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SCIENCE

Scientists Identify India's First Snail-Eating Frog in the Himalayas



During a survey in the Himalayas, a herpetology team discovered a new snail-eating frog, recorded for the first time in India. The frog's distinctive physical traits and its exclusive diet of snails set it apart from other species. Scientists also identified four other unknown species in the same area, underscoring the importance of biodiversity in this highland region. This discovery highlights the need for ongoing research and conservation in Himalayan ecosystems.

LIFESTYLE

Arunachal’s 79-Year-Old Potter: Struggling to Preserve Ancient Women’s Craft



Tabi Sunikji, a 79-year-old potter, has become the last living custodian of an ancient women’s craft in Arunachal Pradesh.

The craft, which has been prevalent in the state’s hill villages for centuries, is declining due to urban employment and migration among the younger generation. Traditional techniques—hand-molding clay, natural glazing, and slow firing—are now known to only a few artisans.

Sunikji has organized community workshops, taught the art to young women, and sought assistance from local NGOs for kilns and raw materials. Her efforts have been appreciated by state cultural bodies and have also generated interest in cultural tourism.

By preserving this craft, she aims to provide a sustainable source of income for women and pass on Arunachal’s cultural identity to future generations.

DEFENCE

Tibetan Factor: India Reconsiders Its Border Strategy



In the context of India-China relations, India is reexamining its border strategy in view of Tibet's strategic importance. Experts suggest that India must carefully analyze the changing situation in Tibet and its potential impact on the security of its borders. This includes consideration of the role and activities of Tibetan refugees within India. The situation underscores the complex geopolitical challenges India faces in the region.

SCIENCE

Five New Horned Frog Species Discovered in Arunachal Pradesh



Scientists in Arunachal Pradesh have discovered five new horned frog species. This finding underscores the state's exceptional biodiversity and the potential for further discoveries in its diverse ecosystems. The discovery sheds light on the evolutionary adaptations of horned frogs and their role in maintaining environmental balance in the region. Further research into the characteristics and habitats of these newly identified frogs is expected.

EDUCATION

Arunachal Cabinet Approves 1,500 Crore Rupee for Education Mission



The Arunachal Pradesh cabinet approved a major initiative titled 'Mission Educated Arunachal' with a hefty budget of 1,500 crore rupees to improve the state's education system. The mission’s specific objectives and implementation plans are expected to be announced in the coming days. The move aligns with the state government’s emphasis on education and investment in human capital.

EDUCATION

Arunachal Pradesh Cabinet approves SOP for ₹1,500 crore school infrastructure plan



The Arunachal Pradesh Cabinet, in a meeting held in Itanagar, formally approved the Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for the ₹1,500 crore school development plan. The scheme, which was announced earlier this year, will ensure the construction of new schools, renovation of existing classrooms, and the availability of modern educational resources in remote and tribal areas.

State officials stated that the SOP outlines the project timeline, fund distribution, and transparent monitoring measures. The plan will utilize the state’s own funds along with grants from the central government’s National Education Mission.

Education Minister Pema Khandu said the initiative would lead to an increase in enrollment, a reduction in dropout rates, and improved educational outcomes, particularly in districts where education indicators have lagged behind.

Following the Cabinet’s decision, the plan will enter the implementation phase, with tenders likely to be issued in the near future.

Teachers’ unions and local NGOs welcomed the move but appealed for swift action to address infrastructure gaps before the upcoming academic session.

WEATHER

3.1-Magnitude Earthquake Hits Arunachal Pradesh, Followed by Minor Tremors in Assam



The Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) reported that at about 04:30 this morning a shallow 3.1-magnitude earthquake occurred in Arunachal Pradesh. The shaking was felt across several districts, but no damage has been reported to date.

On the same day, a separate 4.0-magnitude quake was recorded in Assam, raising local vigilance. Geological agencies noted that the two events had different depths and epicentres, and are therefore unrelated.

