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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.

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.

The map aims to serve as a resource for bird watchers, researchers, and policymakers regarding Sikkim’s bird diversity.

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.

SPORTS

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.

LOCAL

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.

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.

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.

The rescue took place in challenging 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.

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.

The Chief Minister called on 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.

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.

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.

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.

In line with the Chief Minister's 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.

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.

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.

This commitment reflects Sikkim's 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.

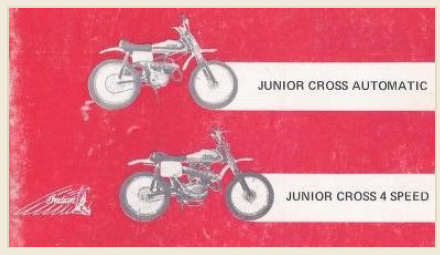
Sikkim CM Inaugurates New MICU at STNAM Hospital



The Chief Minister of Sikkim inaugurated a new MICU (Medical Intensive Care Unit) at STNAM Hospital in Gangtok yesterday. The expansion of critical care facilities at the state's flagship hospital is expected to bring significant improvements to health services for Sikkim residents. The MICU is equipped with state-of-the-art medical equipment and is run by a team of skilled doctors and nurses. The inauguration ceremony was attended by senior government officials and healthcare professionals.

SPORTS

Gangtok witnesses first all-women referee panel at Indian Junior Nationals



The 2024 Indian Junior Badminton Nationals, held in Gangtok, Sikkim, saw a historic moment when the referee panel was entirely composed of women. The panel included Chief Referee Pooja Sharma and Line Referees Anjali Mehta and Ritu Singh, all experienced and nationally and internationally recognized officials.

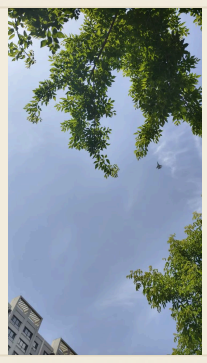
This marks the first time in any national badminton competition in India that a fully women referee panel has officiated. The Badminton Association of India (BAI) declared this decision as part of its efforts to promote gender equality in the sport.

Officials believe the presence of this panel will inspire more women to become referees, a field where men have traditionally dominated. The BAI also stated that the panel met all the standards of the Badminton World Federation (BWF).

The matches were conducted smoothly, and commentators praised the panel's professional demeanor. The BAI plans to evaluate the use of similar all-women panels in future tournaments.

DEFENCE

Chinese Military Aircraft Allegedly Crossed Indian Air Boundary in Sikkim



According to NorthEast India24, a Chinese military aircraft crossed the Indian air boundary in Sikkim. The incident has raised concerns about potential border tensions between India and China. However, Indian authorities have not yet issued an official statement confirming the event.

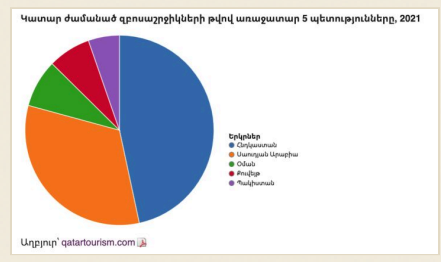
Sikkim's First Food Exports Reach the US and Australia



Sikkim has successfully shipped its first food products to the United States and Australia, establishing a significant milestone for the state's agricultural sector. The shipments include a variety of products that reflect Sikkim's reputation for high-quality, often organic, agricultural produce. This development is part of a broader strategy to expand into international markets and increase the global visibility of Sikkim's food industry. Officials say the move will open new opportunities for local farmers and pave the way for further exports to international markets.

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.

SCIENCE

Rare Beetle Species Discovered in Khungchenzongha Nature Connect



A recent discovery in Khungchenzongha Nature Connect in Sikkim has added a new species to the iNaturalist database. Evaluators documented the rare beetle and uploaded its information, including photographs and habitat details, to the citizen-science platform. iNaturalist is a global network of naturalists and scientists who contribute to biodiversity observations. The addition of this new species underscores the importance of conservation efforts to protect Sikkim's rich biodiversity.

