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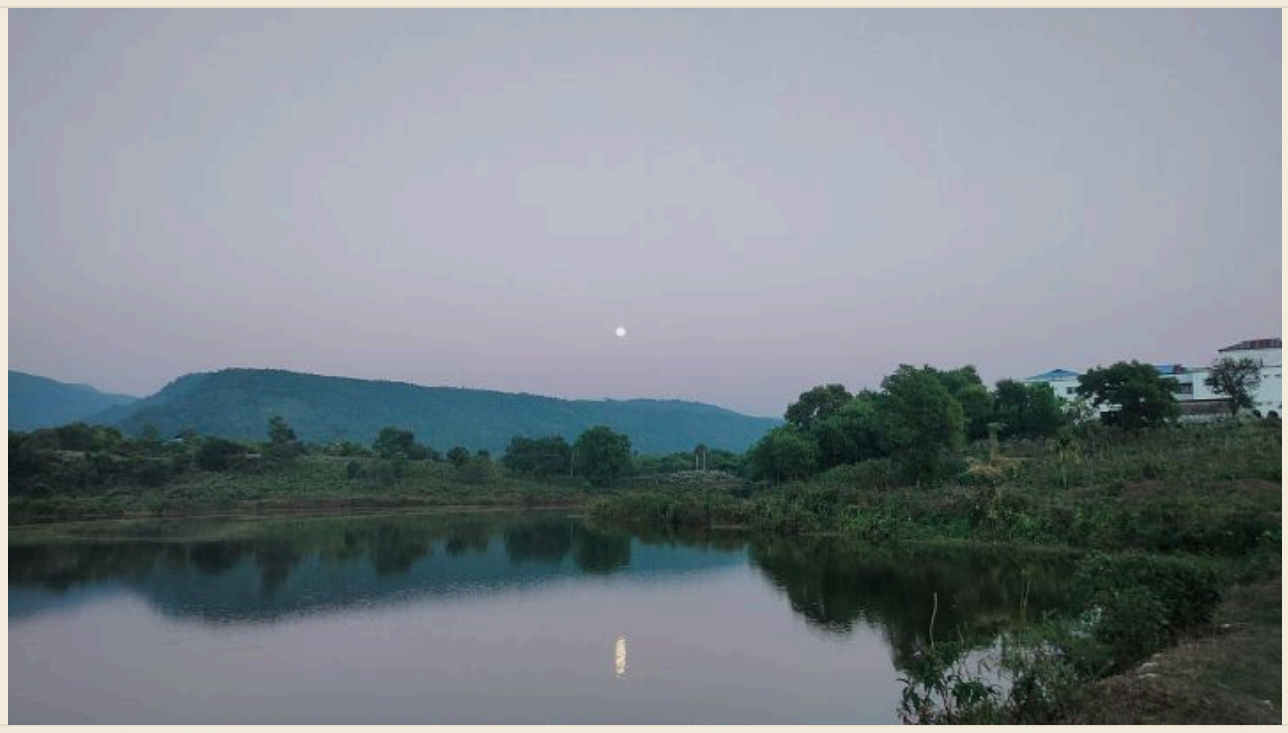
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JOBS & CAREER

First AI Job Fair in Meghalaya on 17 November, Offering 125 Technical Positions



The Meghalaya government announced that it will hold its inaugural AI job fair on 17 November, the largest recruitment event in the state focused on artificial intelligence and related technologies. The fair will feature participation from various companies, start-ups, and public institutions seeking qualified candidates for roles such as data scientists, machine-learning engineers, AI developers, and robotics specialists.

A total of 125 technical positions are earmarked for the fair, ranging from entry-level to mid-level opportunities. Candidates with education in computer science, engineering, mathematics, or related fields can register online, where on-site interviews, skill-assessment tests, and networking sessions will be conducted.

The initiative aims to meet the growing demand for AI expertise in the region and curb the out-migration of skilled graduates. State officials noted that the fair will also host workshops on the latest AI trends, government incentives for tech start-ups, and guidance on skill enhancement.

