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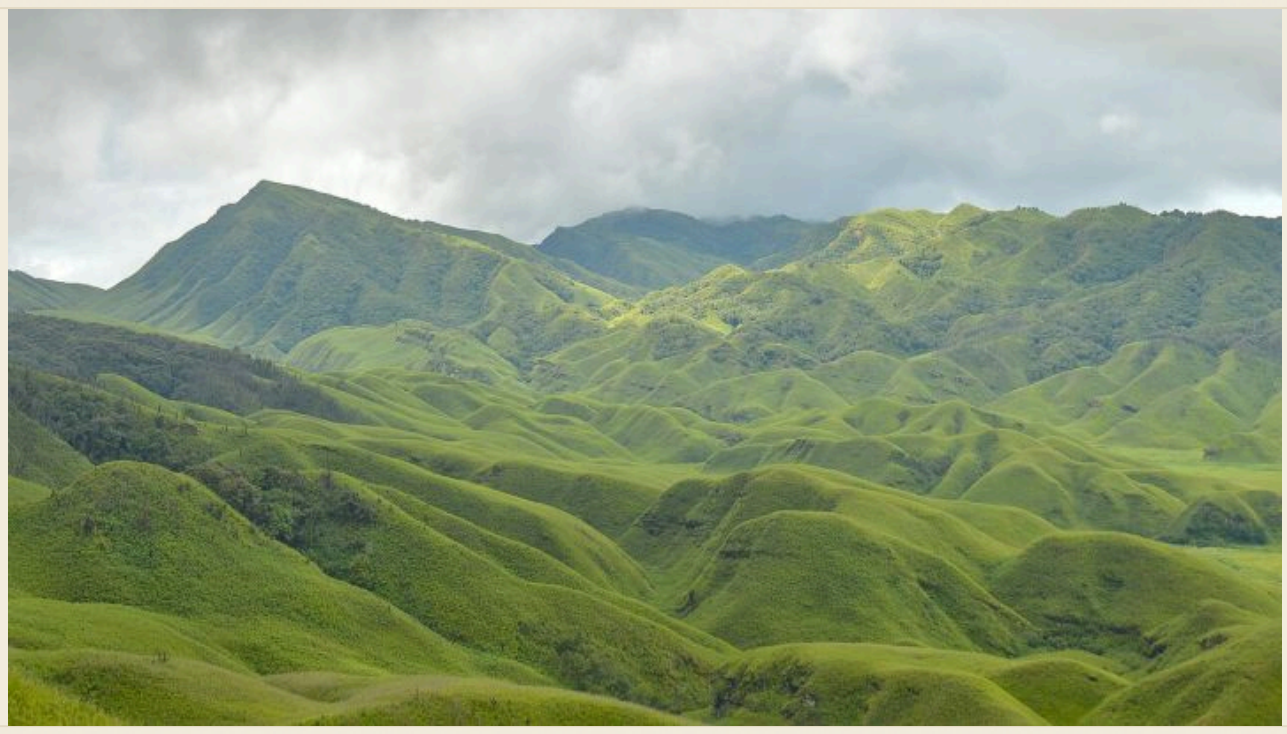
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SCIENCE

Magnitude 5.3 earthquake recorded near Tuensang, Nagaland



According to Volcano Discovery, a magnitude 5.3 earthquake was recorded near Tuensang, Nagaland.

Local officials stated that there have been no reports of loss of life or widespread damage from the earthquake so far.

The India Meteorological Department has deployed teams to monitor potential aftershocks and is advising the public on safety measures. Seismic activity is periodically observed in this region due to its proximity to Himalayan fault lines, making continuous monitoring necessary.

TRAVEL

27th Hornbill Festival to be held in Nagaland in December



The Nagaland Tourism Department has announced that the 27th Hornbill Festival will be held in December 2026. The annual cultural event attracts visitors from across India and abroad, featuring traditional dances, music, handicrafts, and local cuisine. Organizers said the festival will boost tourism in the state and provide a platform for tribal communities to showcase their heritage. Exact dates and the program schedule will be released in the near future. The announcement reflects Nagaland's commitment to promoting its rich cultural heritage.

