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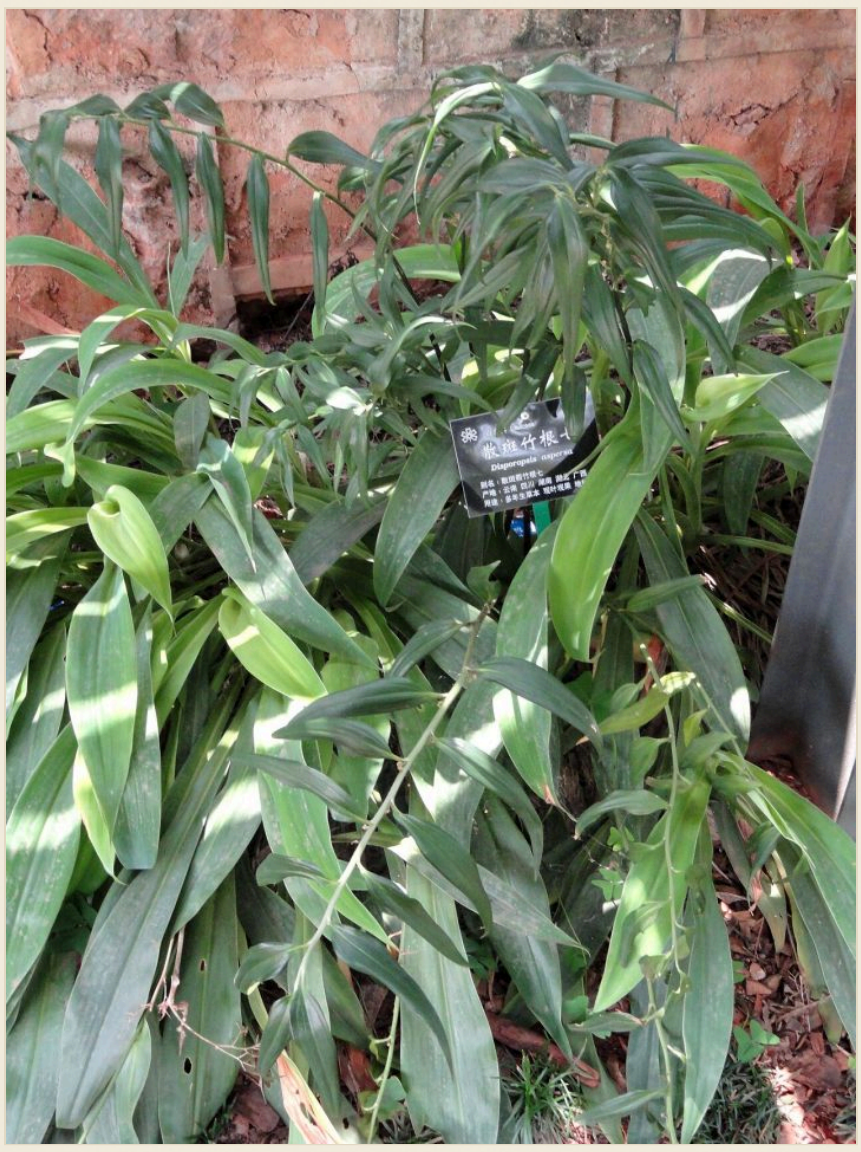
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SCIENCE

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.

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 milit

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

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.

POLITICS

CM Pema Khandu Unveils Shaurya Bhumi at Jang on Nooranaang Day



Jang, Arunachal Pradesh – Chief Minister Pema Khandu inaugurated Shaurya Bhumi on Nooranaang Day, a site dedicated to honoring bravery. Local officials and citizens witnessed the unveiling of the memorial.

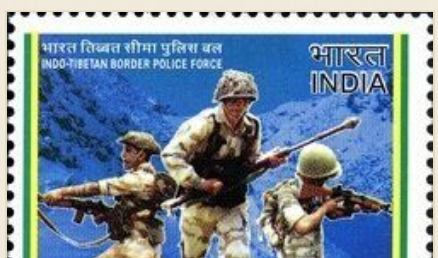
The event highlights the regional significance of Nooranaang Day, a day in the state dedicated to remembering historical acts of valor. While specific historical details were not cited, the day serves as a focal point for commemorating courage.

During the inauguration, Chief Minister Khandu addressed the crowd, emphasizing the need to preserve the legacy of bravery for future generations. He formally opened the site and called on citizens to reflect on the sacrifices that have shaped the history of Arunachal Pradesh.

