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DEFENCE

China's aircraft entered Indian airspace over Sikkim, remained for 20 minutes



According to a media report, a Chinese military aircraft entered Indian airspace over the northeastern state of Sikkim. It is said that the aircraft remained in the area for about twenty minutes before returning. The report states that the Indian Air Force and the central government have not yet confirmed the violation and no official statement has been issued. Indian defence officials usually investigate such incidents through radar records and flight data, but no information on an investigation has been made public so far. If the incident is confirmed, it would become another example amid recent air skirmishes along the India-China border, underscoring the sensitivity of the region. Further details will be released after officials' assessment.

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

China's aircraft entered Indian airspace over Sikkim, ignored warnings for 25 minutes



According to DNA India, a Chinese aircraft entered Indian airspace over the Himalayan state of Sikkim. Despite multiple warnings from Indian authorities, the aircraft remained on its path for 25 minutes. The incident highlights rising tensions in disputed border areas. Earlier similar air violations have been reported in the region, and the duration this time underlines the difficulties of aerial surveillance in mountainous terrain. No detailed information on the aircraft type or altitude was released. The event occurred amid heightened vigilance on both sides of the Line of Actual Control, where both countries maintain strong military deployments. Experts believe that such violations, if left unchecked, could increase the risk of misunderstandings. The Indian government has yet to issue an official statement on this breach.

AGRICULTURE

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.

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

The trek is famous for its challenging 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.

SARKARI YOJANA

Sikkim State Lottery results announced on 14 November



The Sikkim State Lottery Board announced the results of the draw held on 14 November 2026. Participants can now check the official results published online or visit authorised lottery vendors to find out if they have won. The Sikkim State Lottery is a popular form of entertainment for many residents of the state and a potential source of revenue.

INTERNATIONAL

Sikkim Birding Map Unveiled at Texas International Bird Fair



Sikkim’s birding map was presented to attendees at the International Bird Fair held in Texas.

The map highlights the state’s key habitats, showcasing the diversity of bird species found across Sikkim’s varied ecosystems.

The unveiling was part of the fair’s efforts to promote global bird conservation and showcase emerging destinations for bird-watching tourism.

Experts and enthusiasts from around the world participated, discussing how such tools can aid in conservation planning and eco-tourism development.

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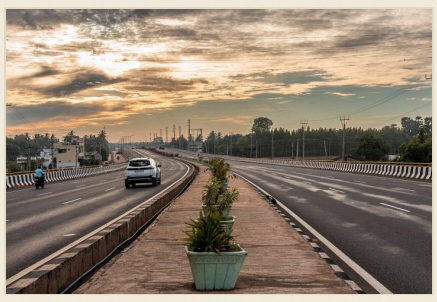
AUTOMOBILE

Night Closure of NH-10 Near Sikkim



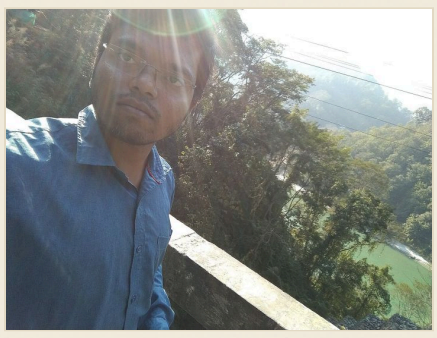
The Transport Department has issued an order to close a section of National Highway 10, located near the Sikkim border, during night hours. This restriction will be in effect from sunset to sunrise, halting all non-essential vehicles on this stretch.

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.

WEATHER

Early Morning Earthquake Shakes North Bengal and Sikkim



An earthquake was felt in the northern districts of North Bengal and the adjoining state of Sikkim in the early morning. Residents in both areas reported feeling the tremors, leading local authorities to maintain a state of alert. No damage or injuries have been confirmed so far, and agencies are monitoring the situation for potential aftershocks. This event highlights the seismic sensitivity of the Himalayan foothills, where such tremors are frequent. Officials have advised the public to remain vigilant and follow safety guidelines while further investigations are underway.

Sikkim CM Congratulates Participants at Junior National Badminton Championship



Sikkim's Chief Minister sent a message of congratulations to players participating in the upcoming Junior National Badminton Championship, highlighting the importance of nurturing young sporting talent. The message, released through a press statement, underscores the government's commitment to supporting grassroots sports initiatives in the state. The junior championship, which features players from across India, serves as a platform to provide emerging badminton players with competitive experience at the national level. In his remarks, the Chief Minister stated that promoting sports participation among the youth aligns with broader goals of health, discipline, and national pride. He called on schools and local clubs to maintain training environments so that future champions can be prepared.