Traditionally held in the capital, Kohima, the Hornbill Festival has become a major attraction in the region. This year's edition will also offer artists, performers, and tourists an opportunity to experience the vibrant traditions of the Naga tribes. Local authorities are preparing infrastructure and security measures to manage the crowds.

Stakeholders expect the festival to drive economic activity for local hotels, transport services, and artisans. The state government has pledged support to ensure a smooth and festive environment for all participants.

EDUCATION

Northeast's First TUMO Tech Center Opens in Dimapur, Nagaland



The Nagaland government has announced that the Northeast's first TUMO Creative Technology Center will be established in Dimapur. The state's Department of Education has confirmed the decision, marking a significant step toward digital and creative education in the region.

TUMO, an internationally recognized after-school learning hub based in Armenia, provides project-based training in fields such as graphic design, animation, coding, and digital marketing. The model combines technology-driven curricula with mentorship to teach students market-ready skills without the traditional classroom setting.

Officials believe the Dimapur center will attract hundreds of young students from Nagaland and neighboring states, offering them employment opportunities in emerging creative industries. The center plans to begin operations by mid-2025, featuring state-of-the-art labs, studios, and collaborative workspaces.

The project is being implemented in partnership with the TUMO Foundation and is receiving financial support from the state government and private sponsors. All parties hope the center will empower local talent and become a hub for innovative digital education in the region.

TRAVEL

Nagaland eases PAP rules for foreign travellers



Nagaland officials have announced that foreign travellers will no longer require a Protected Area Permit (PAP) to visit most parts of the state starting December. The change aims to boost tourism and simplify travel procedures for international visitors.

Under the new guidelines, travellers from countries outside India will not need a PAP to enter Nagaland, although special permits may still be required for certain sensitive areas. This step is part of a broader effort to promote the state's natural beauty and cultural heritage.

Tourism officials estimate that the relaxation will increase the number of visitors and support the local economy. They have urged travellers to check the latest travel advisories and adhere to safety protocols while exploring the landscapes of Nagaland.

The decision was taken in consultation with the Ministry of Tourism and aligns with similar reforms in other northeastern states.

INTERNATIONAL

Modi Arrives in Philippines, Promises New Energy for Asian Summits



Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Manila on Tuesday, landing at Ninoy Aquino International Airport after a flight from New Delhi. The visit is part of the Asia-India and Asia-East Summits being held in the Philippines.

In a brief press briefing, Modi emphasized the importance of strengthening ties with Asian nations and highlighted India's commitment to deepening cooperation in trade, technology, and security. He stated that the summits would serve as a platform to explore new avenues of collaboration.

The Prime Minister also expressed his intention to launch joint initiatives to promote bilateral trade, strengthen maritime security cooperation, and expand cultural exchanges. He described the trip as a step to inject "new energy" into India-Philippines relations.

Analysts believe this move aligns with India's broader strategy to increase its influence in Southeast Asia, while the Philippines seeks to diversify its diplomatic partnerships beyond traditional allies.

SPORTS

Medzipema FA wins 26th NSF Martyrs Memorial Trophy 2026



The Nagaland Football Association concluded the 26th Martyrs Memorial Trophy on Saturday, with Medzipema Football Academy claiming the title. Clubs from various regions participated in the competition, and Medzipema FA secured the top spot after an impressive performance in the final.

New Market Football Club also recorded a notable victory during the tournament, raising the overall level of competition. Both clubs appreciated the organization of the event and acknowledged the enthusiastic support of local spectators.

Organizers highlighted the smooth conduct of the tournament and expressed hope to host the event again next year, promising even more exciting matches for football enthusiasts.

The successful conclusion of the 26th Martyrs Memorial Trophy reflects the growing quality of football in Nagaland and underscores the importance of regional competitions in nurturing local talent.

Sponsors and stakeholders, including the Nagaland Sports Council, praised the sportsmanship of the participating teams and expressed hope for the continued development of the sport at the grassroots level.

Nagaland's Health Budget Cuts 29%, CAG Highlights Doctor-Nurse Shortage



The Nagaland Health Department recorded a 29% cut in the budget for this fiscal year, as shown in the latest figures released by the state. This sharp reduction drew the attention of the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG), which issued a report on the matter.