Industry representatives welcomed the move, stating that a focused recruitment platform could accelerate the development of the local AI ecosystem. The fair will be held on the grounds of the Meghalaya State Museum in Silchar, with virtual participation options for candidates from other parts of the country.

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.

FOOD

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 to Shillong, is expected to attract both locals and tourists this weekend. Organizers have described the festival as an opportunity to promote Meghalaya's food culture and encourage seasonal tourism.

Detailed information about the schedule is currently limited, but officials believe the event will feature stalls, live cooking demonstrations, and an entertaining atmosphere, establishing the region as a prominent culinary destination.

BUSINESS

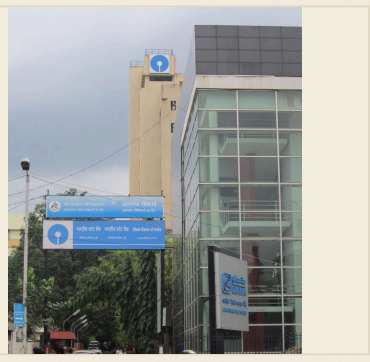
Indian Hotels Company Limited signs agreement to develop 140-room Taj Resort in Meghalaya



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.

BUSINESS

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.

BUSINESS

IHCL Signs Deal to Develop Taj Resort in Barapani, Meghalaya



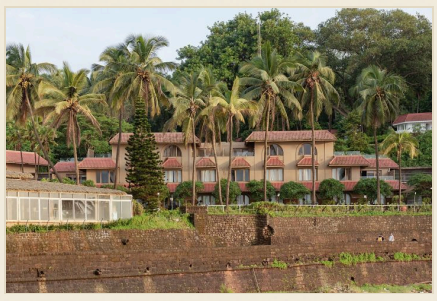
Indian Hotels Company Limited (IHCL), the parent company of Taj Hotels, announced that it has signed a contract to develop a new Taj resort in Barapani, Meghalaya. The project is expected to bring luxury hospitality options to the region.

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.

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TECHNOLOGY

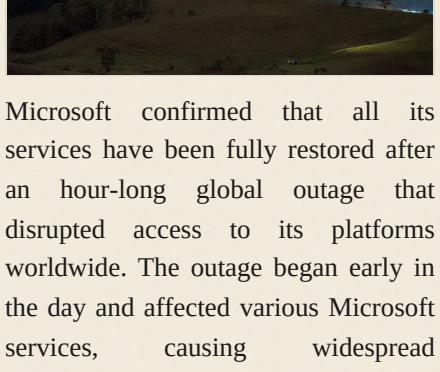
Microsoft restores services after hour-long global outage



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.

ENTERTAINMENT

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.

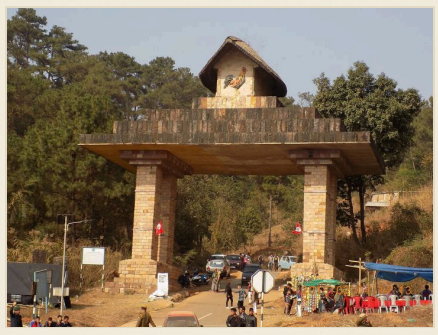
with contemporary hip-hop beats, showcasing Rebel's unique sound that has earned him a growing fan base across northeastern India.

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.

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.

DEFENCE

Assam Rifles Commanders Assess Northeast Security in Silchar



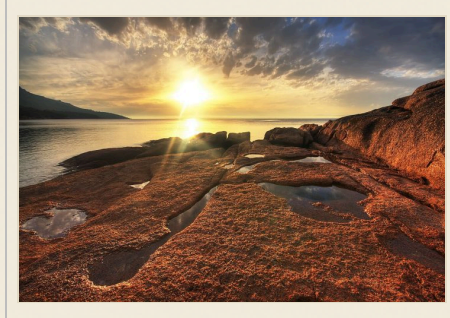
Senior commanders of the Assam Rifles convened in Silchar for a comprehensive review of the security situation in the Northeast. The meeting assessed current threats and coordinated operational readiness in the region. Participants examined recent developments and deliberated on strategies to maintain 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

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.

