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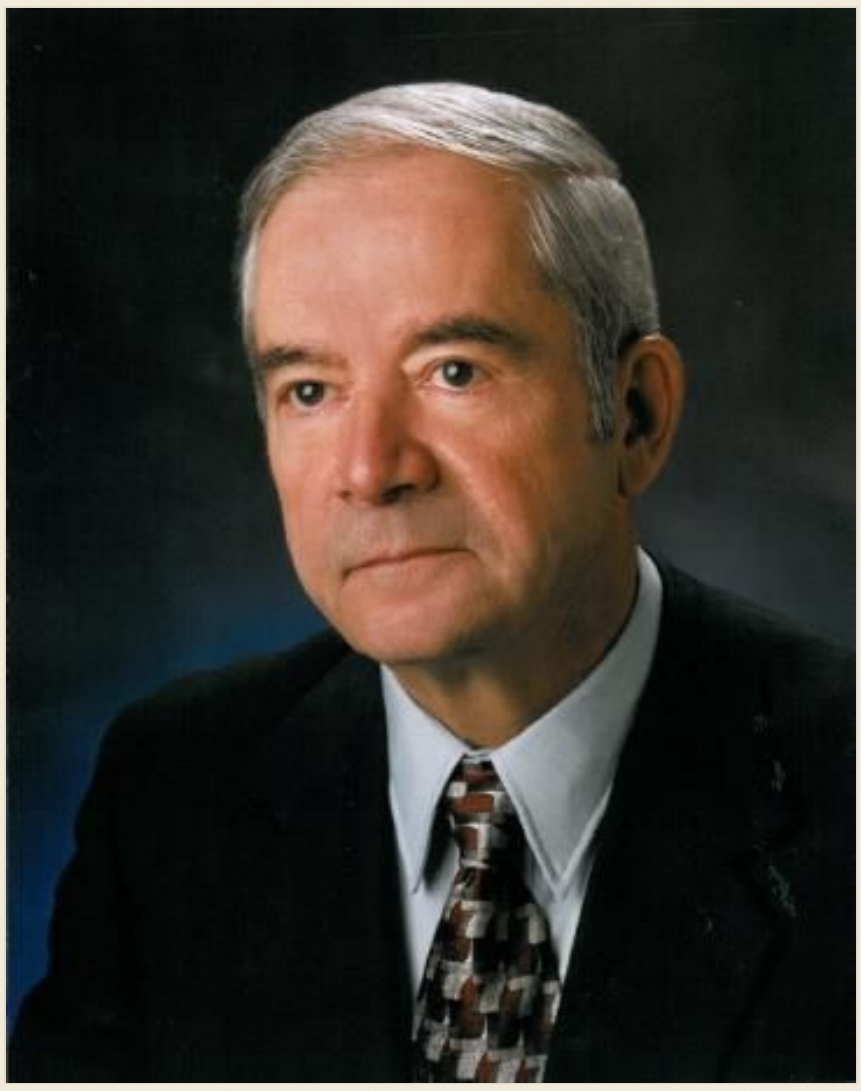
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VIRAL & TRENDING

Meghalaya CM Conrad Sangma's young companion dubbed 'Adorable Pro Max,' goes viral



A recent photo of Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma with a young companion has gone viral on social media. The picture, widely shared on platforms like Twitter, Instagram, and Facebook, shows the child standing next to the Chief Minister. Netizens quickly dubbed the child "Adorable Pro Max" and praised his cute appearance.

The post, originally published by local news sources, has spawned numerous comments and memes highlighting the contrast between the senior politician's formal image and the child's playful presence. The exact identity or age of the young companion was not mentioned, but the scene highlights the human side of leaders.

The Chief Minister's office has not yet issued an official comment on the viral photo. Nevertheless, the incident demonstrates how quickly political images can become internet trends, especially when they involve unexpected, lighthearted moments.

Currently, the story is limited to online discussion, with no further developments reported regarding the viral impact. Experts believe such viral moments can influence public perception, making leaders appear more approachable and relatable.