Local authorities urged residents to remain calm and to observe standard safety precautions, such as staying away from unstable buildings and keeping emergency kits ready. No injuries or fatalities have been reported.

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NATIONAL

Arunachal Syang Dam: Community Opposes Land Loss



A new dam project in Syang district of Arunachal Pradesh has sparked opposition among local communities, who claim it will result in loss of land and cultural heritage. Residents fear that the reservoir will submerge ancestral lands and displace them from their homes. They argue that the project will damage sacred sites and disrupt traditional livelihoods. The government has yet to respond to the community’s concerns.

DEFENCE

Arunachal CM Says Border Violations Stem from Differing Perceptions



Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu told the media on Tuesday that recent border incursions are due to differing perceptions on both sides, heightening tensions. He said India maintains its established claim, while China’s perspective often leads both sides to view such incidents as violations. Khandu urged peaceful, constructive dialogue to dispel misunderstandings, prioritising the safety of local residents and the integrity of the border. He requested the central government to continue diplomatic efforts and keep security forces ready to respond proportionately to any incursion. The remarks came amid reports of patrol clashes and infrastructure development near the frontier, raising strategic sensitivity in the Northeast.

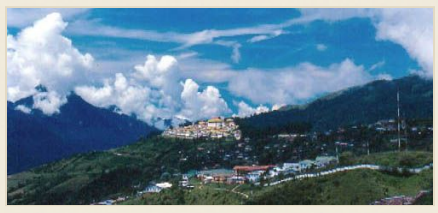
50,000 Devotees Offer Tribute to Buddha Statues in Arunachal Pradesh



Hundreds of thousands of devotees from across Arunachal Pradesh assembled to pay homage to the sacred statues of Shakyamuni Buddha. The event drew a crowd estimated at 50,000 pilgrims, who participated in rituals and offered reverence to the revered icons. The presence of the statues sparked a wave of religious fervour and devotion among the faithful.

LOCAL

AAPPTF State Team Welcomed in Tawang, Reasserts Organizational Unity



The full state team of the Arunachal Public Transport Federation (AAPPTF) was formally welcomed in Tawang, marking a significant ceremony for the region’s transport sector. The event served as a platform for members to meet and discuss current operational challenges.

During the proceedings, AAPPTF leadership underscored the importance of organizational unity. The federation reiterated its stance on maintaining a coordinated structure to effectively represent the interests of public transport operators across Arunachal Pradesh. This message of solidarity was central to discussions held in Tawang.

The welcome in Tawang highlighted the federation’s proactive engagement with district stakeholders. By uniting the state team, the organization aims to strengthen its network and ensure a cohesive approach to policy and operational issues affecting local transport services.

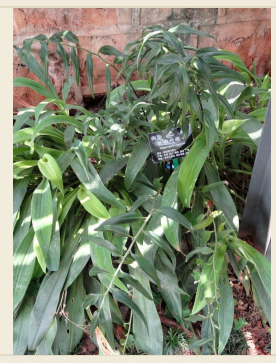
DEFENCE

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 military capabilities and aggressive posture in the region. Frontline emphasizes the need for India to develop a stronger and more flexible strategy to address the evolving security challenges posed by China. This includes strengthening India’s military infrastructure, enhancing its technological capabilities, and forging closer strategic partnerships with other nations.

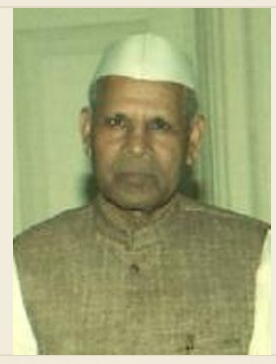
Rare Disporopsis plant discovered in Arunachal Pradesh



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.