WEATHER

IMD says Bay of Bengal pressure system could intensify into a cyclone by November 16



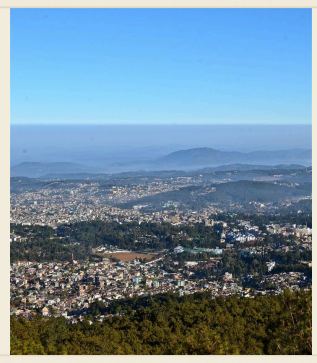
The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued an advisory regarding a pressure system in the Bay of Bengal. Meteorologists indicate that the system has gained strength over the past 24 hours and is moving in a west-northwest direction.

Based on model data, the IMD stated that the system could intensify into a cyclone by November 16. It is currently classified as a "low-pressure area," and sea surface temperatures and atmospheric conditions are considered favorable for further development.

Officials have advised coastal states to remain vigilant and monitor IMD updates. While no immediate coastal impact has been forecast, the department has instructed fishermen and residents of sensitive coastal areas to prepare for potential heavy rainfall and strong winds.

LOCAL

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.

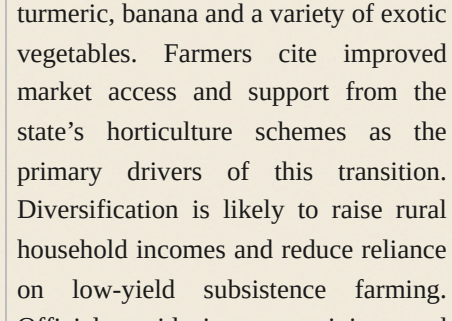
Farmers in South West Garo Hills of Meghalaya Turn to High-Value Crops



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.

RELIGION

Meghalaya's Wangla Festival gains international recognition, celebrating cultural heritage



The Wangla Festival, an ancient tribal tradition in Meghalaya, has always been a rural celebration marking the end of the harvest. The festival is now gaining recognition on the global stage, underscoring its cultural significance. The growing international interest is viewed as a positive indicator for the festival's rich heritage and the state's cultural identity.

SARKARI YOJANA

Meghalaya college teachers challenge government's claim over 2023 pension draft rules



College teachers in Meghalaya have raised objections to the state government's claim that draft rules for the 2023 pension scheme have been prepared.

According to the teachers, the draft has not been shared with the public or teachers' associations, and key provisions remain unclear.

The core of the dispute centers on a lack of transparency and the need for a comprehensive draft that clearly outlines eligibility, contribution rates, and pension benefits.

timeline before formal review and implementation.

The state government has not yet responded to the teachers' concerns.

HEALTH

Meghalaya's 2022 Mental Health Policy praised as a model for tribal youth, says James Sanga



Meghalaya's Mental Health Policy, launched in 2022, has received praise for addressing the specific needs of tribal communities. The framework includes school-level counseling, community awareness campaigns, and culturally sensitive interventions to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness.

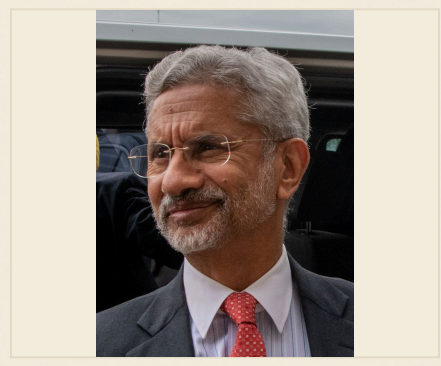
Chief Minister James Sanga described the policy as a "model" that could be adopted by other states with tribal populations. He cited the inclusion of traditional healers and local NGOs as a key factor in winning community trust.

Under the policy, teachers, health workers, and village leaders will be trained to identify early symptoms and refer individuals to specialized care. According to initial feedback from pilot districts, awareness among youth has increased, and there has been a slight rise in the tendency to seek help.

Sanga urged the central government to incorporate the Meghalaya model into national mental health strategies, stating that culturally appropriate interventions are essential for effective outreach in India's diverse tribal regions.

