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POLITICS

KSU demands Meghalaya government halt intimidation of women protesting ropeway in Laban



The Khasi Students' Union (KSU) has formally requested the Meghalaya government to immediately cease all actions aimed at intimidating women protesting the ropeway project in Laban village. The ropeway was proposed to boost tourism and connectivity, but local women have voiced opposition citing environmental impact and potential displacement.

KSU representatives stated that threats and pressure tactics are being employed against these women, violating their right to peaceful protest. In a public statement, the union called on the government to respect democratic freedoms and address community concerns through transparent dialogue rather than coercion.

The state government has yet to issue an official response to this demand. The status of the ropeway project remains under review, with its future contingent upon resolving local objections and ensuring compliance with environmental regulations.

The incident highlights the ongoing tension between development plans and local resistance in Meghalaya's hill regions, where civil society groups often remain active in defending local rights.

Further updates will be shared as information becomes available regarding developments in the situation and any government decisions.

Meghalaya minister resigns after MLAs join BJP, NPP

Sudden changes occurred in the Meghalaya state government when an unnamed minister tendered his resignation. This step was taken after several MLAs joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the National People's Party (NPP), led by the Konrad Sangha. Analysts believe that these changes have alter

Meghalaya HC upholds 24-year jail term in child sexual abuse case

The Meghalaya High Court on Thursday upheld a 24-year prison sentence imposed on a convict in a child sexual abuse case. The order reaffirms the lower court's verdict, which was handed down after a thorough investigation and trial. The High Court's decision reflects the judiciary's commitment to st

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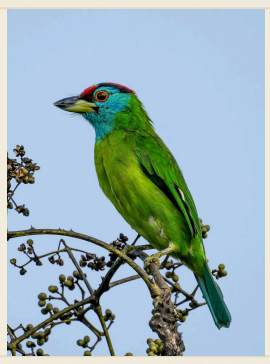
Centre releases ₹688 crore advance tax allocation for Meghalaya for festive season



New Delhi – The Centre has released an advance tax allocation of ₹688 crore for Meghalaya ahead of the festive season. This payment is part of the regular revenue transfer process, which provides the state with central resources for development and welfare schemes. Officials stated that these funds will be used for seasonal subsidies, infrastructure, and other public services that see increased demand during the holidays. This advance will help bridge cash flow gaps and ensure the uninterrupted continuation of essential schemes such as the school midday meal program, health camps, and road repairs. The Meghalaya Finance Department has confirmed the receipt of the funds and plans to distribute them to the respective departments in the near future.

CRIME

Two suspects arrested with ₹60 lakh worth of heroin in West Garo Hills



Police in the West Garo Hills district of Meghalaya have arrested two individuals in possession of heroin valued at approximately ₹60 lakh. The contraband was recovered during a routine check and was immediately seized.

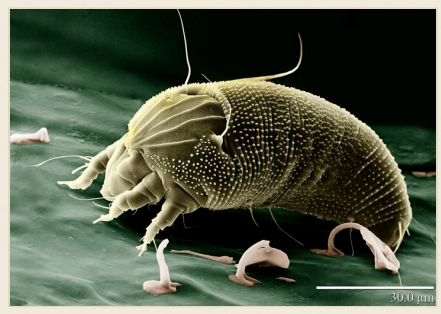
The two arrested individuals are currently in police custody, and the recovered heroin has been sent to a forensic laboratory for analysis. Authorities have not disclosed the names of the arrested persons or the detailed circumstances of the incident.

This incident is another warning in the fight against drug trafficking in northeastern India. Law enforcement agencies have increased vigilance to dismantle trafficking networks and have appealed to the public to provide information.

The investigation is ongoing to trace the source of the drugs and any potential links to larger networks.

EDUCATION

Meghalaya teachers warn of major unrest over unpaid DA, CPF dues



Teachers in Meghalaya have been waiting for pending payments of Dearness Allowance (DA) and Central Provident Fund (CPF), which have been delayed for several months. The Kohima Joint District School Teachers Association (KJDSTA) has expressed its concern over this delay.