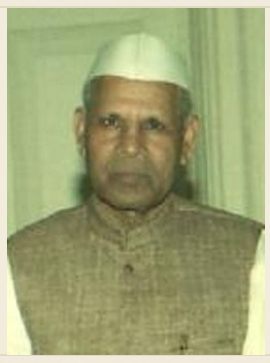
EDUCATION

Arunachal Pradesh Governor Calls for Education, Health and Skill Training for Tribes



Itanagar – The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh highlighted the urgent need to strengthen education, health and vocational training for the state's tribal communities. He noted that a large portion of the population belongs to tribal groups, many of whom still lack adequate schools, primary health centres and skill development programmes. He urged both state and central governments to allocate additional resources and expedite the implementation of existing schemes, thereby boosting literacy rates, narrowing health disparities and equipping tribal youth with employable skills. He also emphasized the importance of community participation in planning and monitoring these initiatives. The appeal comes amid ongoing efforts to bridge development gaps in Arunachal Pradesh's remote hilly regions, where rugged terrain and limited infrastructure have long impeded service delivery. Officials have indicated that the Governor's remarks will be raised in forthcoming policy reviews. Tribal leaders and civil society groups welcomed the call, stating that sustained investment in education, health and skill development is essential for inclusive growth and to curb urban migration. The Governor's statement injects momentum into the broader discourse on tribal welfare in the Northeast, underscoring the need for coordinated action among ministries and agencies.

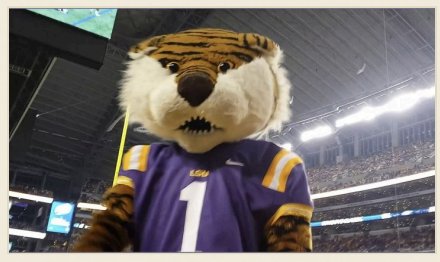
Arunachal Governor Calls for Heightened Security on Myanmar Border



The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh emphasized the need to strengthen security along the Myanmar border. His remarks reflect concerns about potential security threats originating from the region. He called on relevant authorities to enhance coordination and vigilance to ensure the safety of border areas. The governor’s appeal is framed as a precautionary measure to address any forthcoming security challenges.

SCIENCE

Five new species of horned frogs found in Arunachal Pradesh, one snail-eating



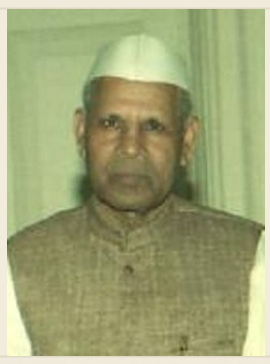
A team of herpetologists has announced the discovery of five new species of horned frogs in the remote mountain forests of Arunachal Pradesh. The animals were collected from high-altitude stream banks and leaf litter, areas where aquatic life had not been extensively surveyed until now.

These frogs are less than a few centimeters in size and feature small “horns” on their heads, earning them the name horned frogs. Analysis of physical characteristics and gene sequencing revealed that each sample represents a distinct new species. Notably, one of the new species was observed feeding on small snails, a behavior recorded for the first time in this group.

The discovery highlights the rich but fragile biodiversity of the Eastern Himalayas and underscores the need for continued species identification and habitat conservation. Conservation experts believe the finding increases the urgency to take steps to protect Arunachal Pradesh’s forest areas from the threats of development and climate change.

RELIGION

Governor Says Buddhist Teachings Remain Relevant Amid Rising Conflict and Intolerance in Arunachal Pradesh



The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh stated that the moral and philosophical teachings of Buddhism remain important in contemporary society. In a statement published by Arunachal Times, he noted that these teachings are being challenged by the increasing conflict and intolerance in the state.

of compassion, non-violence and mutual respect are especially needed in times of social tension. He called for a re-establishment of these values in public discourse and in academic curricula.

His remarks come at a time when regional authorities are seeking measures to foster harmony among diverse cultural groups and to reduce community discord.

DEFENCE

Arunachal Chief Minister Declares Siang Project Essential for India's Water Security and Defence



Chief Minister Pema Khandu, speaking at a press conference in the state capital Itanagar, described the Siang project as a strategic imperative for India's water security and defence. He explained that the Siang River, a major tributary of the Brahmaputra, plays a vital role in maintaining water supply in northern India.