Meghalaya CM Launches Tourism Asset Upgradation Plan, Allocates Rs 20 Crore for Highway Facilities

The Chief Minister of Meghalaya has announced a Tourism Asset Upgradation Plan aimed at enhancing the appeal of the state's hospitality sector. Under the scheme, financial assistance will be provided to owners of hotels, homestays, and other tourism-related properties to facilitate the installation

Pineapple Eatery Fest 2026 to be held in Umeiam, Meghalaya, on Nov 23-24

Shillong Today reported that the Pineapple Eatery Fest 2026 will be held in Umeiam, Meghalaya, on November 23 and 24. The two-day event will bring together food vendors and culinary enthusiasts to celebrate pineapple-based dishes and regional cuisine. Umeiam, known for its scenic lake and proximity

ENTERTAINMENT

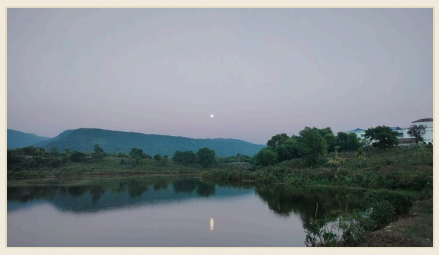
Fire breaks out at Shillong Literary Festival, destroying four food stalls and halting live music event



A fire broke out at the Shillong Literary Festival venue on Thursday evening, destroying four food stalls and forcing the cancellation of a live music performance. The fire is believed to have started in the kitchen area of one of the stalls and spread rapidly due to the density of the stalls and stage equipment. Organizers and local police arrived at the scene and extinguished the fire within an hour, saving the main stage and other stalls from damage. Following the incident, organizers have announced a review of security protocols and pledged to work with fire officials to prevent similar accidents in the future.

JOBS & CAREER

First AI job fair in Meghalaya on Nov 17, with 125 jobs available



The first AI job fair will be held in Meghalaya on November 17, according to local authorities. The event aims to connect job-seeking candidates with employers in the AI and related technology sectors.

A total of 125 job opportunities will be showcased, ranging from entry-level to specialized technical positions. Detailed information about the participating companies has not yet been released.

This initiative is seen as a step toward meeting the growing demand for AI talent in the state and providing opportunities to local job seekers in a nationally expanding field. Interested candidates can await details on the registration process and venue through official channels.

JOBS & CAREER

Meghalaya's first AI job fair held in Shillong, offering 125 jobs



Meghalaya's first artificial intelligence (AI)-focused job fair will be held in the state capital, Shillong. The event will offer 125 job opportunities, including roles in technology, data analytics, software development, and related support positions. Organizers aim to connect local talent with employers requiring AI skills, facilitating the integration of advanced technology into the regional economy.

The fair is scheduled for the end of this month and will be open to job seekers from across the state and neighboring regions. Participants can expect on-site interviews, resume assistance, and workshops on AI trends and skill development. Industry representatives have highlighted the growing demand for AI expertise in sectors such as education, healthcare, and tourism.

Authorities consider this initiative a milestone in Meghalaya's digital transformation plan, hoping that the recruitment drive will encourage skill development and retain skilled professionals within the state. Additional programs are being considered to further strengthen the AI job market in the future.

TECHNOLOGY

Microsoft restores services after hour-long global outage



Microsoft confirmed that all its services have been fully restored after an hour-long global outage that disrupted access to its platforms worldwide. The outage began early in the day and affected various Microsoft services, causing widespread inconvenience for users and businesses. In its statement, the company said the issue has been resolved and all services are now operational. Microsoft apologized for the disruption and assured customers that steps are being taken to prevent similar incidents in the future. Microsoft has not yet disclosed the precise cause of the outage, but it has acknowledged the impact on users.

