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CRIME

SP Yangchen Dolker Bhutia Admits Woman to District Hospital After Poisoning Allegations



In Rampur district, a woman accused Yangchen Dolker Bhutia, the Superintendent of Police (SP) of the local police, of attempting to poison her. The woman made this claim while holding a suicide note in her hand.

Additionally, the woman leveled serious charges of assault and harassment against 10 to 12 members of her in-laws. She filed a police complaint regarding these allegations.

Upon receiving information about the incident, SP Yangchen Dolker Bhutia took immediate action by sending the woman to the district hospital, where her treatment began.

The woman was provided with necessary medical assistance at the hospital, and orders were issued for further investigation into the matter.

— Sonu Kumar Arhat

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 an

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 shop

INTERNATIONAL

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.

HEALTH

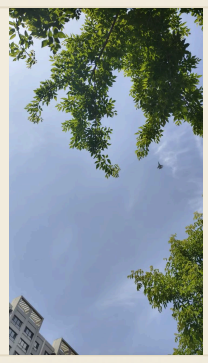
Sikkim CM Inaugurates New MICU at STNAM Hospital



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.

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.

BUSINESS

Sikkim Supreme Sends First Shipment to USA and Australia



Sikkim Supreme, a manufacturer based in Sikkim, has sent its first export shipment to the United States and Australia, marking the brand's entry into the global market. The shipment includes the company's main product line and has been handed over to an international logistics partner.

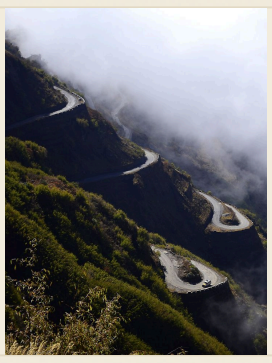
State officials said this export aligns with a broader strategy to promote Sikkim’s local agriculture-based enterprises abroad. They also noted that this would create new revenue sources and inspire other entrepreneurs in the region to venture into foreign markets.

The shipment is expected to reach its destination within the standard transit period, after which distributors in both countries will begin local sales.

Industry analysts have viewed this move positively for Sikkim’s export potential, stating that successful entry into the USA and Australia could open up further opportunities in North America and Oceania. The company will closely monitor market response and consider the possibility of additional shipments later this year.

AUTOMOBILE

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.

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The exact schedule and venue are yet to be finalized, and the organising committee will release further details in the coming weeks.

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.

BUSINESS

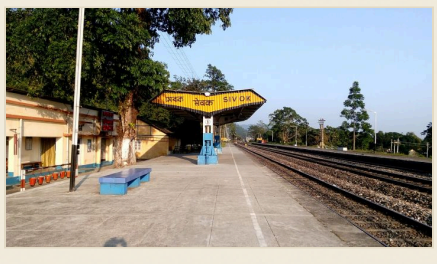
'Suprem' Tea from Sikkim Hits Markets in the US and Australia



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.

NATIONAL

Sikkim to Get First Rail Connectivity by June 2028 as Work Progresses on Sevoke–Rangpo Line



New Delhi has stated that the Himalayan state of Sikkim is likely to receive its first rail connection by June 2028. The Sevoke–Rangpo line, which spans approximately 45 km of difficult terrain from Sevoke in West Bengal to Rangpo in Sikkim, is the most significant infrastructure project to will not only facilitate the transport of passengers and cargo but also strengthen defense logistics on the India-China border and give a new direction to tourism in the region.

Currently, civil works, tunnel construction, and bridge installation are advancing sequentially on the Sevoke–Rangpo project. Indian Railways, the Ministry of Defence, and the Ministry of Railways have jointly deployed heavy machinery and specialized teams to this challenging terrain.

Officials say the project will create employment opportunities for local residents and reduce the several-hour road journey between Siliguri and Gangtok to a matter of minutes by train. Additionally, the line will integrate Sikkim's lush fruit and vegetable producers into the national freight network by lowering logistics costs.

The June 2028 deadline reflects the government's commitment to completing the project before the next parliamentary session, which is expected to accelerate infrastructure development in the Northeast.