INTERNATIONAL

India-US trade deal is close, says Jaishankar: Issues resolved



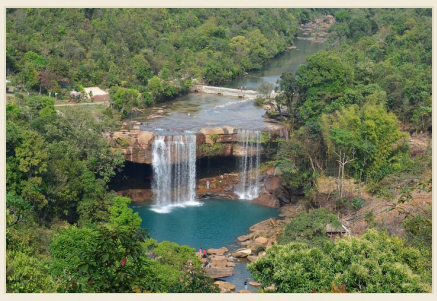
S. Jaishankar stated on X that most outstanding issues in the India-US trade deal have been resolved, bringing the agreement closer to final signature.

The deal covers trade in goods, services, e-commerce, and intellectual property. While there were some hurdles in recent months, the latest statements indicate that remaining concerns are being addressed.

Officials from both countries are now working to finalize the text, with a signing ceremony expected soon, marking a new direction in India-US economic relations.

The deal is expected to boost bilateral trade and investment and is considered a key part of India's strategy to diversify its trade partners.

Meghalaya Pharmacy Council celebrates World Pharmacist Day and National Pharmacy Week 2026 at USTM, Shillong



Shillong, Meghalaya – On October 25, the Meghalaya Pharmacy Council held a formal ceremony at the University of Science and Technology, Meghalaya (USTM) to mark the beginning of World Pharmacist Day and National Pharmacy Week 2026. Council members, pharmacy students, educators, and healthcare professionals participated in the event, discussing the evolving responsibilities of pharmacists.

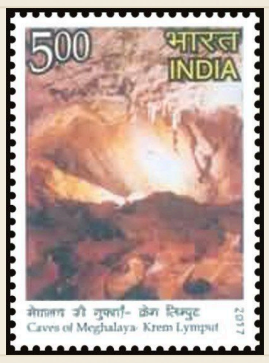
The Council President delivered the keynote address, emphasizing the importance of community-based pharmacy services, rational drug use, and continuous professional development. Attendees were briefed on the state's new initiatives to expand pharmacy access in rural areas and integrate pharmacists more closely with primary healthcare teams.

Alongside the speeches, students presented projects on drug safety and public awareness campaigns. The Council distributed commemorative badges and information booklets, reinforcing the message that pharmacists are essential partners in achieving Meghalaya's health goals.

In the closing remarks, all participants expressed their commitment to promoting safe drug use and supporting the Council's robust regulatory framework throughout 2026.

LOCAL

Meghalaya communities test new methods to safeguard ancient caves



Meghalaya's ancient caves, known for their geological and cultural significance, have become the focus of community-based conservation initiatives. Local residents and volunteers are testing new methods—though specific techniques remain unclear—to safeguard the delicate structures of the caves. This effort reflects growing awareness to preserve Meghalaya's natural heritage for future generations.

Meghalaya's Wangala Festival: A Glimpse of Tribal Music and Traditions



A photo series by Outlook India highlights Wangala, the major harvest festival of the Garo tribe in Meghalaya, bringing to light its unique music and customs.

The images depict the rhythm of traditional drums such as the 'Dah' and 'Khal,' the steps of the 'Rangbang' and 'Mong' dances, and rituals dedicated to thanking the deities for the harvest.

This visual presentation underscores the preservation of Garo cultural identity through Wangala, which attracts participants from various villages across the state and draws external audiences alike.

The photos also capture the lighting of torches and a community feast on the final night of the festivities, reflecting the festival's vibrancy.

POLITICS

Meghalaya CM Promises New School and Stadium for Bhaitbari During PA Sangma Tournament

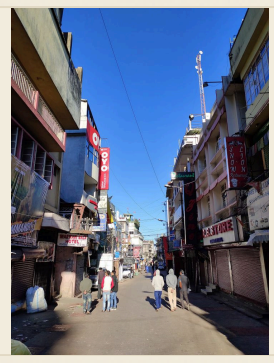


The Chief Minister of Meghalaya made significant announcements regarding infrastructure development in Bhaitbari during the PA Sangma Tournament. Aiming to enhance local facilities, the state leader pledged to construct a new school building and a stadium for the region.

These announcements were made in the presence of local dignitaries and participants of the sporting event. The new school building in Bhaitbari is expected to improve educational facilities, while the stadium will provide a dedicated venue for sports and community gatherings.