In a statement, the association warned that if the state government fails to settle the outstanding dues, it could lead to widespread unrest among teachers. The union highlighted the impact of unpaid allowances on teachers' livelihoods and emphasized the importance of timely salary disbursement.

KJDSTA has called for an immediate meeting with state officials to resolve the situation and stated that further action would be taken if the government does not comply. Teachers have also urged for prompt payment to avoid any form of protest.

The state government has yet to respond to the union's demands, and the situation remains tense as teachers have begun preparations for potential demonstrations if the payments are not made.

LOCAL

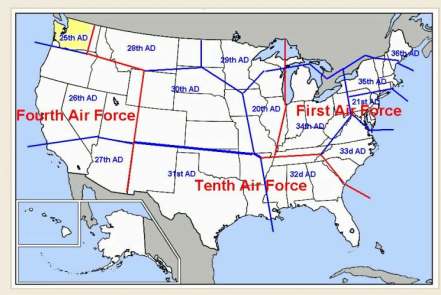
Sweet Dreams lottery results for November 1, 2026, declared for Meghalaya



Goodreturns has published the official results for the Sweet Dreams lottery held on November 1, 2026, in Meghalaya. The announcement includes a list of winning numbers from the daily draw, allowing ticket holders to check their tickets. Interested participants can view the full results on the Goodreturns portal or at authorized state lottery counters. This publication follows the standard procedure for daily lottery draws, where numbers are generated using a state-approved randomization system. No details regarding prize distribution were provided in the results.

LOCAL

Winning Numbers of Shilong TIER Draw for 1 November 2026 Released



Results of the daily TIER draw held in Shilong, Meghalaya on 1 November 2026 have been published on News18. The winning numbers of today's draw are now publicly available, allowing ticket holders to verify their wins. TIER, operated by the Meghalaya State Lottery Department, conducts a draw every evening and enjoys a large following across the state. As soon as the draw concludes, numbers are released through official channels and media partners. Players can view the full set of winning numbers on News18's website or the state's official lottery portal. The result list includes numbers for the first, second and third prize as well as additional numbers according to the draw format. With the announcement of the results, today's betting period has ended, after which winners must claim their prizes in accordance with the state's lottery regulations.

Meghalaya: New Fast EV Charging Station to Launch in Cherrapunji by November



Meghalaya is set to install a new fast-charging station in Cherrapunji to expand its electric vehicle (EV) infrastructure. The facility is expected to become operational by November, marking a significant step in promoting the adoption of electric vehicles in the state.

Cherrapunji, renowned for its heavy rainfall and scenic beauty, is a major tourist destination. The addition of this charging point will provide essential support to EV owners visiting the area, helping to address key concerns regarding long-distance travel in electric cars.

This development aligns with broader efforts in India to promote sustainable transportation and reduce carbon footprints. By installing fast chargers at key tourist hubs, officials aim to make the state more accessible to both environmentally conscious travelers and local residents.

While specific details regarding the number of charging ports and capacity have not yet been fully disclosed, the announcement highlights the growing importance of EV readiness in northeastern India.

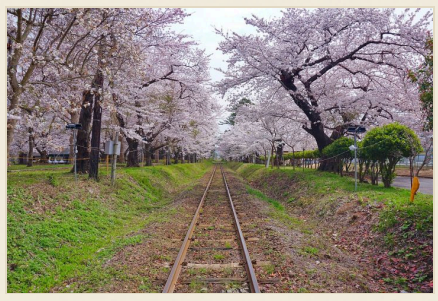
EDUCATION

NIT Meghalaya secures 83rd position in NIRF ranking



The National Institute of Technology Meghalaya has secured the 83rd position in the latest National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) ranking released by the Ministry of Education. The ranking is based on criteria such as teaching, learning, research, and outreach, and places NIT Meghalaya among the country's leading engineering institutions. Located in Tura, Meghalaya, the institute has been steadily improving its academic standards and research output over the past few years. The 83rd position indicates that the institute has focused on enhancing faculty quality, infrastructure, and student placement. Officials of NIT Meghalaya expressed pride in this achievement and pledged to continue emphasizing excellence in engineering education.