POLITICS

BJP Sikkim Women's Wing Welcomes Meghalaya Delegation in Gangtok

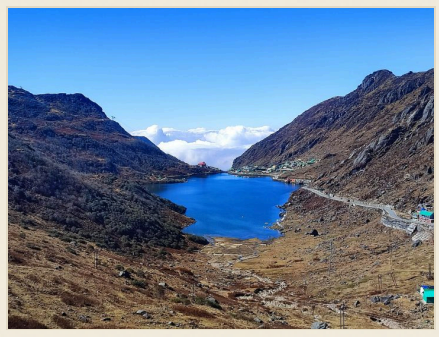


The Women's Wing of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) held a meeting in Gangtok, the capital of Sikkim, on Thursday. At the event, senior BJP women leaders welcomed a delegation from the neighboring state of Meghalaya.

During the meeting, both sides discussed collaborative initiatives for women's empowerment and cultural exchange. Outlines for joint projects were prepared to promote opportunities in education, health, and livelihoods.

The BJP Sikkim Women's Wing reaffirmed its commitment to resolving local issues, while the Meghalaya delegation shared experiences from successful schemes in their state. Both sides pledged to maintain regular contact in the future.

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.

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.

POLITICS

Sikkim High Court Recognizes Darjeeling-Sikkim Integration Talks as Free Speech



The Sikkim High Court has declared that any discussion regarding the merger of Darjeeling and Sikkim is protected under the constitutional provision for free speech. The court clarified that such dialogue is part of democratic expression and cannot be criminalized. This affirmation of protection underscores the importance of keeping debates on public policy open and critical. The ruling will influence how future discussions on regional integration are legally safeguarded.

Sikkim CM Prem Singh Tamang Meets Young Players at Junior National Badminton Championship



Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang recently met with young players during the Junior National Badminton Championship. On the occasion, he encouraged these emerging athletes who are competing at the national level.

While interacting with the young shuttlers, the Chief Minister emphasized the importance of discipline and patience in sports. Such messages serve as an inspiration for young players, demonstrating that the state leadership values their efforts.

The Junior National Badminton Championship is a significant platform for young players to showcase their talent and gain recognition at the national level. The presence of the state's chief leader at the event highlighted the growing emphasis on grassroots sports development in the region.

TRAVEL

Cherry Blossoms Turn Sikkim's Temyo Tea Garden into a Pink Paradise



The blooming of cherry blossoms at Temyo Tea Garden in Sikkim has transformed the area into a vibrant pink landscape. Local officials said the flowers have blanketed the tea gardens, creating a mesmerizing scene that is attracting tourists and photographers from across the region. The garden, situated in the foothills of the Himalayas, is known for its lush tea plantations and scenic views. Visitors are encouraged to stroll along pathways lined with blooming trees and enjoy the serene ambiance. The event is expected to boost local tourism in anticipation of the upcoming spring season.

INTERNATIONAL

Sikkim Showcases Traditional Crafts and Handloom at Bharat Mela 2026 in Bhutan



Sikkim's presentation was a highlight at Bharat Mela 2026, a cultural exhibition held in Bhutan.

A delegation from Sikkim presented a range of traditional crafts, handloom textiles, and local products, showcasing the region's rich artisanal heritage.

Sikkim's cultural identity and strengthen ties with Bhutanese visitors and other participating countries.

JOBS & CAREER

Sikkim High Court Rejects Challenge to Protocol Officer's Dismissal



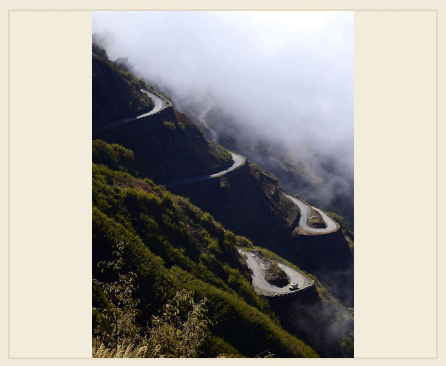
The Sikkim High Court on Tuesday dismissed a petition seeking the reversal of the state government's decision to dismiss a protocol officer. The petitioner argued that the dismissal was arbitrary and violated procedural rules, but the court found no solid basis for these claims.

The court's order validated the government's authority to dismiss the officer, noting that the action was taken in accordance with the relevant service rules. No additional relief was granted to the petitioner, and the decision was considered final unless appealed to a higher court.

Legal experts stated that the ruling reflects the judiciary's tolerance for administrative decisions, provided due process is followed. The case highlights the procedural safeguards public employees in the state face in employment disputes.