BUSINESS

Indian Hotels Company Limited signs agreement to develop 140-room Taj Resort in Meghalaya



Indian Hotels Company Limited (IHCL), the parent company of the Taj brand, has signed an agreement to construct a new Taj resort in Meghalaya. The project will feature 140 guest rooms, meeting the growing demand for high-end tourism in the state. The resort will provide employment opportunities to the local hospitality sector and bolster the state's economy by attracting tourists. IHCL said the investment aligns with the company's strategy to increase its presence in emerging tourism destinations. Construction is expected to commence by the end of this year, with the hotel slated to open in a few years, subject to regulatory approvals and infrastructure readiness. State officials welcomed the investment, noting that it will strengthen Meghalaya's sustainable tourism initiatives and contribute to local economic development. The move reflects a broader trend of major hotel chains entering tier-2 and tier-3 markets to cater to both domestic and international travelers.

Meghalaya CM says teachers are the foundation of future classrooms



Shillong, Meghalaya – Chief Minister Conrad Sangma recently stated that the foundation of the state's future classrooms lies in the teachers themselves. He emphasized that investment in teacher training, recruitment, and professional development is necessary to deliver modern teaching methods to students. The chief minister noted that infrastructure upgrades are underway, but the real driver of educational transformation is a skilled and motivated teaching workforce. He called for coordinated efforts among the education department, schools, and teachers' unions to raise standards at all levels. Along with Sangma's remarks, Meghalaya continues reforms to align its education system with national standards, aiming to ensure inclusive and quality education for all students.

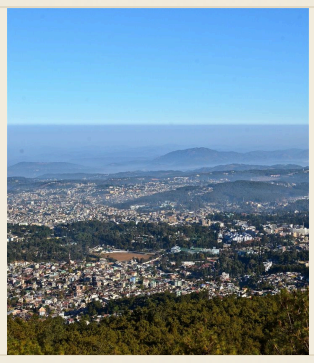
EDUCATION

Government announces school holiday tomorrow, details released



New Delhi – According to a government order issued today, all schools across the country will be closed tomorrow. The order, published on the Sakshi Education website, states that regular classes are cancelled in both public and private institutions. The reason for the holiday was not specified, but officials have asked parents and teachers to monitor official channels for any further information. Schools are expected to resume their normal timetable the following day unless additional directives are issued. Students and parents are advised to use this unexpected break for rest or study, while transport services may operate on a limited schedule. The education department has requested schools to update any changes to examinations or extra-curricular activities on their online portal. Authorities clarified that the holiday is for one day only and necessary adjustments will be made to prevent disruption to the academic calendar.

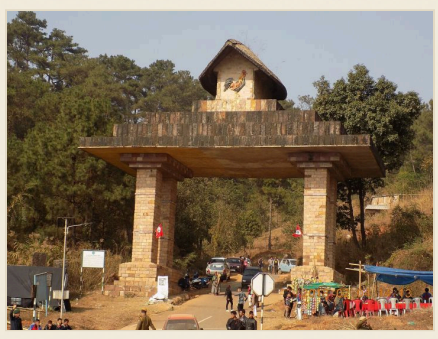
Shillong ropeway project: South Shillong panel seeks independent study on water source impacts



Concerns over the environmental impacts of the Shillong ropeway project have deepened as the South Shillong panel officially called for an independent expert study. The panel wants a comprehensive assessment of how the construction and operation of the ropeway could affect the region's critical water sources. The demand for an independent study reflects local community worries about environmental damage. The panel aims to ensure that all environmental risks are documented fairly and thoroughly before the project proceeds. This step has added new momentum to the ongoing debate in Meghalaya between infrastructure development and environmental protection. The findings of the proposed expert study will play a crucial role in determining the future of the ropeway project in the city.

TRAVEL

Meghalaya Allocates 2 Crore Rupees to Improve Roadside Tourism Facilities



The Meghalaya government announced today that it will provide a grant of 2 crore rupees to upgrade roadside tourism facilities across the state. The funds will be used to establish rest stops, improved signage, waste disposal facilities, and clean water points along major tourist routes.

This initiative is part of the state's broader effort to make travel more comfortable for visitors and encourage longer stays. By improving infrastructure, Meghalaya aims to attract more domestic tourists and benefit local businesses.

Tourism officials said the project will be implemented in phases, prioritising high-traffic routes such as the Shillong–Jowai and Tura–Mophlang roads. They also noted that the upgrades will create employment opportunities for local contractors and artisans.