Meghalaya Government Declares Cherry Blossom as Key Tourism Brand



The Meghalaya state government has officially announced that the Cherry Blossom Festival will be positioned as the state's flagship tourism brand. This move is part of a broader strategy to attract more domestic and international tourists by highlighting the natural beauty of the spring season.

Officials have highlighted the spectacular blooming of cherry trees in Shillong and its surrounding hilly areas, distinguishing it as a unique attraction compared to other cultural festivals in India. The promotional campaign will feature this scenery prominently in travel brochures, digital media, and on-site signage.

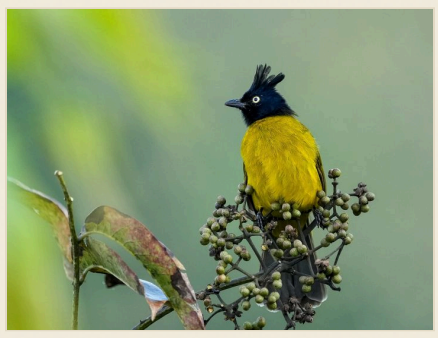
The government plans to integrate the cherry blossom brand into tourism circuits, improve related infrastructure, and collaborate with local businesses to develop travel packages. A special task force has been established to monitor tourist numbers and maintain environmental balance.

By elevating the Cherry Blossom Festival, Meghalaya aims to diversify its tourism portfolio, moving beyond traditional cultural celebrations to leverage its natural landscapes as a driver for economic development.

State officials expect the new branding to enhance the recognition of Meghalaya's springtime attractions and boost bookings for hotels, homestays, and transportation services.

SCIENCE

Recent Earthquakes in Meghalaya



According to Vulcano Discovery's data, several earthquakes were recently recorded in Meghalaya. Various monitoring centres across the region have indicated an uptick in geological activity. The agency noted that these quakes were felt in multiple districts, but no major damage has been reported to date. Local authorities have been briefed and are monitoring the situation with caution. Experts advise citizens to stay updated from official sources and adopt standard safety measures during aftershocks. Continuous monitoring will continue to forecast further seismic activity.

Meghalaya Hosts First-Ever East Zone Black Belt Judo Examination



Meghalaya hosted the East Zone Black Belt Judo Examination, an event that has never been held in the state before. The examination, which is conducted for the highest level of certification in judo, was held as part of the zone's regular evaluation program.

Hosting this examination in Meghalaya indicates growing interest in judo and improved infrastructure in the northeastern region. Local sports authorities welcomed the move, stating that it could inspire more athletes to pursue advanced training.

This information was published by India Today NE, which described the initiative as a first for the state and a positive sign of the sport's expansion within the zone.

RELIGION

Rabha Families Ask Assam Government to Repair Century-Old Namghar in Meghalaya



Approximately 270 Rabha families have formally appealed to the Assam government for assistance in repairing a century-old Namghar located in Meghalaya. The appeal highlights the deteriorating condition of the religious site, which holds significant cultural importance for the local community.

The Namghar, used as a place for communal worship and gatherings, is considered a heritage site for the Rabha people. Its age and architectural features are linked to the history of the region.

The families have requested immediate assistance from the Assam administration, stating that urgent repairs are necessary to prevent further damage. They hope that the state's resources will be used to restore this historical site.

The Assam government has not yet issued an official response on the matter, and the Rabha families are awaiting concrete action regarding the assistance.

Diljit Dosanjh held a grand concert in Delhi, saying 'Don't teach Punjabis to fight'



Diljit Dosanjh mesmerized his fans with a spectacular concert in Delhi. The Punjabi singer-actress presented a mix of his latest hits and classic songs, keeping the audience's enthusiasm high throughout. Held at a premier venue in the capital, the event featured impressive lighting and sound setup that amplified Dosanjh's energy. The crowd sang along, creating a vibrant atmosphere. At the end of the show, Dosanjh addressed the audience with "Don't teach Punjabis to fight," reflecting his witty and confident persona. The line resonated with the crowd and added a cultural nuance to the program. Organisers praised the large turnout and positive response, describing it as one of the month's key cultural events in Delhi. No incidents or disturbances were reported, and the program concluded peacefully. Diljit's Delhi performance further cemented his status as a leading figure in Indian entertainment, bridging diverse audiences across music and cinema.