The Shaurya Bhumi complex includes a plaque and a landscaped area established for public remembrance. Officials plan to make the site a permanent monument to the region's heroism.

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.

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.

The exhibition displayed the sacred 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.

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.

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.

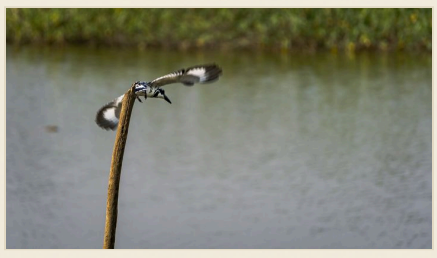
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BUSINESS

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.

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.

LOCAL

Arunachal MP Tai Tagak Distributes Rs 9 Lakh Relief to Fire Victims in Kurung Kumey



MP Tai Tagak visited Kurung Kumey district in Arunachal Pradesh and distributed Rs 9 lakh in relief funds to families affected by a recent fire. The assistance was handed over in a small ceremony attended by local officials and community leaders. The fire, which broke out in the early hours of the day, caused extensive damage to homes and left many residents without shelter. Tagak stated that the government will continue to support affected families with additional aid and reconstruction assistance.

LOCAL

DM Bans Loud Music and Events After 10 PM in Pasighat



The Pasighat district administration announced that all loud music, sound systems, and live events will be shut down after 10 PM. The order, issued by the District Magistrate, applies to bars, clubs, wedding venues, and any private gatherings where noise levels are high. Local police have been instructed to impose fines or take custody of violators who breach the ban. Officials stated that this measure is taken to maintain peace in urban areas and to reduce health and safety risks associated with noise pollution. The ban is implemented in light of growing concerns over noise pollution in several Indian cities.

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.

NATIONAL

NEEPCO Pare Hydropower Team Honored for Flood Rescue Work in Arunachal Pradesh



The NEEPCO Pare Hydropower team was honored at a ceremony for their role in recent flood rescue operations in Arunachal Pradesh. The floods, which struck the region earlier this month, caused widespread damage and trapped many residents.

The team quickly deployed boats and rescue equipment to reach affected communities. Their coordinated efforts resulted in the evacuation of dozens of people from high-risk areas and the delivery of essential supplies to those isolated by rising waters.

The award recognized the team's dedication and the importance of rapid response during natural disasters. It also highlighted NEEPCO's commitment to community safety and flood management.

Officials, praising the team's professionalism, called for continued investment in infrastructure and training to handle future flood incidents.

EDUCATION

Discussion on Proposed VELS Medical College in Namsai, Arunachal



Officials from Arunachal Pradesh, including a representative named Meen, deliberated on the proposal for a VELS Medical College in Namsai. The discussion highlighted the need for a medical institution in the region and the steps required to advance the project.

The proposed college is expected to address the shortage of qualified doctors in the state, as it will offer both undergraduate and postgraduate programs and serve as a referral center for local healthcare services. Stakeholders noted that the institution would bring improvements to both the education and health sectors.

but officials said that a detailed feasibility study, land allocation, and financial arrangements will be reviewed in the coming weeks, after which formal approval will be considered.

POLITICS

Testing Group Demands Action from Water Resources Minister Patil on Arunachal's Water Issues



Testing, a regional advocacy group, has sent an official request to Water Resources Minister Patil, demanding intervention on several water-related issues in Arunachal Pradesh. The group highlighted concerns such as inadequate irrigation infrastructure, recurring flood risks in low-lying areas, and delays in the implementation of central water management plans. They urged the minister to undertake regional visits and expedite projects that improve water availability for agricultural and domestic use.

According to a statement by Testing, the lack of coordinated action has left many rural communities vulnerable to risks during the monsoon, while potential hydropower projects remain stalled due to administrative hurdles. The group expressed its desire to align central and state priorities, ensure necessary funding, and establish direct dialogue.

The Ministry of Water Resources has not yet issued a public response, but the appeal reflects growing pressure from stakeholders in the northeastern region for greater attention to the area's specific water needs.

LOCAL

Strike in East Siang halts traffic at Rukshi Gate between Assam and Arunachal



A strike has been implemented in the East Siang district, halting all traffic at Rukshi Gate, the main entry point for vehicles coming from Assam.

The strike has left travelers stranded and disrupted the usual flow of goods transport between the two states.

Local officials stated that the gate remains closed and measures are being taken to assess the situation and arrange for possible alternative routes.

