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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

Mock drill held in Gangtok to test ropeway disaster safety protocols

Officials in Gangtok conducted a mock drill on ropeway disaster safety on Thursday to evaluate the emergency response mechanisms of the city's cable car system. The exercise was carried out by local disaster management teams with the assistance of municipal authorities. The drill simulated a malfun

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 v

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

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.

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 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.

BUSINESS

SICUN awarded 2026 Indian Cooperative Excellence Award



The Sikkim Cooperative Union (SICUN) has been awarded the 2026 Indian Cooperative Excellence Award. This recognition highlights the organization's sustained efforts and performance in advancing the cooperative movement in the state.

The award serves as a testament to SICUN's role in promoting cooperative principles and supporting its member societies. Although specific details regarding the award ceremony or selection criteria were not available in initial reports, the honor underscores the union's standing in the national cooperative landscape.

This achievement is expected to further strengthen morale in Sikkim's cooperative sector, inspiring continued development in line with cooperative ideals.

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.

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.

SPORTS

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

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.

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.

AGRICULTURE

IAS officer in Gangtok collects honey from balcony, promoting harmony with nature



A senior IAS officer in the hill city of Gangtok has turned his balcony into a small apiary, where he sustainably collects honey.

The officer utilized local bees and harvested the honey without disturbing their natural habitat, demonstrating how urban residents can coexist with nature.

This initiative is part of broader efforts to promote environmental conservation among public officials and the general public, emphasizing the exemplary role of civil servants.

According to the officer, the initiative has sparked interest among residents, encouraging them to adopt similar eco-friendly practices in their own homes.

JOBS & CAREER

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.

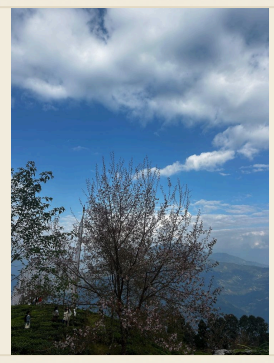
Review officials reported measurable progress in skill-training initiatives and the establishment of micro-enterprise support units, while also highlighting gaps in market linkages and financial assistance. Based on these findings, recommendations were made to expand successful pilot projects and strengthen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

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.

The next phase of INSPIRES will 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.

TRAVEL

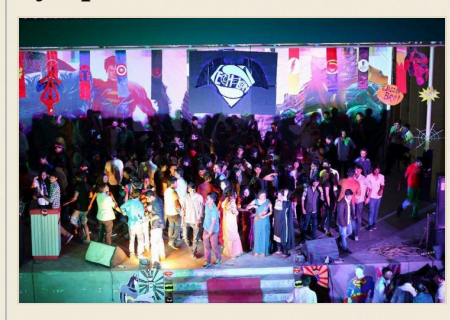
Cherry Blossoms Turn Sikkim’s Temyo Tea Garden into a Pink Paradise



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.

EDUCATION

Sikkim Manipal University hosts 4th Student Research Symposium



Sikkim Manipal University (SMU) hosted the fourth edition of its Student Research Symposium, aimed at encouraging young researchers on campus. Undergraduate and postgraduate students presented their research papers, posters, and projects on various topics.

Organizers emphasized the importance of early exposure to research methodology and peer feedback to foster a culture of inquiry within the student community. Faculty mentors facilitated the sessions, providing guidance on research design, data analysis, and scientific writing.

The university aims to strengthen its research ecosystem through such regular symposia and encourage more students to pursue higher studies or innovation projects.

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.

Through his call for openness, the Prime Minister aimed to strengthen partnerships that promote shared prosperity and address emerging security challenges in the maritime domain.

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.

Reported by Sikkim Express, the event 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.

Defence Minister inaugurates Chungthang-Lachen Road and Taram Chu Bridge in North Sikkim



The Defence Minister inaugurated two critical infrastructure projects in North Sikkim on Wednesday: the Chungthang-Lachen Road and the Taram Chu Bridge. The road, connecting Chungthang and Lachen, links difficult hilly terrains, reducing travel time and facilitating movement for citizens, tourists, and security personnel.

The bridge, constructed over the Taram Chu River, will provide permanent passage in an area prone to seasonal flooding and landslides. Officials stated that the bridge will strengthen supply chains for local communities and enhance logistical support for the Indian Army deployed along the border.

Both projects were implemented by the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) as part of the central government's Frontier Development Plan. The Minister stated that improved connectivity would not only boost economic activities but also reinforce the strategic importance of the Himalayan border.

