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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

China's aircraft entered Indian airspace over Sikkim, remained for 20 minutes

According to a media report, a Chinese military aircraft entered Indian airspace over the northeastern state of Sikkim. It is said that the aircraft remained in the area for about twenty minutes before returning. The report states that the Indian Air Force and the central government have not yet con

China's aircraft entered Indian airspace over Sikkim, ignored warnings for 25 minutes

According to DNA India, a Chinese aircraft entered Indian airspace over the Himalayan state of Sikkim. Despite multiple warnings from Indian authorities, the aircraft remained on its path for 25 minutes. The incident highlights rising tensions in disputed border areas. Earlier similar air violations

POLITICS

Sikkim CM Appeals for Cultural Preservation at Deusi-Bhailo Festival 2026



Gangtok, Sikkim – The Chief Minister of Sikkim participated in the Deusi-Bhailo Festival 2026, a traditional folk festival held in the state during the festive season. During the ceremony, the Chief Minister emphasized the importance of preserving the state's unique customs and art forms, which have been passed down through generations.

Addressing the artists, community leaders, and the public, the Chief Minister appealed to families and cultural groups to transmit traditional songs, dances, and rituals to the younger generation. He stated that safeguarding these traditions would not only strengthen regional identity but also boost tourism and social unity.

The festival showcased Deusi and Bhailo songs, colorful dances, and local handicrafts. Organizers say the event aims to highlight Sikkim's rich heritage and encourage community participation in cultural revival.

In line with the Chief Minister's statement, the state has initiated efforts to document oral history and support folk artists through grant and training programs. Officials believe these measures will ensure that Sikkim's cultural heritage is protected for future generations.

SARKARI YOJANA

Sikkim State Lottery results announced on 14 November



The Sikkim State Lottery Board announced the results of the draw held on 14 November 2026. Participants can now check the official results published online or visit authorised lottery vendors to find out if they have won. The Sikkim State Lottery is a popular form of entertainment for many residents of the state and a potential source of revenue.

TRAVEL

NH-10 to Sikkim closed at night



NH-10 to Sikkim will be closed from 9 PM to 6 AM, this closure will remain in effect until December 13th. The reason for this closure is yet to be officially stated. Travelers going to Sikkim during this period are advised to check for alternative routes or adjust their travel schedules.

LIFESTYLE

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 and nature lovers. While the exact reason behind this unusual butterfly activity remains uncertain, it is a welcome sight for those who appreciate nature's wonders.

NATIONAL

Sikkim government announces honouring four journalists on National Press Day 2026



The Sikkim government has announced that it will honour four journalists on National Press Day 2026 for their outstanding work. National Press Day, celebrated every year on 3 November, commemorates the birthday of journalist Rajendra Singh Bhndari and celebrates the role of the press in democracy. The four journalists were chosen for their accurate reporting, investigative work and for upholding the principles of press freedom in the state. The award ceremony will be organised by the Information and Public Relations Department and will feature speeches by senior state officials. The government expressed gratitude for the journalists' contributions to transparency, accountability and reliable dissemination of information.

Sikkim Press Club awards Mahendra Sew the 2026 Rural Journalism Award



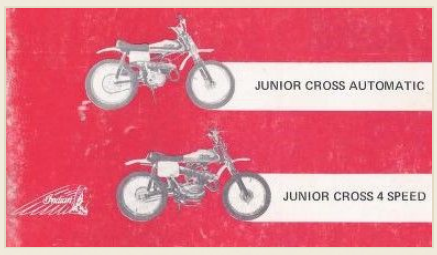
The Sikkim Press Club has declared Mahendra Sew as the recipient of the 2026 Rural Journalism Award (Rural Journalism Award). The announcement was made through the club's official channels and published by Sikkimexpress.

Mahendra Sew, an active journalist in the field, has been awarded this honour for his contribution in highlighting rural issues. This award is given every year to journalists who bring forth important stories from the rural areas of India.

The club stated that ground reporting guides public discourse and continuous support will be given to journalists working in remote areas. The award ceremony will be held later this year, but details are yet to be released.

SPORTS

Gangtok witnesses first all-women referee panel at Indian Junior Nationals



The 2024 Indian Junior Badminton Nationals, held in Gangtok, Sikkim, saw a historic moment when the referee panel was entirely composed of women. The panel included Chief Referee Pooja Sharma and Line Referees Anjali Mehta and Ritu Singh, all experienced and nationally and internationally recognized officials.

This marks the first time in any national badminton competition in India that a fully women referee panel has officiated. The Badminton Association of India (BAI) declared this decision as part of its efforts to promote gender equality in the sport.