The allocation follows earlier investments in viewpoints and cultural sites, underscoring Meghalaya's commitment to establishing itself as a premier eco-tourism destination in Northeast India.

IHCL Signs Deal to Develop Taj Resort in Barapani, Meghalaya



Indian Hotels Company Limited (IHCL), the parent company of Taj Hotels, announced that it has signed a contract to develop a new Taj resort in Barapani, Meghalaya. The project is expected to bring luxury hospitality options to the region.

The resort will be situated on the banks of the Barapani River, offering panoramic views of the surrounding hills. It is part of IHCL's strategy to expand its presence in the Northeast, where tourism demand is rapidly rising.

While the opening date has not yet been set, the company said construction will begin in the coming months and the investment is estimated to be in the tens of crores of rupees. Local authorities have supported the project, anticipating job creation and increased tourism.

The move follows other Taj expansions in India, such as new properties in Goa and Rajasthan. Industry analysts view the Barapani resort as a significant step in positioning Taj as a premier destination for eco-tourism and cultural experiences.

LOCAL

Six Bangladeshis Arrested in Meghalaya's South West Garo Hills, Tightened Border Surveillance



Last week, police in South West Garo Hills arrested six Bangladeshis on suspicion of illegal entry, prompting tighter border monitoring in the region.

The district, which shares a porous border with Bangladesh, has recently seen an increase in cross-border movement.

In response, Meghalaya police have deployed additional foot patrol units and installed surveillance equipment at key checkpoints.

Local residents have reported a heightened security presence and welcomed the swift arrests.

Farmers in South West Garo Hills of Meghalaya Turn to High-Value Crops



Farmers in the South West Garo Hills district of Meghalaya have shifted from traditional staples to high-value horticultural crops. The shift reflects expectations of higher incomes driven by growing market demand for fruits, vegetables and ornamental plants, compared with conventional cereals. Agricultural extension officers note a surge in the cultivation of ginger, turmeric, banana and a variety of exotic vegetables. Farmers cite improved market access and support from the state's horticulture schemes as the primary drivers of this transition. Diversification is likely to raise rural household incomes and reduce reliance on low-yield subsistence farming. Officials said inputs, training and market linkages will be monitored to keep pace with the expanding horticulture sector. Overall, the change signals a sweeping transformation of Meghalaya's agricultural landscape, with high-value crops increasingly becoming the backbone of rural livelihoods.

DEFENCE

Assam Rifles Commanders Assess Northeast Security in Silchar

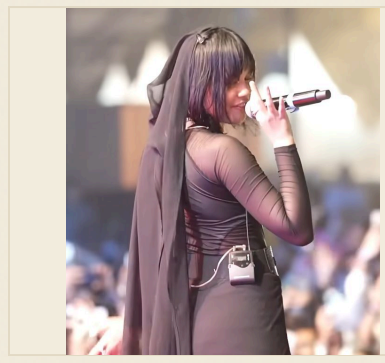


Senior commanders of the Assam Rifles convened in Silchar for a comprehensive review of the security situation in the Northeast. The meeting assessed current threats and coordinated operational readiness in the region. Participants examined recent developments and deliberated on strategies to maintain stability. The review underscored the force's ongoing commitment to safeguarding the strategic interests of the Northeast.

The meeting in Meghalaya's capital highlighted the importance of inter-state cooperation and information sharing among security agencies. While specific outcomes were not disclosed publicly, the commanders emphasized the need for vigilance and rapid response capability.

Analysts believe such reviews are routine yet essential, given the region's complex terrain and diverse security challenges. As a key paramilitary force, the Assam Rifles plays a pivotal role in counter-insurgency and border management.

Meghalaya rapper Rebel sheds light on personal journey with new EP '25 IN 26'



Rebel, an emerging rap artist from Meghalaya, has released his latest six-track EP, '25 IN 26'. The project was released on September 12, 2024, and has proven to be a significant milestone in the artist's career.

The EP blends traditional Khasi sounds with contemporary hip-hop beats, showcasing Rebel's unique sound that has earned him a growing fan base across northeastern India.