The CAG’s investigation revealed a serious shortage of doctors, nurses and essential health services. The report stated that the budget cut disrupted recruitment, training and maintenance of existing medical infrastructure, leaving health services inadequate in many districts.

State officials acknowledged the report and said they would review the audit findings and plan corrective measures. No concrete action has yet been announced, but the department indicated it will seek additional funding to fill the major staffing gaps and sustain basic health services.

The situation underscores growing concerns about the availability of health services in Nagaland’s remote areas, where limited resources already hinder the provision of adequate medical care.

AGRICULTURE

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman Leads Second Pre-Budget Meeting with Agricultural Experts



Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman led a second pre-budget meeting with agricultural experts, clarifying the government's intention to incorporate a regional perspective into the upcoming budget. The meeting was part of a consultation series aimed at gathering extensive stakeholder feedback before finalising the budget. Representatives from various sectors of the agricultural field discussed challenges, opportunities and potential policy measures to increase production and improve farmers' welfare. The minister emphasised the need to address farmers' concerns and promote inclusive development in the sector. Key takeaways from the discussion will influence budget proposals and shape future agricultural policy initiatives.

Activists demand full implementation of Senior Citizens Welfare Act across all Naga districts



A formal petition has been presented to the state administration demanding the prompt implementation of the Senior Citizens Welfare Act across all districts of Nagaland. Filed by an alliance of senior citizen groups and social workers, the petition states that several districts have yet to enforce the provisions of the 2015 law, leaving elderly citizens without guaranteed benefits.

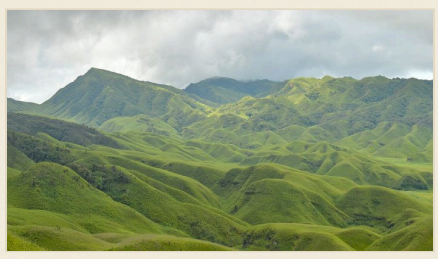
The Act aims to provide financial assistance, health support, and social security measures, and mandates the establishment of dedicated welfare cells in every district. Petitioners argue that the lack of such cells has hindered access to pensions, medical subsidies, and senior-friendly infrastructure.

State officials have been requested to issue clear guidelines, allocate necessary funds, and monitor compliance across the 12 districts. Activists have also demanded a timeline for implementation and a grievance redressal mechanism, stating that timely action is essential to protect the rights and dignity of the elderly.

If the petition is accepted, the government is likely to constitute a task force to oversee the swift delivery of the Act’s benefits to intended recipients.

LIFESTYLE

Nagaland State Lottery Results Announced for 16 November 2026



The official results for the Nagaland State Lottery on 16 November 2026 have been announced.

The draw was conducted at three scheduled times throughout the day: 1 pm, 6 pm and 8 pm.

Participants and ticket holders can now view the complete list of winners for all three time slots. The results provide winning numbers that correspond to the various prize categories offered in the state lottery scheme.

Interested individuals are advised to match their ticket numbers against the official winners list to confirm their status. This announcement follows the daily draw process maintained by the Nagaland State Lottery Department.

Nagaland Governor: Chhath Pooja fosters self-discipline, harmony, and respect for nature



Kohima, Nagaland – At the Chhath Pooja celebrations, the Governor noted that the festival encourages self-discipline among devotees. The rituals dedicated to the sun and rivers foster a sense of personal commitment and responsibility.

The Governor also highlighted that families singing together, observing fasts, and adhering to traditional customs strengthen social harmony. This collective participation bridges cultural differences among various communities and promotes unity.

Finally, he drew attention to the environmental aspect, stating that reverence for the sun and water sources generates respect for nature. He urged citizens to translate this respect into concrete steps toward environmental conservation.

These remarks were heard by local officials, cultural groups, and representatives of the Chhath community, reflecting the festival's growing national recognition.

TRAVEL

Nagaland Relaxes PAP Rules for Foreign Tourists from Nov 26 to Dec 15



The Nagaland government has decided to temporarily waive the requirement for a Protected Area Permit (PAP) for foreign nationals. This relaxation will be in effect from November 26 to December 15, allowing tourists to travel freely across the state without a PAP.

