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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

BJP Sikkim Women's Wing Welcomes Meghalaya Delegation in Gangtok

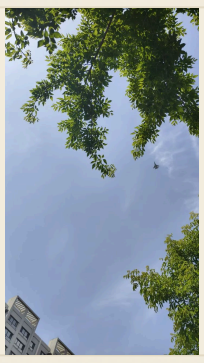
The Women's Wing of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) held a meeting in Gangtok, the capital of Sikkim, on Thursday. At the event, senior BJP women leaders welcomed a delegation from the neighboring state of Meghalaya. During the meeting, both sides discussed collaborative initiatives for women's em

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 equi

DEFENCE

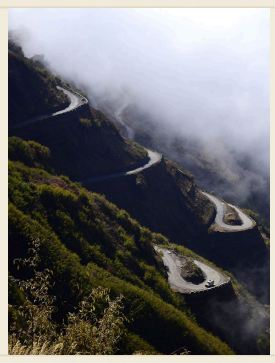
Chinese Military Aircraft Allegedly Crossed Indian Air Boundary in Sikkim



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.

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.

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.

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

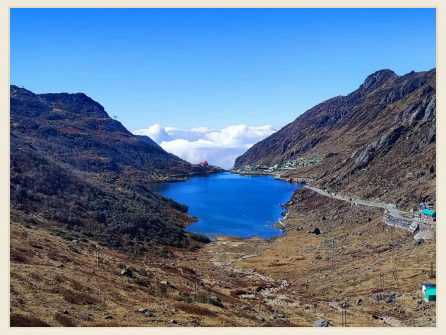
'Suprem' Tea from Sikkim Hits Markets in the US and Australia



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.

ENTERTAINMENT

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 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 date.

The line holds strategic importance; it 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.

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.

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.

LOCAL

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



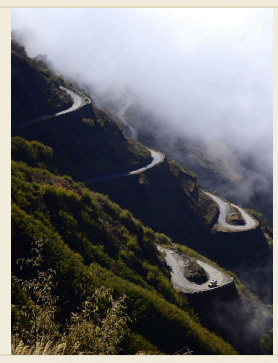
The Governor of Sikkim extended official congratulations to the Mangnan Nagar Panchayat and the Urban Development Department (UDD) on receiving the Swachh City Award. The honor recognizes the city's sustained efforts in solid waste management, sanitation infrastructure, and community participation.

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.

The award ceremony was covered by 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.

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.

TRAVEL

Tongasum Tourism Festival Highlights Darap as a Wellness Tourism Destination



The Tongasum Tourism Festival, held in the hilly region of Sikkim, declared the village of Darap as a leading wellness tourism site. Organisers highlighted Darap's tranquil ambience and traditional practices as integral to holistic health.

Located in Sikkim's remote mountains, Darap offers an ideal setting for yoga, meditation and nature-based therapies. By featuring the village in promotional material, the event aimed to draw tourists desiring authentic wellness experiences.

The announcement is part of a broader strategy to expand Sikkim's tourism portfolio beyond adventure sports and cultural heritage. Officials said that including Darap will boost local livelihoods and encourage sustainable tourism practices.

Participants of the festival will be able to explore Darap's natural trails and learn about the community's traditional wellness rituals, presenting a unique blend of nature and culture.

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



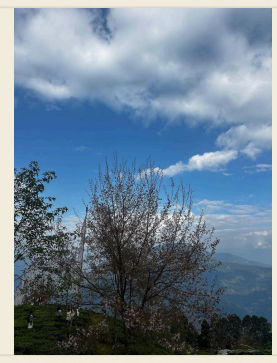
Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang recently met with young players during the Junior National Badminton Championship. On the occasion, he encouraged these emerging athletes who are competing at the national level.

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.

