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DEFENCE

Arunachal CM Says Border Violations Stem from Differing Perceptions



Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu told the media on Tuesday that recent border incursions are due to differing perceptions on both sides, heightening tensions. He said India maintains its established claim, while China's perspective often leads both sides to view such incidents as violations. Khandu urged peaceful, constructive dialogue to dispel misunderstandings, prioritising the safety of local residents and the integrity of the border. He requested the central government to continue diplomatic efforts and keep security forces ready to respond proportionately to any incursion. The remarks came amid reports of patrol clashes and infrastructure development near the frontier, raising strategic sensitivity in the Northeast.

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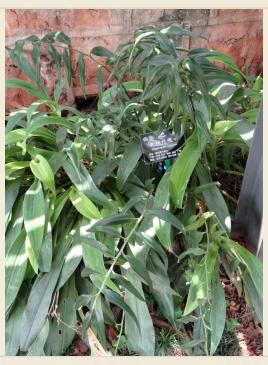
Frontline Magazine: India needs strategic shift against China



The prominent Indian magazine Frontline recently published an article calling for a comprehensive reassessment of India's military strategy in the context of growing rivalry with China. The magazine argues that the current approach may not be sufficient to effectively counter China's expanding military capabilities and aggressive posture in the region. Frontline emphasizes the need for India to develop a stronger and more flexible strategy to address the evolving security challenges posed by China. This includes strengthening India's military infrastructure, enhancing its technological capabilities, and forging closer strategic partnerships with other nations.

SCIENCE

Rare Disporopsis plant discovered in Arunachal Pradesh



Botanists have made a significant discovery in Arunachal Pradesh, identifying a new species of flowering plant belonging to the Disporopsis genus. This discovery marks the first documented occurrence of this genus in India. Specific details regarding the plant's location and characteristics have not yet been released by the researchers. The finding highlights the rich biodiversity of Arunachal Pradesh and the potential for further botanical exploration in the region.

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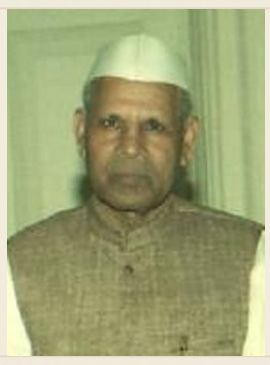
India Strengthens Arunachal Border as ITBP Approves New Infrastructure



India has enhanced security on its Arunachal border, which has faced escalating tensions with China in recent months. The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) approved several infrastructure projects to improve the movement of troops and equipment in this strategic area. Approved projects include the construction of new roads, bridges and logistics centres, enabling rapid deployment of forces and efficient supply-chain management. Advanced surveillance equipment for real-time monitoring is also part of the plan. These steps are part of the Indian government's broader effort to reinforce its northern frontiers following border disputes with China. The ITBP approval underscores India's commitment to bolstering its capabilities. While specific timelines and budgets have not been disclosed, officials said work will be carried out in phases, with priority given to the most critical border zones. The Indian Army and the Ministry of Defence reiterated that the measures are precautionary and aimed at maintaining peace and stability in the region.

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Arunachal Governor Calls for Heightened Security on Myanmar Border



The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh emphasized the need to strengthen security along the Myanmar border. His remarks reflect concerns about potential security threats originating from the region. He called on relevant authorities to enhance coordination and vigilance to ensure the safety of border areas. The governor's appeal is framed as a precautionary measure to address any forthcoming security challenges.

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Arunachal Governor reviews security in three districts, urges speeding up Myanmar border fencing



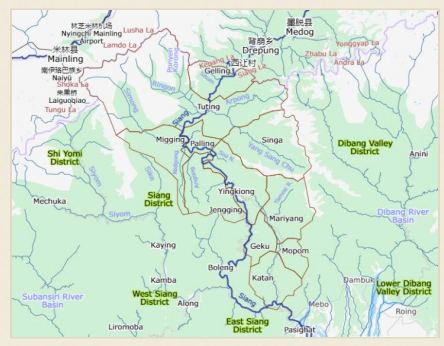
The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh conducted a comprehensive review of security in three districts bordering Myanmar, meeting with senior officers from the police, army, and local administration. During the visit, he inspected troop deployments, surveillance equipment, and the readiness of emergency response teams.

The Governor stressed the importance of completing the border fencing promptly, stating that a strong barrier is essential to prevent illegal infiltration and ensure the safety of residents in border areas. He urged the central and state governments to allocate additional resources and expedite the project's approval process.

At the conclusion of the visit, he directed district officials to present a detailed action plan within a week, including measures to strengthen patrols, share intelligence, and monitor the progress of the fencing construction. Officials assured full cooperation in carrying out the Governor's directives.