Traditionally, the PAP has been mandatory for foreign visitors in certain districts of Nagaland to protect the region's cultural and environmental integrity. By relaxing this rule during this period, the state aims to attract more international tourists during the holiday season.

Officials stated that this decision is part of a broader strategy to promote Nagaland as a key tourism destination and stimulate local economies. The temporary exemption will simplify travel procedures and enable tourists to explore the state's natural landscapes and cultural heritage.

The government will monitor the impact of this policy during the period and may extend or modify it based on tourism trends and security considerations.

Toddler Brings Toy Car to Petrol Pump for 'Refueling,' Attendant Joins in the Fun



A toddler, reportedly four years old, brought a toy car to a petrol pump in India and asked the attendant to refuel it. Amused by the child's request, the attendant played along, treating the process of filling the toy car's tank as a game.

The incident was captured on video and shared on social media, where it quickly went viral due to its lighthearted nature and the attendant's friendly response. Viewers praised the attendant's positive attitude and the child's imaginative play.

Petrol pump staff confirmed that no actual petrol was put into the toy car and that the incident was a harmless, spontaneous interaction. The video has been viewed millions of times, sparking discussions about child safety and responsible social media use.

RELIGION

Nagaland Governor Yadav Participates in Chhath Puja in Dimapur



Nagaland Governor Ganga Prasad Yadav participated in the Chhath Puja celebrations held in Dimapur on Saturday. Organized by local community groups, the event featured the traditional ritual of offering arghya to the Sun God at the riverbank, in which the Governor also took part.

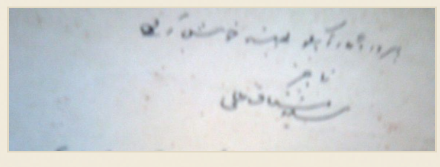
The Governor inspected the arrangements, appreciated the cultural harmony of the attendees, and emphasized the importance of preserving traditional festivals in the Northeast region. He interacted with community leaders, who thanked him for his support of cultural activities.

The festival attracts people from Nagaland and neighboring states and concluded with community feasts and cultural performances. Officials reported that there were no issues with security or crowd management, ensuring the event concluded peacefully.

The Governor's presence reflects the state government's commitment to promoting religious tolerance and encouraging diverse communities to participate in regional festivals.

SPORTS

Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy 2026-27: How to Watch Second Round Matches Live



The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has scheduled the second round matches of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy 2026-27 to be held at various stadiums this month. As the tournament progresses, viewer interest is live stream all second round matches on its official website and mobile app. This service will be available free of charge to registered users, requiring only a simple sign-up process to access the streams.

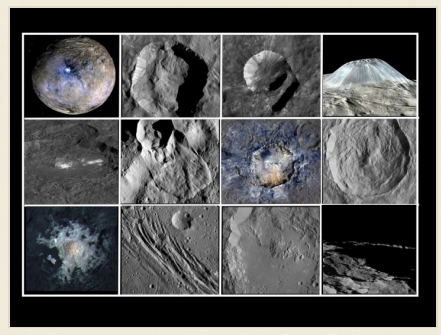
Viewers can also watch the matches in real time on the NDTV Profit television channel. The channel's commentary team will provide ball-by-ball analysis, while the digital feed will include interactive features such as live scores and player statistics.

Streaming times are synchronized with the tournament's official schedule, and matches will be available from their scheduled start until the end. Viewers are advised to check the NDTV Profit platform for any last-minute updates, such as changes in match times or technical issues.

This partnership is expected to expand the viewership of the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy, keeping it a crucial platform for emerging Indian cricketers.

LOCAL

Nagaland Journalists Called 'Intermediaries of Many Worlds'

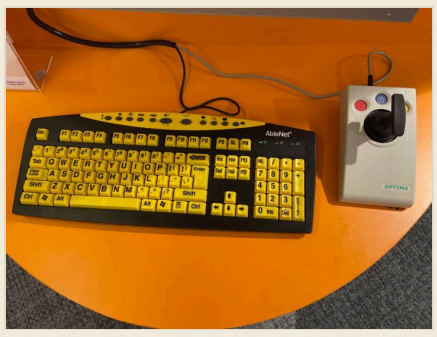


In a special article, MorungExpress described Nagaland's journalists as "intermediaries of many worlds." The piece explains how reporters serve as bridges of information, connecting the state's complex tribal culture, political debates, and social challenges.