The chief minister framed safeguarding water resources as an integral part of national security, especially in the context of climate change and escalating geopolitical tensions in the region. He said that the project’s infrastructure would enhance water management and provide a protective buffer against potential water scarcity.

He announced that the state government would work with central authorities to accelerate the project’s development, aiming to complete major phases by 2026.

POLITICS

Arunachal Cabinet Meets in Itanagar to Discuss Long-Term Governance Reforms



The Arunachal Pradesh cabinet convened in the state capital Itanagar to discuss a comprehensive agenda of long-term governance reforms. Officials highlighted the need to modernise administrative processes and enhance the quality of public services.

During the session, members reviewed various policy options that could simplify decision-making, promote transparency and strengthen institutional capacity.

The meeting concluded with an agreement to draft detailed proposals and establish a monitoring mechanism to track implementation progress. These reforms are expected to shape the state’s governance framework in the coming years.

Arunachal CM Congratulates Aka Tribe on Nyaatri Do Festival



Chief Minister Pema Khandu issued a formal congratulatory message to the Aka tribe on the occasion of Nyaatri Do. The message was released through the state government, underscoring the significance of the festival.

Nyaatri Do is a seasonal tradition of the Aka community that reinforces customary rituals, folk tales and communal unity. Both elders and youth participate in the rites, dances and feasts that have been passed down through generations.

In his message, the chief minister praised the Aka tribe's cultural heritage and reiterated the state's commitment to supporting tribal cultures. He called for continued cooperation between the government and tribal leaders to safeguard indigenous traditions alongside development.

Pradesh's broader policy of recognising its diverse ethnic fabric and linking cultural preservation with socio-economic progress.

POLITICS

Adi Community Sets Conditions for SUMP Talks in Arunachal, Demands Release of Prisoners and Removal of FIRs



The Adi Tribal Council in Arunachal Pradesh has laid out conditions that must be met before it engages in talks with the Special Unrest Management Panel (SUMP). The council insists that any discussion requires the immediate release of individuals currently in custody and the removal of all FIRs registered against community members.

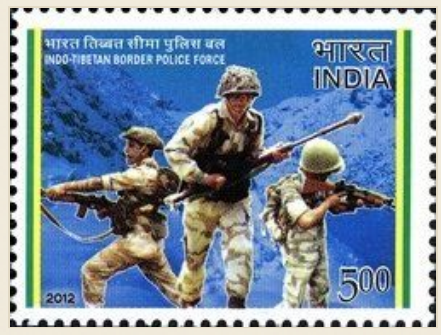
According to the council's statement, the detainees were arrested following protests over land and resource issues, and the FIRs are viewed as an attempt to criminalise the tribal movement. Adi representatives said that no dialogue with SUMP would proceed without satisfying these demands.

but sources indicate that the government is reviewing the situation to prevent further deterioration. The council urged swift resolution, appealing to both administration and SUMP to address grievances and restore peace in the region.

The demand highlights growing tensions between tribal groups and security agencies in Northeast India. Experts believe that the outcome of these negotiations could set a precedent for resolving similar disputes in the future.

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.

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.

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.

Arunachal Pradesh CM Pema Khandu Says Border Violations Occur on Both Sides, LAC Situation Normal



Chief Minister Pema Khandu of Arunachal Pradesh addressed recent border activity around the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in a press briefing. He acknowledged that violations have been recorded by both Indian and Chinese sides, but said these incidents have not altered the overall security situation. Khandu noted that operations along the LAC remain in a "normal" state, with existing monitoring mechanisms and diplomatic channels functioning effectively. He urged both sides to adhere to protocols and resolve inadvertent crossings through dialogue. The statement comes amid heightened sensitivity in the region, where both countries are maintaining vigilance. While the chief minister did not provide specific figures, his remarks aim to reassure residents of Arunachal Pradesh that the situation is under control and that the government is closely coordinating with the defence ministry.