LOCAL

24-Hour Shutdown in Ruksin Over Siang Project



The town of Ruksin in Arunachal Pradesh has been placed under a 24-hour shutdown. The protest is against the construction of the Siang Upper Multipurpose Project. Local residents have voiced concerns about the project's potential environmental and social impacts. The shutdown aims to draw attention to these concerns and pressure authorities to reconsider the project's implementation.

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Construction of 26 Roads and 33 Bridges Along China Border Completed in Arunachal Pradesh



The construction of 26 roads and 33 bridges along the China border in Arunachal Pradesh has now been completed. The work was cleared this week, improving access to remote border villages and strategic points. The new roads and bridges will reduce travel time for civilians and security personnel, facilitating faster movement of supplies and troops. Better connectivity will help link local economies with markets and essential services. These projects are part of the government's wider initiative to strengthen infrastructure in the northeastern border areas. Officials indicated that similar networks are planned for other sections of the frontier. Detailed cost and duration information was not provided, but the completion reflects a policy focused on border-area development and readiness.

DEFENCE

Arunachal Chief Minister Declares Siang Project Essential for India's Water Security and Defence



Chief Minister Pema Khandu, speaking at a press conference in the state capital Itanagar, described the Siang project as a strategic imperative for India's water security and defence. He explained that the Siang River, a major tributary of the Brahmaputra, plays a vital role in maintaining water supply in northern India.

The chief minister framed safeguarding water resources as an integral part of national security, especially in the context of climate change and escalating geopolitical tensions in the region. He said that the project's infrastructure would enhance water management and provide a protective buffer against potential water scarcity. government would work with central authorities to accelerate the project's development, aiming to complete major phases by 2026.

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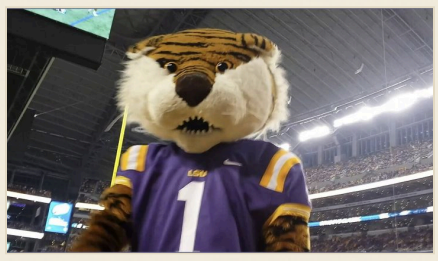
Arunachal Pradesh CM Pema Khandu Says Border Violations Occur on Both Sides, LAC Situation Normal



Chief Minister Pema Khandu of Arunachal Pradesh addressed recent border activity around the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in a press briefing. He acknowledged that violations have been recorded by both Indian and Chinese sides, but said these incidents have not altered the overall security situation. Khandu noted that operations along the LAC remain in a "normal" state, with existing monitoring mechanisms and diplomatic channels functioning effectively. He urged both sides to adhere to protocols and resolve inadvertent crossings through dialogue. The statement comes amid heightened sensitivity in the region, where both countries are maintaining vigilance. While the chief minister did not provide specific figures, his remarks aim to reassure residents of Arunachal Pradesh that the situation is under control and that the government is closely coordinating with the defence ministry.

SCIENCE

Five new species of horned frogs found in Arunachal Pradesh, one snail-eating



A team of herpetologists has announced the discovery of five new species of horned frogs in the remote mountain forests of Arunachal Pradesh. The animals were collected from high-altitude stream banks and leaf litter, areas where aquatic life had not been extensively surveyed until now.

These frogs are less than a few centimeters in size and feature small "horns" on their heads, earning them the name horned frogs. Analysis of physical characteristics and gene sequencing revealed that each sample represents a distinct new species. Notably, one of the new species was observed feeding on small snails, a behavior recorded for the first time in this group.

The discovery highlights the rich but fragile biodiversity of the Eastern Himalayas and underscores the need for continued species identification and habitat conservation. Conservation experts believe the finding increases the urgency to take steps to protect Arunachal Pradesh's forest areas from the threats of development and climate change.

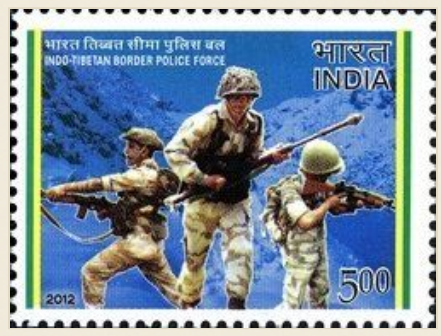
Arunachal University Proposes New Seat for Research on 56 Bhagwan Parishad Sites



Arunachal University has put forward a proposal for a new research seat dedicated to 56 sites associated with Bhagwan Parishad. The seat will focus on scholarly work at the 56 locations spread across various parts of India, aiming to document their cultural, archaeological and religious significance. University officials say the initiative will promote interdisciplinary study, attract scholars and enhance the institution's reputation in heritage research. The proposal is currently under review by the university's governing council, with funding plans being prepared in coordination with the Ministry of Culture and other relevant agencies.