While a strike is a form of protest, initial reports provided no additional information regarding the specific reasons behind this action.

Traffic is expected to return to normal once the strike is lifted.

Crowds flock to Buddhist heritage exhibition in Namsai



A special exhibition showcasing sacred artifacts related to Buddhism was organized in Namsai district, Arunachal Pradesh. The event, organized by local religious organizations, aimed to provide devotees with the opportunity to pay homage to these historical items.

A large crowd gathered at the exhibition, including pilgrims from neighboring states and local residents. Organizers stated that attendance was significantly higher than expected, reflecting the deep reverence for Buddhist heritage in the region.

The administration made special arrangements for crowd control and security, and temporary facilities were set up for visitors. The exhibition will remain open for several days, allowing more people to experience the spiritual significance of these sacred relics.

SARKARI YOJANA

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.

EDUCATION

Census Master Trainer training begins in Naharlagun, Arunachal Pradesh



Training for Census Master Trainers began today in Naharlagun, the administrative center of western Arunachal Pradesh. The course is being conducted in collaboration with the Office of the Registrar General and Census Commissioner, with the aim of equipping selected officials with the necessary skills for survey supervision. Participants will be taught modules on questionnaire management, data verification, and field supervision. This initiative is a significant step for the state in preparing for the upcoming decennial census, ensuring that the data collection process is efficient and accurate.

Arunachal MLA Ninong Ering begins local consultations on greenfield airport in Oyan



Arunachal Pradesh MLA Ninong Ering has launched a consultation session with residents of Oyan village to discuss the proposed greenfield airport plan. The airport is intended to improve connectivity to the remote area, which currently relies on road access and a few small airstrips.

potential benefits of the airport, such as faster travel, increased tourism, and better access to emergency services. He also invited locals to voice concerns regarding land acquisition, environmental impact, and compensation.

This consultation process is part of the state government's broader policy of involving community stakeholders before finalizing projects. A construction timeline has not yet been announced, but discussions will continue in the coming weeks.

Local leaders viewed the initiative positively, stating that improved air connectivity could boost economic development, while also emphasizing the need for a transparent process.

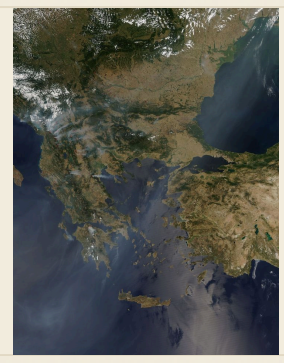
This step aligns with the goal of accelerating infrastructure development in the state's hilly regions and enhancing regional connectivity at the national level.

UPSC Exam: Siang Upper Multi-Purpose Project



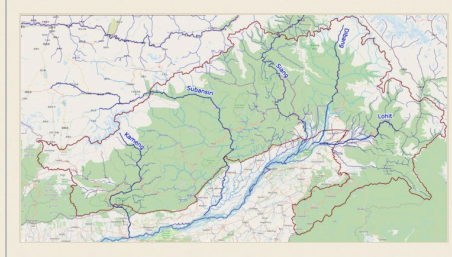
The Siang Upper Multi-Purpose Project, a major infrastructure development initiative in India, has been identified as a significant topic for upcoming UPSC examinations. Located in the northeastern state of Arunachal Pradesh, the project aims to harness the Siang River for power generation and irrigation. The Indian Express emphasizes the importance for candidates preparing for civil service examinations to understand the project's scope, objectives, and potential environmental and social impacts.

Arunachal minister Sona inaugurated five border infrastructure projects in Shi-Yomi



Arunachal's state minister for border affairs Sona formally inaugurated five border infrastructure projects in Shi-Yomi district on Tuesday. These projects, completed last year, include road upgrades, a new bridge over the Lohit River, and the installation of communication towers along the border. Officials said the new infrastructure will facilitate faster movement of goods and troops, and will support local communities by linking them to nearby markets and health facilities.

China-linked users altering Arunachal map to bolster territorial claim



A group of users with ties to China has been found editing the digital map of Arunachal Pradesh on an online platform. The changes aim to depict the area as part of China, bolstering Beijing's long-standing claim. Authorities have noted the edits and are reviewing the map to ensure it reflects correct geopolitical boundaries. The incident highlights the sensitivity of the India-China border dispute and the role of digital platforms in shaping public perception. The government has urged users to adhere to factual representations in online maps to avoid misinformation.