Local residents and traders attended the inauguration ceremony, expressing hope that the new road and bridge would make the scenic tourist destination of Lachen more accessible and create new livelihood opportunities.

This step reflects the government's commitment to connecting remote border districts to the national network and coordinating infrastructure development with defence readiness.

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 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.

Analysts at Dailysports, after reviewing 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.

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.

LOCAL

Mission Mirchi technician dies in Sikkim road accident



A technician from Mission Mirchi died in a road accident in Sikkim.

The accident involved a member of the Mission Mirchi team, which is a radio broadcasting organization.

The accident occurred on a road in Sikkim, India.

POLITICS

NFR Holds Meeting with Sikkim Government to Accelerate Sivok-Rangpo Rail Line



The National Rail Forum (NFR) met with officials of the Sikkim state government to discuss measures to speed up the Sivok-Rangpo rail project. Both sides highlighted the line's strategic importance, which will link Sivok in West Bengal with Rangpo in Sikkim and establish a direct rail connection in the Himalayan state. The roughly 44-kilometre route is expected to improve passenger and freight transport, boost tourism and strengthen defence logistics. Officials noted that progress has been slow due to challenging terrain and environmental clearances. During the meeting, NFR pledged to work with the state administration to remove obstacles, expedite the approval process and mobilise additional resources. Both parties are confident that accelerated work will bring the line closer to its scheduled completion date, further integrating Sikkim into the national rail network.

Sikkim Footballer Receives 10-Year Scholarship from Minerva Academy



Minerva Academy has awarded a 10-year scholarship to an emerging footballer from Sikkim, which could be a pivotal step toward becoming a professional player. The scholarship, lasting ten years, will provide the player with structured training, coaching and exposure to competitive matches across India. Minerva Academy, focused on sporting excellence, aims to nurture talent from diverse regions. The decision reflects the growing emphasis on grassroots football in the northeastern states. The player's name and specific training programme have not yet been disclosed, but the local football community has welcomed the announcement as a positive move for Sikkim's sporting future.

ENTERTAINMENT

A commemorative book is dedicated to Sikkim's literary giant Sanu Lama



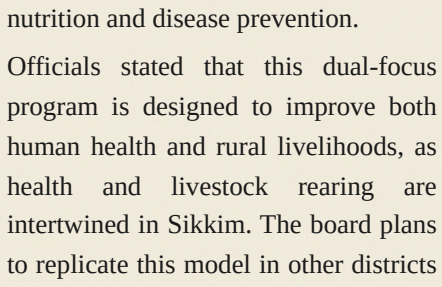
Sikkim's literary world has released a commemorative book dedicated to the late Sanu Lama, who is revered as a pillar of Nepali literature in the region. This publication, compiled by fellow writers and scholars, includes essays, reminiscences, and selected works by Lama, showcasing his creative journey and influence on contemporary writers.

The book serves as both a tribute and a resource, illuminating the themes and stylistic innovations embedded in Lama's works. It underscores his role in promoting Nepali literature from the mountainous regions of Sikkim and his achievements in inspiring new generations of poets and novelists.

aims to preserve Lama's legacy for future generations and re-establish cultural ties between Sikkim and the wider Nepali literary world. The book will be distributed to state libraries, academic institutions, and literary organizations.

HEALTH

SSB provides medical aid to 82 villagers in Sikkim, supports livestock farmers



The Sikkim State Board (SSB) conducted a welfare campaign, reaching 82 villagers in remote hamlets to provide essential medical aid. The initiative included on-site health checkups, distribution of basic medicines, and preventive health advice, aiming to address the immediate needs of health-deprived areas.

Alongside healthcare services, the SSB extended practical support to livestock farmers in these villages. Veterinarians visited farms to conduct health checkups of cattle, goats, and other domestic animals, offering advice on nutrition and disease prevention.

Officials stated that this dual-focus program is designed to improve both human health and rural livelihoods, as health and livestock rearing are intertwined in Sikkim. The board plans to replicate this model in other districts by the end of the year.

Dear Crown Friday Lottery in Sikkim: ₹1 crore won



The Sikkim State Lottery Department announced the results of the Dear Crown Friday Lottery on 20 November 2026. One ticket holder won the grand prize of ₹1 crore. The lottery department has released the complete list of winners online, allowing participants to verify their ticket numbers against the official results. The Dear Crown Friday Lottery is a popular weekly draw in Sikkim, with a large number of participants hoping to win the enticing prizes.