The publication highlights that the media is not limited to just delivering news; it facilitates dialogue between different groups, brings voices to the urban population and policymakers, and sheds light on issues ranging from development projects to cultural preservation.

This description underscores the importance of regional journalism in India's Northeast, where linguistic and ethnic diversity necessitates nuanced storytelling. MorungExpress's commentary reiterates that an independent and active press plays a crucial role in bridging gaps and sustaining democratic discourse in Nagaland.

Assistive devices distributed to senior citizens in Meluri



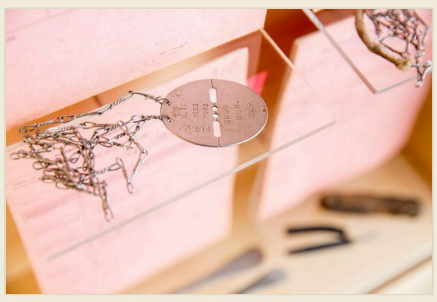
Meluri, Nagaland – A program to distribute assistive devices was organized in Meluri, targeting the senior citizen demographic. According to a report by Eastern Mirror, the initiative provided elderly individuals with tools such as walking aids and hearing assistance. Officials stated that the devices were distributed to facilitate daily life and reduce reliance on caregiving. The program reflects the local administration's ongoing efforts to address the health and mobility needs of the aging population. The community has welcomed the distribution, as it is expected to improve the quality of life for the beneficiaries.

The program was conducted by the district administration in collaboration with local NGOs, although specific details on the number of distributed items or the partners involved were not disclosed. Organizers noted that the initiative falls under broader welfare policies aimed at providing inclusive healthcare services to the elderly. Further training and support will also be provided to ensure the correct use of the devices.

Eastern Mirror highlighted this distribution as one of several ongoing welfare activities for senior citizens in Nagaland, underscoring the government's commitment to sensitive and inclusive health policies.

EDUCATION

Nagaland teacher Seno Tsuah wins equal pay case after eight-year struggle



Seno Tsuah, a dedicated teacher in Nagaland, has achieved a historic victory for equal pay following an eight-year legal battle. The case began in 2015, shedding light on the persistent wage disparities faced by female teachers in the state.

Department had historically paid male teachers higher salaries despite equal qualifications and responsibilities. Tsuah's legal challenge, supported by teachers' unions, argued that this disparity violated constitutional rights to equality.

In December 2023, the High Court ruled in Tsuah's favor, ordering the state to pay her the same salary as male teachers of the same rank and experience. This decision could set a precedent for addressing similar pay inequities in other states.

Education authorities have announced plans to implement the new pay structure immediately, with the first adjustments expected to appear in the next salary cycle. Tsuah expressed gratitude to the court and her colleagues, noting that the decision would benefit thousands of teachers in Nagaland.

NATIONAL

Press Club of India celebrates National Press Day, emphasizes ethical journalism



Press clubs across India celebrated National Press Day, highlighting the critical role of responsible and ethical journalism. The occasion served as a reminder of the importance of upholding journalistic values in a democratic society, such as accuracy, impartiality, and accountability. Press clubs stressed the need for journalists to adhere to ethical standards and strive for impartiality in their reporting.

TRAVEL

Centre temporarily suspends PAP for tourists visiting Nagaland



New Delhi – The Ministry of Home Affairs has issued an order to temporarily suspend the Protected Area Permit (PAP) for all tourists traveling to Nagaland. This move comes after sustained demands from the state assembly and local citizen groups, who had highlighted the negative impact of the PAP on tourism and the local economy.

domestic and foreign travelers will be allowed to enter Nagaland without obtaining a PAP, streamlining the previously lengthy process. The government described this measure as an effort to boost tourist footfall during the peak season and to test the feasibility of long-term policy changes.