The tracks see Rebel reflecting on his journey, from local street performances to national recognition, addressing themes of resilience, cultural identity, and the challenges of the music industry.

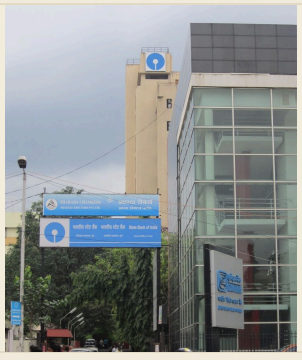
The release is available on major streaming platforms, and Rebel plans to tour the northeastern region later this year to promote the EP.

EDUCATION

CNBC TV18 Releases Today's School and Bank Holiday List

CNBC TV18 has released a detailed, state-wise list showing the open or closed status of schools and banks for today. The list helps students, parents, employees and the general public quickly determine whether educational institutions and banks in their area are operating. By providing state-wise information, the aim is to reduce confusion caused by differing holidays across regions. The list is available on CNBC TV18's website and other platforms. Viewers are advised to consult the schedule before making travel or financial plans, as the status may vary by state. The channel will update the list if any changes occur during the day.

Major Indian Banks Closed Today Due to Bank Holiday



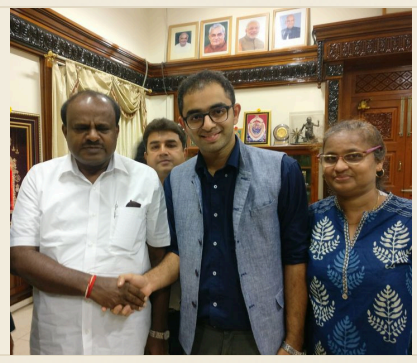
The Reserve Bank of India has declared a bank holiday for today, halting all scheduled banking operations nationwide. Consequently, SBI, ICICI Bank, Axis Bank and HDFC Bank will keep their branches closed and online banking services unavailable. Customers are advised to plan transactions in advance and use alternative payment methods. The holiday is part of the RBI's regular calendar, which observes national holidays and public festivals.

World Takes Note of Meghalaya's Wangala Festival, Celebrating Tribal Heritage



The Wangala festival, a long-standing tribal celebration in Meghalaya, has traditionally been a rustic rite marking the harvest. Recent reports indicate that the festival is now receiving recognition on the world stage, highlighting its cultural significance. The growing international interest is being described as a sign of the festival's flourishing heritage and a boost for the state's cultural profile.

Meghalaya CM Inaugurates P.A. Sangma Football Tournament, Announces New School-Stadium Plan



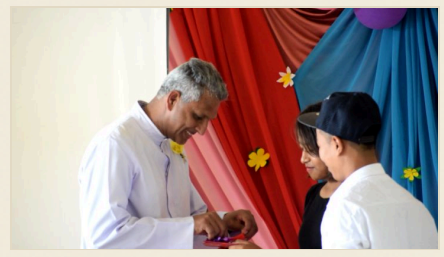
Shillong, Meghalaya – Meghalaya's Chief Minister on Saturday officially inaugurated the P.A. Sangma football tournament, organized by a community fund. The ceremony, held at the city's sports complex, marked the beginning of a multi-day competition aimed at promoting football at the grassroots level.

funded by contributions from local residents, businesses, and NGOs, showcasing a collective effort to encourage sports in the state. Several teams from Meghalaya and neighboring regions have registered, and the matches are scheduled to continue throughout the weekend.

On this occasion, the Chief Minister also announced plans to construct a new school and football stadium in the near future. Both projects will be completed through a combination of community donations and government support, aiming to provide better educational facilities and modern sports venues.

State officials believe this joint initiative will increase youth participation, strengthen infrastructure, and honor P.A. Sangma's legacy of public service and development.

Williamnagar Declared Meghalaya's First Clean City



Williamnagar, a town in northeastern Meghalaya, has been declared the state's first clean city. This recognition comes under the Swachh Bharat Mission, which aims to promote sanitation and cleanliness across India. Local authorities and residents have worked together to improve waste management, public sanitation, and civic amenities. This accolade will boost civic pride in the town and encourage further development projects.