NATIONAL

Sikkim government announces honouring four journalists on National Press Day 2026



The Sikkim government has announced that it will honour four journalists on National Press Day 2026 for their outstanding work. National Press Day, celebrated every year on 3 November, commemorates the birthday of journalist Rajendra Singh Bhndari and celebrates the role of the press in democracy. The four journalists were chosen for their accurate reporting, investigative work and for upholding the principles of press freedom in the state. The award ceremony will be organised by the Information and Public Relations Department and will feature speeches by senior state officials. The government expressed gratitude for the journalists' contributions to transparency, accountability and reliable dissemination of information.

TRAVEL

NH-10 to Sikkim closed at night



NH-10 to Sikkim will be closed from 9 PM to 6 AM, this closure will remain in effect until December 13th. The reason for this closure is yet to be officially stated. Travelers going to Sikkim during this period are advised to check for alternative routes or adjust their travel schedules.

Sikkim Press Club awards Mahendra Sew the 2026 Rural Journalism Award



The Sikkim Press Club has declared Mahendra Sew as the recipient of the 2026 Rural Journalism Award (Rural Journalism Award). The announcement was made through the club's official channels and published by Sikkimexpress.

Mahendra Sew, an active journalist in the field, has been awarded this honour for his contribution in highlighting rural issues. This award is given every year to journalists who bring forth important stories from the rural areas of India.

The club stated that ground reporting guides public discourse and continuous support will be given to journalists working in remote areas. The award ceremony will be held later this year, but details are yet to be released.

DEFENCE

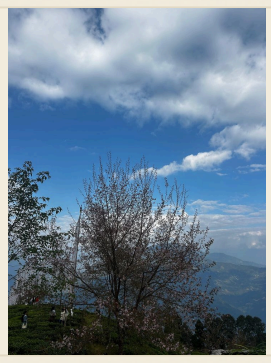
Soldiers Rescue Over 900 Tourists and Locals Trapped by Heavy Snowfall at Nathu La



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.

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.

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.

LIFESTYLE

Butterflies Flutter in Sikkim's Dongu Valley in November



Sikkim's Dongu Valley, renowned for its breathtaking natural beauty, is witnessing a surprising phenomenon this November. Butterflies, which are typically inactive during this time of year, are actively flying and migrating throughout the valley. This unexpected activity is attracting both locals and nature lovers. While the exact reason behind this unusual butterfly activity remains uncertain, it is a welcome sight for those who appreciate nature's wonders.

EDUCATION

Sikkim CM Prem Singh Tamang Promises Equal Opportunities for All Children



Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang told reporters that his government is committed to providing equal opportunities for growth and learning to every child, regardless of their background. He stated that the state will prioritize inclusive education, healthcare, and nutrition to bridge existing gaps.

The statement, reported by Northeast Today, comes amid ongoing efforts to strengthen child welfare programs in the northeastern region. Tamang said that coordinated action among government departments is essential to translate policies into tangible benefits in both remote and urban areas.

While specific initiatives were not mentioned, the Chief Minister said that existing schemes would be reviewed and expanded to better serve marginalized groups. He called on civil society and community leaders to collaborate to monitor progress and address challenges.

broader agenda for social equality and aligns with national child development goals. Officials said that periodic evaluations would be conducted to measure the impact of this new focus on equal opportunities for children.

ENTERTAINMENT

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.

POLITICS

Sikkim CM Appeals for Cultural Preservation at Deusi-Bhailo Festival 2026



Gangtok, Sikkim – The Chief Minister of Sikkim participated in the Deusi-Bhailo Festival 2026, a traditional folk festival held in the state during the festive season. During the ceremony, the Chief Minister emphasized the importance of preserving the state's unique customs and art forms, which have been passed down through generations.

Addressing the artists, community leaders, and the public, the Chief Minister appealed to families and cultural groups to transmit traditional songs, dances, and rituals to the younger generation. He stated that safeguarding these traditions would not only strengthen regional identity but also boost tourism and social unity.