The PA Sangma Tournament serves as a platform for such developmental discussions, with the government focusing on upgrading infrastructure across various parts of the state. The project appears to benefit the local population by providing modern facilities for both education and sports.

Meghalaya DGP Idashish Nongrum's Tenure Ends on November 19; Succession Process Begins



A significant change is likely in the law and order domain in Meghalaya, as the extended tenure of Director General of Police (DGP) Idashish Nongrum is set to conclude on November 19. With this date, his current term expires, triggering the process for the appointment of the next DGP.

As the DGP's tenure ends, the state government and relevant administrative bodies are considering the succession process. The primary objective is to ensure a smooth transfer of responsibilities and to select the next police chief in accordance with established protocols.

While the name of the incoming DGP or the exact timeline for the new appointment remains part of the administrative review, maintaining continuity in security operations is a priority. The state administration is adopting a structured approach to this leadership transition to ensure stability within the police department.

This change is a regular but crucial step in the state's governance, necessary to maintain the integrity of the command chain. The administration expects the necessary orders to be issued in the coming weeks, in line with the conclusion of the current tenure.

ENTERTAINMENT

Meghalaya Artist Da Minot Releases Hand-Made Music Video, No AI Used



Meghalaya-based singer Da Minot released his latest music video on Thursday, claiming that it was entirely hand-made. The video accompanies his newest song and features animated frames manually prepared by the artist and his team.

The hand-drawn animation stands out from the digital visuals typically used in contemporary music videos. Da Minot explained that every frame was sketched and colored by hand, then scanned and combined into a coherent sequence.

the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) tools, Da Minot publicly stated that no AI assistance was utilized in creating the video. He emphasized that the creative process remained entirely human.

The release has sparked interest among fans and industry observers, who view it as a testament to traditional artistic skills in an era dominated by AI-generated content.

POLITICS

Meghalaya Government Appeals to JPC for Relaxation of FCRA Rules for Christian Organizations



The Meghalaya state government has sent a formal letter to the Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) requesting the relaxation of certain provisions of the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) applicable to Christian organizations. The application states that current FCRA rules hinder churches and religious NGOs from receiving foreign donations and utilizing them for social work.

Government officials argue that strict regulations increase the administrative burden and cause delays in essential projects, necessitating a balanced regulatory approach. They stated that relaxing the rules does not compromise national security but rather facilitates legitimate religious and social activities.

This request comes amidst ongoing debates in the central government regarding comprehensive amendments to the FCRA, where some members of parliament are advocating for stricter oversight of foreign funding. The JPC will consider Meghalaya's presentation in its upcoming session, and any changes will require parliamentary approval.

Representatives of the Christian community have welcomed this step and expressed hope that amended rules will restore confidence and allow social outreach to continue without unnecessary legal hurdles.

Shillong Lajong wins in the Indian Football League



Shillong Lajong, a football club based in Meghalaya, has secured a victory in a recent match in the Indian Football League. Accurate details about the match, such as the score and opponent, have not yet been released by official sources. This win is a significant achievement for the club, showcasing their competitive spirit and skill in the league. Fans are awaiting further updates on the team's performance and upcoming matches.

RELIGION

Wangala Festival Golden Jubilee Celebrated in Chibragre, Meghalaya



Meghalaya celebrated the Golden Jubilee of the Wangala Harvest Festival in Chibragre on Saturday. The three-day program, which honors the traditional harvest festival of the Garo tribe, concluded with vibrant performances of traditional music, drum beats, and the 'Rangbang' dance.

Organizers noted that this year marks the 50th anniversary of the modern Wangala Festival, leading to an expanded program and a large turnout of participants from various parts of the state and neighboring regions. Government officials, cultural workers, and local community leaders attended the closing ceremony, praising the festival's role in preserving Garo heritage.

The closing event featured decorated bamboo arches, folk music groups, and a community feast of local delicacies, conveying a message of gratitude to nature and collective prosperity. Security and health measures were implemented to ensure a safe and organized environment for an estimated 10,000 attendees.

Following the Golden Jubilee, organizers stated that future editions will place special emphasis on promoting sustainable tourism and involving the youth in cultural preservation.