JOBS & CAREER

118 Mining Professionals Test Safety Skills in Meghalaya



A safety drill organized in Meghalaya brought together 118 mining professionals for a practical assessment of their safety skills. The participants simulated various scenarios focused on emergency response, equipment operation, and risk identification.

The drill was organized to benchmark current safety practices against industry standards and identify areas requiring additional training. Organizers stated that such exercises are critical for reducing accidents in mining workplaces.

Officials noted that the successful completion of this assessment reflects the growing commitment to prioritizing safety in Meghalaya's mining sector, with expectations of a reduced accident rate and improved efficiency in the future.

Meghalaya HC Upholds 24-Year Sentence for Stepfather Convicted of Sexual Assault



The Meghalaya High Court upheld a 24-year rigorous imprisonment sentence for a man convicted of sexually abusing his stepdaughter. The court affirmed the lower court's findings that the accused had repeatedly abused the minor, a violation of sections related to sexual offenses under the Indian Penal Code.

In its judgment, the judges emphasized that the purpose of imposing a severe sentence for such misconduct by a family member is to create a deterrent effect. They stated that the severity of the sentence reflects the gravity of the crime and the state's commitment to the safety of children.

No further appeal has been filed against the order to date, underscoring the judiciary's commitment to enforcing strict penalties against sexual offenses.

AGRICULTURE

29 Sikkimese Farmers Trained in Sustainable Agriculture at Ummiam



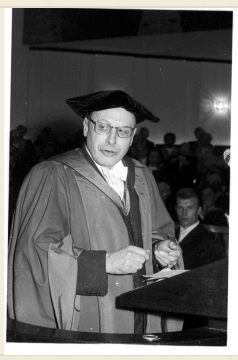
Twenty-nine farmers from Sikkim participated on Tuesday in a three-day sustainable agriculture training program at the Ummiam hub in Meghalaya. The program, organized in collaboration with the state agriculture department and a local NGO, covered topics such as the use of organic fertilizers, water conservation techniques, and integrated pest management.

During the training, participants were introduced to crop rotation methods that enhance soil fertility and reduce dependence on chemical inputs. Demonstrations were also conducted on composting techniques and the use of organic fertilizers sourced from local resources.

This initiative is part of a broader effort to equip women farmer communities with modern, eco-friendly practices. Officials stated that the skills acquired will help increase yields in Sikkim and protect the Himalayan ecosystem.

Following the workshop, the farmers were instructed to return to Sikkim to share their knowledge with local farmers and promote sustainable livelihoods.

Meghalaya Farmers and Scientists Honored at CAU Academic Assembly in Umiyam



The Centre for Agricultural University (CAU) honored farmers and agricultural scientists from Meghalaya during its academic assembly in Umiyam. Local farmers, researchers, and CAU officials attended the ceremony to appreciate their contributions to agricultural improvement.

Organizers noted that the honorees played a significant role in adopting climate-resilient crop varieties, promoting organic farming, and facilitating knowledge exchange between research institutions and farms. These efforts have improved food security and farmer incomes in Meghalaya's hilly regions.

The ceremony highlighted CAU's commitment to strengthening collaboration between science and agriculture, calling for enhanced partnerships to address future challenges such as erratic rainfall and market access. Attendees were urged to build on this success and accelerate regional agricultural development.

By publicly honoring these contributors, CAU aims to inspire other stakeholders to adopt innovative methods and maintain the pace of agricultural progress in Northeast India.

SPORTS

Meghalaya secures third win, defeats Nagaland in Senior Women’s T20 match



Meghalaya's senior women's cricket team continued its winning streak in the national T20 circuit, registering a third triumph after overcoming Nagaland. The match, part of the Senior Women’s T20 tournament, saw Meghalaya post a decisive total that Nagaland could not chase. Key contributions came from the top order, stabilising the innings and setting a competitive target.

losing wickets at regular intervals that hampered any momentum. The result reinforces Meghalaya's growing stature in women's cricket and positions them favourably for the upcoming stages of the competition.