Congress Accuses Centre of Inadequate Response to Sikkim Airspace Violation



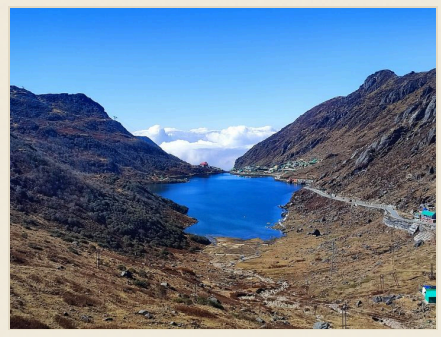
In a statement issued on Tuesday, the Congress party accused the central government of failing to adequately address the reported violation of the airspace in the northeastern state of Sikkim. According to the party, a Chinese aircraft entered Indian airspace without permission. Congress has called for a transparent investigation and urged the Ministry of Defence to issue a strong response. The party also called for a review of border protocols to prevent such incidents in the future.

'Suprem' Tea from Sikkim Hits Markets in the US and Australia



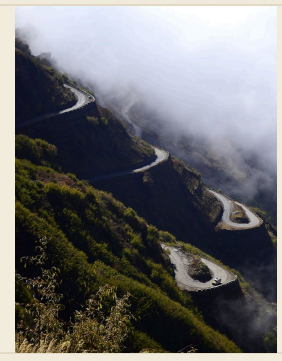
Sikkim's renowned tea brand, 'Suprem', has taken a significant step into the global market. The brand has successfully exported to both the United States and Australia, marking a new chapter in its journey. This expansion reflects the growing international recognition of 'Suprem' tea's quality and unique flavour profile. Details about specific distributors and retailers in these new markets have not yet been released.

Film Crew Technician Killed in Truck Accident on Gangtok-Changu Lake Road, Sikkim



A truck overturned on the Gangtok-Changu Lake Road in Sikkim, killing a film crew technician. The incident occurred during the day as the truck was heading from Gangtok to Changu Lake and lost control on a sharp bend. Local police and emergency services arrived promptly, but despite resuscitation attempts the technician was pronounced dead. The driver and other crew members sustained minor injuries and were taken for medical examination. Police have launched an inquiry into the causes, examining road conditions and vehicle safety standards. The incident has heightened concerns over the safety of film shoots in the hilly regions of Northeast India. The film crew expressed condolences for the loss and, after notifying the family, pledged to share further details.

Sikkim to Host First Riders' Meet, Anticipating 350 Indian and Foreign Bikers



Sikkim will host its first Riders' Meet, aimed at bringing together motorcycle enthusiasts from India and abroad. Organisers estimate that around 350 bikers will participate in the mountainous state, presenting a showcase of riding culture and tourism potential.

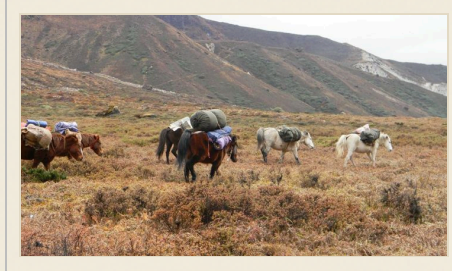
The meet will feature group rides, a display of custom bikes, and dialogue sessions with manufacturers and aftermarket vendors. Given the challenging mountain routes, local authorities have pledged to ensure safety and logistical arrangements.

Local stakeholders view the event as an opportunity to enhance Sikkim's profile in adventure tourism and to provide a platform for the Indian motorcycle community to network and share experiences.

to be finalized, and the organising committee will release further details in the coming weeks.

TRAVEL

Cadet Mohan of St. Agnes College Completes Goecha La Trek in Sikkim



Cadet Mohan of St. Agnes College successfully completed the Goecha La trek located in Sikkim, a feat considered challenging due to its difficult terrain. The accomplishment demonstrates the perseverance and physical capability required for high-altitude adventures such as trekking. College officials praised Mohan's dedication and noted that such outdoor programs foster leadership and endurance among students. This success is viewed as an example of the institution's support for extracurricular activities that promote holistic development.