DEFENCE

LAC Tensions: ITBP Faces Eight Senior IPS Vacancies, Total Staff Shortfall Exceeds 12,000



The Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP) reported that it currently has eight senior IPS vacancies, a situation that is concerning amid heightened tensions on the Line of Actual Control (LAC). Senior IPS officers play a key role in strategic planning, operational command and coordination with other security agencies; their absence could affect the force's effectiveness.

According to a recent analysis by Indian Masterminds, the total staff shortfall exceeds 12,000, impacting both frontline and support functions in the hilly border areas.

Analysts argue that this deficit could weaken the ITBP's ability to monitor and respond to potential incursions, especially given the ongoing LAC standoff between India and China.

The ITBP needs to accelerate recruitment and re-deploy existing officers, but no official timeline has been announced yet.

Minister Kiren Rijiju Announces Bam-Akajan Road to be Upgraded to National Highway in Arunachal



Union Minister Kiren Rijiju made a significant announcement during his visit to Aalo in Arunachal Pradesh. He stated that the Bam-Akajan road will be upgraded to a national highway. The upgrade is expected to improve connectivity in the region and spur economic development. The Bam-Akajan road links several villages and towns and is considered a vital link within the state. Local residents and officials welcomed Rijiju's declaration, viewing it as a major step toward infrastructure improvement in Arunachal Pradesh.

SCIENCE

Rare White-Belly Heron Spotted on Lohit River



On 15 March 2026, a rare white-belly heron was observed on the banks of the Lohit River, according to local birdwatchers. The species, characterized by a distinctive white belly and long legs, is rare in northeastern India and is listed under protection by the International Union for Conservation of Nature. The Arunachal Pradesh Forest Department has taken note of the sighting and is collaborating with an ornithologist from the Indian Institute of Science to monitor the bird's habitat and movements. Experts suggest that the appearance of the heron could signal a shift in migratory patterns or a range expansion, possibly linked to ecological changes along the riverine ecosystem. Authorities are urging any further sightings to be reported to state wildlife officials to strengthen conservation efforts.

RELIGION

More Than 78,000 Devotees Attend Buddhist Relic Exhibition in Arunachal Pradesh



A large crowd of over 78,000 devotees was seen at a special exhibition of Buddhist relics in Arunachal Pradesh. Organized by local Buddhist organisations, the event attracted pilgrims from various regions who paid homage to the relics and received blessings.

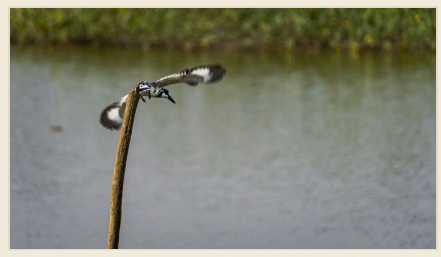
relics of Buddhism in an orderly manner, giving devotees the opportunity to connect with their spiritual heritage. Organisers highlighted smooth crowd management and emphasised that these relics play a crucial role in strengthening Buddhist traditions in the state.

Authorities maintained strict surveillance to ensure visitor safety and order, while local businesses observed a temporary increase in economic activity during the period. The heavy attendance underscores growing interest in Buddhist cultural programmes in Arunachal Pradesh.

The exhibition is expected to continue for several days, allowing more devotees to participate in the religious event. Officials appealed to all participants to maintain modesty and peace.

BUSINESS

United Breweries Launches Kingfisher Smooth in Arunachal Pradesh; Shares Fall 1.14%



United Breweries Limited, the parent company of the Kingfisher brand, announced the launch of a new low-alcohol beer called Kingfisher Smooth in Arunachal Pradesh. The product is aimed at consumers seeking a lighter-flavoured beer.

The announcement coincided with a 1.14% decline in the company's shares, observed during trading on the Bombay Stock Exchange. Analysts believe the dip was due to a small profit-taking move rather than a fundamental weakness in the company.

Company officials said that introducing Kingfisher Smooth is part of a broader strategy to expand the Kingfisher portfolio into India's tier-2 and tier-3 markets. The beer will be available through local distributors and retail outlets in the state over the coming weeks.

HDFC Sky reported the news, noting that United Breweries is actively diversifying its product range amid competition in the Indian beer market.

EDUCATION

Vajiram & Ravi Releases Current Affairs for UPSC Prelims 16 November 2026



Vajiram & Ravi, a leading UPSC coaching centre, has released its latest current affairs compilation for the UPSC prelims exam set for 16 November 2026.

The material covers national and international events, government policies, economic statistics and scientific advancements likely to appear in the exam, and is tailored to the institute's curriculum.

The compilation is available in PDF and interactive formats on Vajiram & Ravi's official website and mobile app, allowing candidates to study offline or on the go.

institute aims to help aspirants revise effectively and perform better in the competitive exam.