The Highland Post highlighted the disciplined performance and noted that the victory adds valuable points to Meghalaya's league tally, keeping them in contention for a playoff berth.

AGRICULTURE

Meghalaya's six farmer-entrepreneurs receive Kṛṣi Gaurav Award



Six farmer-entrepreneurs from Meghalaya were honoured with the Kṛṣi Gaurav Award at a ceremony organised by the state's Department of Agriculture. The award recognises those who have shown excellence in farming practices, market innovation and community collaboration. The recipients were chosen for their efforts in promoting sustainable agriculture, organic farming, value addition and expanding market access for produce. Their work is viewed as a model for other farmers in the state. State officials said the Kṛṣi Gaurav Award aims to inspire more entrepreneurs to adopt modern, climate-resilient technologies and strengthen the agricultural value chain in Meghalaya. The ceremony underscored the government's commitment to supporting innovators as part of broader efforts to strengthen rural livelihoods and food security.

Meghalaya Chief Minister says, unlock state's potential with mindset of change



In a recent address, the Chief Minister of Meghalaya urged residents and officials to adopt a mindset of change and take concrete steps to realise the state's untapped potential. The call came after ongoing discussions on how Meghalaya can better utilise its natural resources and human capital to drive development. Officials said that with a shift in thinking and targeted action plans, the state can attract investment and improve the living standards of its citizens.

EDUCATION

Meghalaya Express urges students to work hard and seize opportunities



The Meghalaya Express conveyed a message to students in the state to work harder and actively seize available opportunities. The editorial stated that hard work is the foundation of personal and professional growth. It advised students not to wait for opportunities but to seek them through study and skill development. By adopting a disciplined approach, young people can secure better positions in higher education and future careers. The appeal reflects a broader goal of preparing the youth for the challenges of a competitive environment.

Chief Justice Sunyukant says Constitution should guide when law is unclear



Chief Justice Sunyukant of India recently said that when legislative law is unclear or absent, the Constitution should become the primary reference for courts. He explained that the Constitution's fundamental rights and broad principles fill gaps in legislation, ensuring justice is not denied. The CJ urged judges at all levels to consult constitutional provisions and established jurisprudence when facing new or complex cases. This guidance preserves the rule of law while respecting the democratic framework. Legal experts believe that in areas such as technology, environment and public health—where legislation often lags—this directive is especially needed. Sunyukant's statement reiterates the judiciary's responsibility to interpret the Constitution as a living document that protects rights and freedoms across India.

POLITICS

Meghalaya Minister Metbah Resigns Following UDP Departure



Meghalaya Minister Metbah resigned from his post on Thursday following the departure of members of the United Democratic Party (UDP). This move comes as the UDP's presence in the government continues to dwindle.

Metbah cited the deteriorating political situation and the loss of trust among his colleagues as the reasons for his resignation. He also stated that continued instability would hinder the government's ability to implement its plans.

The resignation has increased uncertainty in Meghalaya's political landscape, where the UDP has already removed several of its leaders from the cabinet. The ruling alliance now faces the challenge of maintaining a stable majority and addressing the concerns of the remaining members.

UDP's departure could lead to a cabinet reshuffle or, if the alliance fails to secure a clear majority, early elections. The state government has not yet announced a replacement for Metbah's position.

This resignation highlights the fragile nature of coalition politics in Meghalaya and underscores the need for strong alliances to ensure continuity in governance.

POLITICS

Changes in Meghalaya Cabinet: Metbah Removed, Paul Lingdoh Given New Post



Meghalaya's Chief Minister announced cabinet changes today at 5 PM, signalling a significant shift in the state's executive structure.

The move will see Minister Metbah removed from his post, although officials have not yet disclosed the specific reasons for his removal.

Senior leader Paul Lingdoh will be appointed to the position, and details of his new role will be announced shortly.

The decision was taken amid growing political pressure and is expected to maintain governance continuity while addressing internal party dynamics.