SPORTS

Sikkim vs Nagaland State Match 17 November 2026 – Dailysports Prediction



The local sports calendar has scheduled a clash between Sikkim and Nagaland on 17 November 2026, as noted by the Dailysports portal. Both teams are competing in a state-level tournament, drawing significant regional interest.

recent performances, predict a hard-fought encounter, with distinct strengths from each side coming to the fore. The forecast suggests that Sikkim's home advantage could be decisive, while Nagaland's recent batting form might provide a potential edge.

The portal also offered betting tips, recommending odds based on likely outcomes and statistics. It cautions readers to verify the legality of sports betting in their jurisdiction.

Both teams view the 17-November match as crucial for accumulating points in the league, potentially shaping the direction of their 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.

The exhibition aimed to promote Sikkim's cultural identity and strengthen ties with Bhutanese visitors and other participating countries.

BUSINESS

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.

POLITICS

Sikkim BJP Women Wing Files Complaint Against Man from Meghalaya for Offensive Post



The Sikkim BJP Women Wing has lodged a complaint against a man from Meghalaya.

The complaint alleges that the

relevant authorities for further investigation.

ENTERTAINMENT

Crew Member of Mission Mirchi Dies in Sikkim Truck Accident



A vehicle carrying crew members of 'Mission Mirchi' collided with a truck in the state of Sikkim, resulting in the death of one crew member. The incident occurred recently, and authorities responded promptly at the crash site. Directors Vijay Verma and Jaideep Ahlaawat expressed deep sorrow over the loss and conveyed condolences to the deceased’s family. Investigations are underway to determine the cause of the accident and whether any traffic regulations were breached.

Sikkim INSPIRES Mid-Term Review Highlights Jobs, Entrepreneurship, and Sustainable Livelihoods



The Sikkim INSPIRES program, a collaborative effort between the state government and development partners, concluded its mid-term review this week. The assessment focused on three key areas: job creation, entrepreneurship development, and promoting sustainable livelihoods for local communities.

Review officials reported measurable progress in skill-training initiatives and the establishment of micro-enterprise support units, while also highlighting gaps in market linkages and financial assistance. Based on these findings, recommendations were made to expand successful pilot projects and strengthen coordination with national schemes like Skill India and Startup India.

State authorities stated that this review will help in formulating a revised implementation roadmap, aiming to expand livelihood options for youth and women, particularly in climate-vulnerable districts. This will include environmentally friendly enterprises, value addition in agri-tourism, and the use of renewable energy in small-scale businesses. involve targeted interventions, increased financial support, and regular monitoring to ensure the program's goals translate into tangible economic benefits for the people of Sikkim.

POLITICS

Former Sikkim MLA K.B. Rai Passes Away



Former Sikkim MLA K.B. Rai passed away on Wednesday, prompting expressions of grief from political leaders across the state. Rai served as a member of the Sikkim Legislative Assembly during his political career and played an active role in local development initiatives.

During his tenure in the Assembly, he represented his constituency on issues such as infrastructure and social welfare, earning the respect of both colleagues and voters. Party officials and senior politicians expressed their condolences, acknowledging his contribution to Sikkim's political landscape. death, and funeral arrangements are yet to be released, and the family has requested privacy during this difficult time.

EDUCATION

St. Joseph's College Organizes Academic Discussion on Glacial Lake Outbreaks



St. Joseph's College organized an academic discussion on the issue of glacial lake outburst floods, a growing concern in Himalayan regions. The session provided faculty and students an opportunity to discuss the causes, potential impacts, and monitoring and mitigation measures. Organizers emphasized the need for interdisciplinary research in the context of increasing glacial melt due to climate change and the heightened risk of floods. The college aims to raise awareness among its academic community and encourage further study through this discussion. highlighted the institution's commitment to addressing environmental challenges through education. Participants were encouraged to explore collaborative projects with research institutions working on mountain hydrology and disaster risk reduction.

Focusing on a topic directly impacting Himalayan states, the discussion aims to empower young scholars with knowledge that can support future policies and community preparedness.