POLITICS

Central Minister Kiren Rijiju Inaugurates New Market Shed and School Buildings in Aalo East, Arunachal



Central Minister Kiren Rijiju inaugurated a new market shed and several school buildings in Aalo East, Arunachal Pradesh. These constructions were completed under central government schemes aimed at organising local trade and improving educational facilities for children.

Officials said the market shed will provide vendors with a structured space, while the school buildings will accommodate the growing student population. The inauguration underscores the government's focus on infrastructure development in the Northeast.

Local administration welcomed the minister's presence and expressed hope for the project's positive impact on livelihood and education.

RELIGION

Buddhist Relics Arrive at Golden Pagoda



The Golden Pagoda in Arunachal Pradesh is nearing the final stage of displaying Buddhist relics. These relics, considered sacred by Buddhists worldwide, have been brought to the pagoda for devotees to pay tribute and participate in religious ceremonies.

The exhibition is expected to attract a large number of pilgrims from India and abroad.

International Races Experience Bamboo Rafting Before Mechuka Qualifiers



International adventure racing teams arrived in Arunachal Pradesh to prepare for the Mechuka Championship qualifier. Prior to the qualifier, they were introduced to traditional bamboo rafting on a local river.

Bamboo rafts, bound with natural ropes, enhance teamwork and river-reading skills essential for racing in swift currents.

Organisers of the Mechuka qualifier in the Siang district said that incorporating such local traditions into the competition promotes tourism and preserves the cultural heritage of indigenous communities. Teams from various countries appreciated the unique experience and are excited for the upcoming challenging race.

This initiative is a step toward making Arunachal a hub for adventure sports, with plans for more international events in the future.

Mahabahu.com Questions the Neglect of Arunachal Pradesh



Mahabahu.com published an article titled "Why is Arunachal Pradesh considered only a border state, and why are its people and history being neglected?" The article explains that due to its proximity to the India-China border, Arunachal Pradesh is often viewed merely as a strategic point. The state's diverse tribal cultural heritage, historical narratives, and socio-economic contributions receive insufficient attention in mainstream discourse. The article calls for eradicating this neglect and broadly recognising the state's identity, urging policymakers, media, and the public to shift their focus beyond security concerns.

POLITICS

Dhankar says Act East policy has brought prosperity to Northeast



Dhankar said that the Act East policy, designed to enhance economic and strategic cooperation with East Asian countries, is now delivering clear benefits to the northeastern states. He noted that recent infrastructure projects, improved connectivity, and increasing trade flows are outcomes of this policy. Significant growth in foreign investment is being observed in the Northeast, especially in tourism, manufacturing, and renewable energy sectors. New road-rail links are reducing logistical bottlenecks, while cross-border trade has also increased. Future steps include deepening cooperation with Japan, South Korea, and ASEAN countries, and additional funds have been allocated for skill development and digital infrastructure. Dhankar said that continuous implementation will further integrate the region into global value chains and improve the livelihoods of local people.

Adi Galo Council gives Arunachal government 48 hours to respond to dam opposition demands



The Adi Tribal Council, representing the Adi community in Arunachal Pradesh, has formally requested the state government to respond within 48 hours to the opposition against the proposed dam. This demand arose amid growing concerns among locals about environmental impact and displacement risks. Council officials said the deadline is intended to compel the government to clarify whether the dam will be implemented, as it is essential to safeguard the river ecosystem and tribal livelihoods. They did not specify what steps would follow if the government fails to meet the deadline. So far, the Arunachal Pradesh government has not publicly responded, but sources say officials are reviewing the council's petition. The dam is part of a larger hydroelectric development plan that has faced opposition from tribal groups alongside support for renewable energy. If the government replies within the stipulated time, it could open a path for negotiating mitigation measures. Conversely, a delayed or negative response could lead to increased protests and legal challenges by the Adi Galo Council and allied environmental organisations.

POLITICS

Arunachal CM to present journalist pension scheme in cabinet



The Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh has announced that a new pension scheme for journalists will be presented before the state cabinet. The announcement was made during a recent public assembly, where the CM emphasized the importance of recognizing and supporting journalists' vital role in society. No details about the specific provisions or benefits of the proposed pension scheme have been released yet.

Arunachal CM urges street vendors to avail bank loans, PM Swaraj, Mudra schemes



The Chief Minister of Arunachal Pradesh addressed street vendors across the state, encouraging them to take bank loans. He highlighted the PM Swaraj scheme, which offers interest subsidies to small traders, and urged vendors to register under this program. The CM also mentioned the Mudra scheme, which provides financial assistance to micro and small enterprises. He urged vendors to visit their nearest banks and apply for these schemes, stating that such support would help increase sales and improve livelihoods.