TRAVEL

Sikkim Riders Meet 2026 Kicks Off in Dzongu, Promoting Tourism and Biker Camaraderie



The Sikkim Riders Meet 2026 was inaugurated on Monday in the Dzongu region, with the objective of introducing motorcycle enthusiasts to the state's natural beauty and promoting tourism. Organizers stated that the event aims to attract riders from across the country to strengthen the local tourism economy.

The event features group rides, cultural performances, and opportunities for interaction with local communities. By combining the thrill of motorcycling with the region's heritage, organizers hope to establish lasting connections between travelers and host villages.

This initiative is part of a broader strategy by the Sikkim Tourism Department to diversify the tourist profile and promote sustainable travel. Increased footfall is expected at local homestays, restaurants, and handicraft businesses.

Safety and conservation measures have been implemented with environmental sensitivity in mind to ensure no adverse impact on Dzongu's delicate ecosystem. The meet is scheduled to last three days, after which participants will be encouraged to continue their journey to other parts of the state.

Overall, the Sikkim Riders Meet 2026 aims to position Dzongu as a key destination for motorcycle enthusiasts by linking adventure tourism with community engagement.

First Prize of ₹1 Crore Awarded in Nov 18 Draw – Winner List Released



The Lottery Authority announced the results of the November 18 draw on Tuesday. The first prize of ₹1 crore was awarded to a ticket holder whose number matched the winning combination. The list of all winners, including those for the second and third prizes, has been made available on the official website and authorized news outlets. Claimants are advised to verify their ticket details and submit the required documents within the stipulated deadline to receive their payment. This lottery remains a popular chance game across the country, with millions of participants taking part every month.

Sikkim Governor congratulates Mangnan Nagar Panchayat on winning the Swachh City Award



The Governor of Sikkim extended official congratulations to the Mangnan Nagar Panchayat and the Urban Development Department (UDD) on receiving the Swachh City Award. The honor recognizes the city's sustained efforts in solid waste management, sanitation infrastructure, and community participation.

The Swachh City Award, conferred under the Swachh Bharat Mission, is granted to municipalities that meet stringent sanitation standards. Mangnan's achievement is a result of its systematic door-to-door waste collection, regular street cleaning drives, and effective public awareness programs.

Local officials welcomed the recognition, stating that the award will inspire further sanitation improvements and encourage other cities in the state to adopt similar practices. The Governor's message emphasized the importance of citizen cooperation in creating a clean environment.

regional media, highlighting the growing importance of sustainable urban development in Sikkim's hill districts, where geographical challenges and limited resources make waste management a difficult task.

INTERNATIONAL

PM Modi calls for a free and open Indo-Pacific at the Asian Summit



Prime Minister Narendra Modi advocated for a free and open Indo-Pacific region during his address at the Asian Summit. He stated that such an environment is essential for economic development and security.

Modi stressed the importance of maintaining a rules-based order, urging member countries to cooperate in maritime security, trade facilitation, and disaster response. He noted that collective efforts would help prevent any attempts to restrict navigation or trade routes in the region.

The summit, which brought together the leaders of ten Asian countries, provided India with a platform to reaffirm its commitment to regional stability and inclusive development. Modi's remarks were viewed as an affirmation of India's Indo-Pacific strategy.

Prime Minister aimed to strengthen partnerships that promote shared prosperity and address emerging security challenges in the maritime domain.

POLITICS

Sikkim CM welcomes media on National Press Day



At an event held in Sikkim, the Chief Minister warmly welcomed the media community on National Press Day. The event aimed to recognize the crucial role of journalism in the state's development. Reporters from local and national media attended the program, where they were briefed on upcoming initiatives. The Chief Minister emphasized the importance of a free press and encouraged constructive dialogue between the government and the media. The event concluded with a brief address by the Chief Minister, which stressed transparency and accountability.

Sikkim BJP Women's Wing files police complaint over objectionable Facebook post



The BJP Women's Wing in Sikkim has filed a formal complaint with local police, labeling a post published on Facebook as objectionable. The complaint was registered at a police station in the state capital, requesting an investigation into the source and intent of the post. No information has been released yet regarding the content of the post or its author, as the investigation is ongoing. The Women's Wing stated that it will fully cooperate with the police and that appropriate legal action will be taken if the post is found to violate India's cyber or defamation laws. Police have not made any additional comments at this time.