The central government stated that the exemption is experimental and will be reviewed after a specified period, taking into account visitor numbers and security assessments. Security protocols will remain in place, while the requirement for a PAP will be removed.

State officials welcomed the announcement, stating that it aligns with efforts to reach Nagaland's cultural heritage and natural attractions to a wider audience. The Tourism Department plans to launch a promotional campaign soon to leverage the new facility.

The exemption from the PAP does not imply any changes to other entry permit rules for border areas or protected wildlife zones; those will continue to apply as per existing regulations.

POLITICS

NPP challenges Nagaland forest law amendments under Article 371A



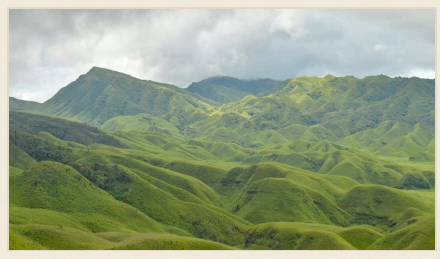
The National People's Progressive Party (NPP) has formally challenged the implementation of recent amendments to Nagaland's forest conservation laws. The party stated that these changes violate the state's autonomy granted under Article 371A of the Constitution, which confers special legislative powers on Nagaland.

NPP representatives argued that the amendments, which tighten hunting and habitat protection regulations, were introduced without consulting the state government, thereby breaching the procedural safeguards inherent in Article 371A. The party has demanded that the Nagaland Legislative Assembly review these changes before they are implemented.

central government moves to standardize forest conservation across India, while regional parties in the Northeast advocate for respecting constitutional provisions and considering the state's unique cultural and administrative context.

LOCAL

Nagaland Lottery: Winner of ₹1 crore jackpot announced in Monday draw



The Nagaland State Lottery held its Monday draw at 1 PM today, capturing the attention of lottery enthusiasts across the state. A ₹1 crore jackpot was declared during the draw, a substantial prize that has generated widespread interest.

Officials confirmed that the winner was selected through a random draw, ensuring fairness and transparency in the process. The winner's ticket number and name have been made public.

In addition to the jackpot, the lottery awarded several smaller prizes. The detailed list of all winners, including prize amounts, has been published on the official website.

Lottery operators emphasized that the revenue generated from the draw will support state welfare programs, continuing the use of lottery proceeds for public benefit.

Participating lottery ticket holders are encouraged to visit the official website to check detailed results and verify their ticket numbers.

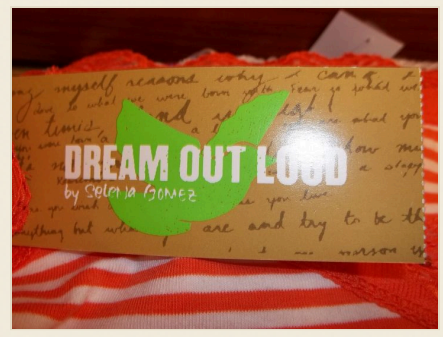
Zverev defeats Shelton in US Open final rematch



Alexander Zverev won against Shelton in the US Open final rematch. In this match, Zverev repeated his earlier victory, dominating his opponent. The match was played under normal tournament conditions and Zverev clearly secured the win. This result gives a positive sign for Zverev's preparation for upcoming major tournaments, while Shelton will have to re-prepare for future matches. The report does not provide any additional information on the score or tournament stage.

ASTROLOGY

Asianet News Hindi releases Dear Dream Wednesday lottery results for 18 November



Asianet News Hindi stated that the results of the Dear Dream Wednesday lottery held on 18 November are now available. This draw is part of the weekly Dear Dream series and was held on Wednesday, 18 November, with the results published on the channel's Hindi platform.

The published results include the winning numbers and prize distribution, following the standard format set by the state lottery department. Interested players can match their tickets against the numbers shown on Asianet News Hindi's website or television broadcast.

This lottery is widely played in India and offers cash prizes ranging from small to large based on the number of matches. The channel advised players to check the official results and claim prizes within the stipulated claim period.

The brief announcement does not provide additional information about the total prize money or number of winners.