in the near future.

Vogue Conducts First Editorial Shoot in Arunachal Pradesh, Highlighting Local Culture



Vogue magazine conducted its first editorial shoot in Arunachal Pradesh, making history in the fashion world in the northeastern state. The shoot blended modern designs with local craftsmanship, traditional attire, and tribal patterns, bringing a new light to the state's cultural heritage.

Garments sourced from local artisans and weavers were worn by models, while the photographer captured detailed images of Himalayan hills, river valleys, and bamboo forests. This approach linked modern fashion with the state's natural beauty.

Experts believe this initiative is a significant step toward highlighting India's diversity in global fashion, with hopes that artists and culture from Arunachal Pradesh will receive greater platforms in the future.

RELIGION

Journey of Buddha's Sacred Relics Through Arunachal Pradesh Inspires Devotees



Buddha's sacred relics, considered fragments of the Buddha's remains, are on a journey through Arunachal Pradesh, stirring feelings of devotion among local Buddhists and other followers.

The relics are being transported in a specially prepared container accompanied by monks who perform rituals at every stop.

The procession will pass through several monasteries and pilgrimage sites, drawing crowds and shedding light on the region's Buddhist heritage.

LIFESTYLE

Arunachal's 79-Year-Old Potter: Struggling to Preserve Ancient Women's Craft



Tabi Sunikji, a 79-year-old potter, has become the last living custodian of an ancient women's craft in Arunachal Pradesh.

The craft, which has been prevalent in the state's hill villages for centuries, is declining due to urban employment and migration among the younger generation. Traditional techniques—hand-molding clay, natural glazing, and slow firing—are now known to only a few artisans.

workshops, taught the art to young women, and sought assistance from local NGOs for kilns and raw materials. Her efforts have been appreciated by state cultural bodies and have also generated interest in cultural tourism.

By preserving this craft, she aims to provide a sustainable source of income for women and pass on Arunachal's cultural identity to future generations.

LOCAL

Four Killed in Major Fire in Kunglung Kumey



A major fire broke out in Kunglung Kumey district earlier this week, engulfing a residential area and causing extensive damage.

Local officials confirmed that four people died in the fire, three of whom were minors. The victims were found trapped inside their homes as the fire spread rapidly.

Search and rescue teams from the district administration and the Arunachal State Fire Service were deployed immediately, but their efforts were hampered by the intensity of the fire. Officials have launched an investigation into the cause of the fire and appealed for caution during the dry weather.

RELIGION

50,000 Devotees Gather in Arunachal Pradesh to Pay Tribute to Shakyamuni Buddha Statues



Approximately 50,000 devotees gathered at a Buddhist site in Arunachal Pradesh to organize a massive assembly to pay tribute to Shakyamuni Buddha statues. The event, organized by local religious organizations, included pilgrims from the state and neighboring regions, highlighting the growing interest in Buddhist heritage in the northeast.

Organizers said the statues were displayed publicly for several hours in a specially prepared temple. Devotees participated in rituals such as chanting traditional mantras, burning incense, and communal meals, creating an atmosphere that was both sacred and vibrant.

The administration deployed police and medical teams for crowd management and security, ensuring the large crowd was handled smoothly. The assembly is seen as a significant cultural step toward establishing Arunachal Pradesh as one of India's major Buddhist pilgrimage sites.

Local officials praised the peaceful success of the event and stated that such religious tourism could boost the region's economy and cultural exchange.

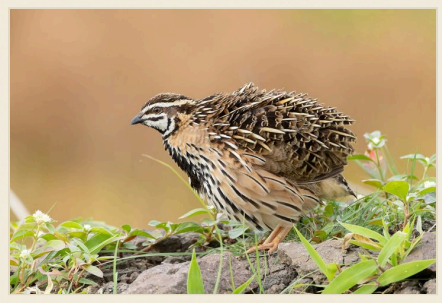
No reliable information available on any incident in Arunachal Pradesh



No reliable information is available regarding any incident or event in Arunachal Pradesh. Sources have not confirmed any developments, and no official statement is available at present. Journalists are awaiting further information from state authorities before preparing a comprehensive report.

SCIENCE

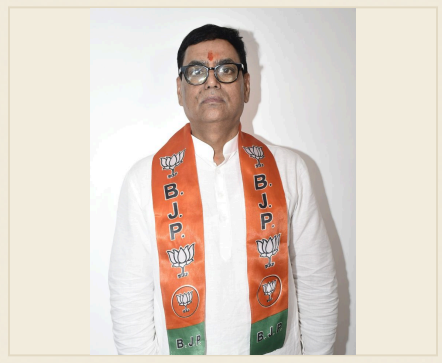
Glaw Lake Recognised as Ramsar Site, Elevating Arunachal Pradesh's Biodiversity



The Indian government has officially recognised Glaw Lake as a Ramsar wetland, underscoring Arunachal Pradesh's rich biological heritage. The lake lies on the upper reaches of the Lohit River and spans about 1.2 square kilometres, hosting a variety of flora and fauna including numerous migratory bird species. Ramsar designation will impose stricter environmental safeguards for development projects in the area. Conservationists say the recognition will attract scientific research and eco-tourism, providing economic benefits to local communities while protecting the lake's fragile ecosystem.

NATIONAL

IPS Rajesh Kumar Appointed Arunachal Police Chief After Kashmir Operations



The Ministry of Home Affairs announced on Tuesday that IPS Rajesh Kumar will be appointed chief of Arunachal Pradesh Police. Kumar, who has led several major security operations in Kashmir, has extensive experience dealing with ground-level resistance. As chief, he will oversee policing, crime prevention, and coordination with central security agencies in the state. The appointment is seen as an effort to strengthen law and order in a region that has occasionally witnessed insurgent activity.

Arunachal Police Taekwondo trio secures spot for 2027 World Police and Fire Games in Perth



The Arunachal Pradesh Police Taekwondo team has secured a place to compete in the 2027 World Police and Fire Games in Perth, Australia. The trio earned qualification by excelling in national selection trials.

biennial event where law-enforcement and firefighting personnel from around the globe compete in various sports. Taekwondo is one of the main competitions in the 2027 edition.

This achievement marks a significant milestone for the Arunachal Pradesh Police, highlighting the growing importance of sports within the state's police force. Officials believe these athletes will bring pride to the state on the international stage.