Officials believe the presence of this panel will inspire more women to become referees, a field where men have traditionally dominated. The BAI also stated that the panel met all the standards of the Badminton World Federation (BWF).

The matches were conducted smoothly, and commentators praised the panel's professional demeanor. The BAI plans to evaluate the use of similar all-women panels in future tournaments.

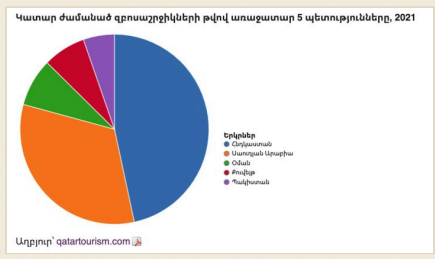
Sikkim CM Inaugurates New MICU at STNAM Hospital



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.

TRAVEL

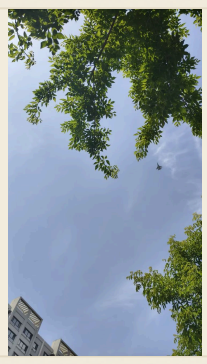
Tourist Flow Increases in Sikkim Post-Monsoon, Boosting Local Enthusiasm



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 shopkeepers have welcomed this increase, and a wave of excitement is palpable in the hospitality sector. This surge is helping revive seasonal businesses that slow down during the rainy season. State tourism officials have termed this trend a positive indicator of economic recovery and have appealed for the promotion of sustainable tourism.

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.

'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.

INTERNATIONAL

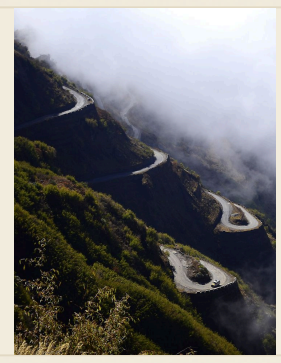
Sikkim's First Food Exports Reach the US and Australia



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.

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.

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.

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.

JOBS & CAREER

Sikkim High Court Rejects Challenge to Protocol Officer's Dismissal



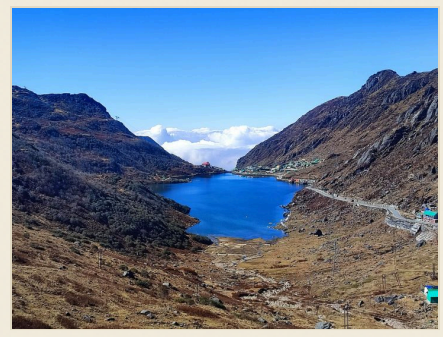
The Sikkim High Court on Tuesday dismissed a petition seeking the reversal of the state government's decision to dismiss a protocol officer. The petitioner argued that the dismissal was arbitrary and violated procedural rules, but the court found no solid basis for these claims.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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



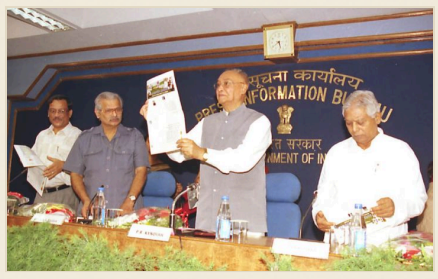
Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang recently met with young players during the Junior National Badminton Championship. On the occasion, he encouraged these emerging athletes who are competing at the national level.

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.

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.

LOCAL

Tribal Heritage and Student Talent Celebrated on Janjatiya Gaurav Udbhav Divas in Sikkim



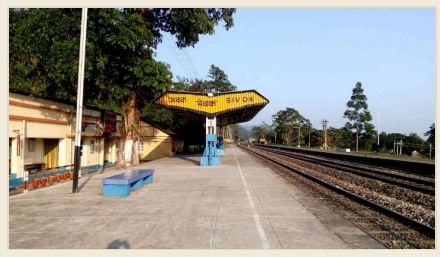
Janjatiya Gaurav Udbhav Divas was organized in Sikkim to celebrate the rich tribal heritage and showcase young talent. Community leaders, cultural artists, and students gathered at the event to perform traditional dances, music, and art.

highlight the unique traditions, crafts, and folk tales of Sikkim's tribal communities. The displays included traditional attire, handmade musical instruments, and storytelling sessions based on history and values.

Students from local schools and colleges performed traditional songs, dances, and contemporary compositions on stage, blending traditional elements with modern styles. Their performances were appreciated for preserving cultural heritage while engaging young audiences.

Organizers said the event aims to strengthen community bonds and inspire the next generation to appreciate and preserve their heritage. The success of the day is expected to boost similar events in the state in the coming years.

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.

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.