The festival showcased Deusi and Bhailo songs, colorful dances, and local handicrafts. Organizers say the event aims to highlight Sikkim's rich heritage and encourage community participation in cultural revival.

statement, the state has initiated efforts to document oral history and support folk artists through grant and training programs. Officials believe these measures will ensure that Sikkim's cultural heritage is protected for future generations.

DEFENCE

Indian Army Rescues Tourists Stranded Near China Border in Himalayas



The Indian Army launched a rapid operation to rescue tourists stranded near the China border in the Himalayas.

The tourists were stranded in a remote area due to heavy snowfall, where visibility had dropped and temperatures had plummeted.

Soldiers, equipped with specialized gear and helicopter support, reached the site within hours, provided immediate medical assistance, and transported the tourists to the nearest base camp wrapped in insulated blankets.

weather conditions with temperatures below freezing. Army officials praised the coordination between ground units and air support, which ensured the safety of all affected tourists.

Local authorities have warned travelers to exercise caution in high-altitude areas, particularly during winter. The incident highlights the importance of preparedness and rapid response in the Himalayan region.

POLITICS

Sikkim CM Prem Singh Tamang Calls for Preservation of Cultural Heritage at Milam More Dhusi-Bhailo Festival



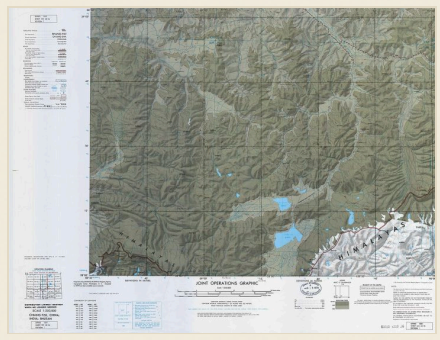
Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang participated in the MP Dhusi-Bhailo Festival held at Milam More, where traditional songs, dances, and cultural programs were performed. In his address, he emphasized the need to preserve the state’s unique cultural traditions, which he described as an integral part of Sikkim’s identity.

communities, cultural organizations, and government agencies to collaborate in documenting, promoting, and preserving these traditions. He stated that cultural heritage not only promotes tourism and economic development but also strengthens social cohesion.

Organized by local authorities, the festival featured performances by folk artists and encouraged youth participation, reflecting the government’s broader plan to keep traditional arts alive. Tamang’s remarks were well-received by the audience, underscoring the administration’s commitment to cultural preservation.

The event concluded with a traditional procession, sending a message that Sikkim’s cultural heritage remains vibrant and active today.

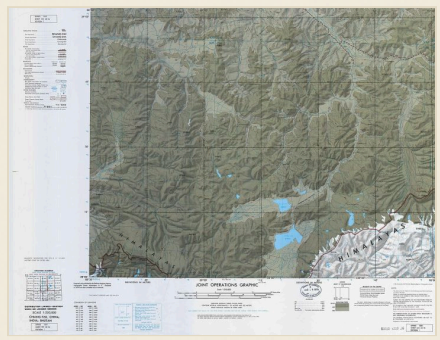
Sikkim Imposes One-Month Night Traffic Ban on NH-10



Sikkim authorities have imposed a night traffic ban on NH-10 for a period of one month. The ban will be in effect throughout the night on the entire highway. Travelers have been advised to use alternative routes and travel during daylight hours.

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.

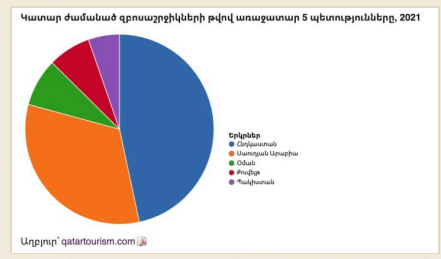
routes at night, and the Transport Department has advised checking official updates.

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.

TRAVEL

Tourist Flow Increases in Sikkim Post-Monsoon, Boosting Local Enthusiasm



A noticeable surge in tourist numbers is being observed in Sikkim post-monsoon, as reported by Dehasanchar. While the post-monsoon period typically sees a decline in travel, the state's picturesque valleys and cultural sites are now attracting more visitors. Local hoteliers, tour operators, and shopkeepers have welcomed this increase, and a wave of excitement is palpable in the hospitality sector. This surge is helping revive seasonal businesses that slow down during the rainy season. State tourism officials have termed this trend a positive indicator of economic recovery and have appealed for the promotion of sustainable tourism.