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POLITICS

Nagaland: 25 MLAs Demand Removal of Ministers



Twenty-five Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) in Nagaland have publicly demanded the removal of several ministers, sparking political turmoil in the state legislature. The group, which has alleged mismanagement and a lack of accountability, has called for cabinet reshuffles and the resignation of key ministers.

The protest, which began earlier this week, saw MLAs walk out of the assembly to hold a press conference where they voiced their grievances. They argue that the current cabinet has failed to deliver on promises made during the election campaign.

Political analysts say this move could trigger a leadership crisis within the state's ruling coalition. The party's central committee has not yet issued an official response to the demands.

Observers note that the protest reflects growing dissatisfaction over the management of development projects and resource allocation. The assembly is expected to meet later this week to address the crisis and determine the fate of the concerned ministers.

EDUCATION

6th Nagaland Literature Festival Begins, Regional Authors Honored



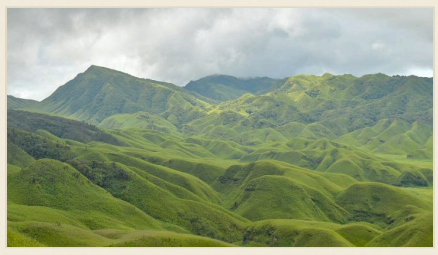
The 6th edition of the Nagaland Literature Festival began today, themed 'From Hearth to Page.' This annual platform brings together writers, poets, and readers to showcase the state's rich literary tradition and the cultural diversity of Northeast India.

The event has invited numerous authors from the state and neighboring regions for discussions, readings, and cultural exchanges. Organizers described the festival as a means to provide a platform for emerging writers and connect established literary figures with audiences.

Over the coming days, various activities are planned, including panel discussions, book launches, and storytelling sessions, which will help establish Nagaland as a prominent center for contemporary Indian literature.

LOCAL

Nagaland Lottery Results Announced Today – Winners' List at 1 PM, 6 PM, and 8 PM



The results for the Nagaland Dear Lottery draw on November 1, 2026, were released today. The winners were announced at 1 PM, 6 PM, and 8 PM via the Sunday Lottery Sambad Live channel. The results were also published on the Goodreturns website, allowing participants to verify their numbers online.

The announcement included a detailed list of winners and the prize amount for each winning ticket. Participants were advised to confirm their details on the official Goodreturns portal and claim their prizes within the stipulated deadline.

Lottery officials stated that all winners would receive their prizes through standard banking channels. This draw is part of Nagaland's annual lottery program, aimed at raising funds for local development projects.

JOBS & CAREER

Deepali Masirkar, IPS and LSE Alumna, Appointed LiveMint's New Executive Director – Chief Security Officer



LiveMint, a leading business news portal in India, announced today that Deepali Masirkar has been appointed as Executive Director – Chief Security Officer. The senior role will lead the publication's security strategy across digital, editorial, and operational domains.

Masirkar possesses distinct experience in both law enforcement and academia. She served in the Indian Police Service (IPS) and later earned a graduate degree from the London School of Economics. Prior to joining LiveMint, she worked as a senior security officer at ONGC (Oil and Natural Gas Corporation), where she oversaw corporate risk and crisis management.

In her new role, she will be responsible for safeguarding LiveMint's editorial integrity, securing digital assets, and coordinating rapid responses to cyber-attacks and physical security threats. Her appointment reflects the growing need for robust security frameworks in Indian media institutions. Experts believe her IPS background equips her to understand the complex regulatory and threat landscape facing digital news platforms, particularly as misinformation and cyber espionage on the rise.

TRAVEL

Gujarati Tourists Call Nagaland 'Heaven' in Viral Video



A few travelers from Gujarat shared a short video online after touring the hills and villages of Nagaland, describing the state as "paradise on earth." The clip showcases the region's natural beauty, traditional homes, and the hospitality of local residents.

The video was quickly shared on platforms such as YouTube, Instagram, and Facebook, with viewers praising the travelers' sincere appreciation. Many users emphasized the need to highlight Nagaland's tourism potential.

Tourism experts believe this viral response could increase the desire to visit the northeastern state, particularly among travelers from western India. The state tourism department welcomed the positive reaction and reiterated its commitment to promoting cultural festivals and eco-tourism initiatives.

EDUCATION

Youth Unemployment in Nagaland at 17.5%; Chief Secretary Demands Education Reforms



A survey conducted by the government found that 17.5% of youth aged 15–29 in Nagaland are unemployed, a figure officials have deemed a serious cause for concern for the state's economy.

In a press briefing, the Chief Secretary stated that the statistic highlights a mismatch between the skills taught in schools and the demands of the modern job market. He urged the education department to modify curricula, strengthen vocational training, and establish better links with local industries.

The state has proposed forming a working group comprising education experts, industry representatives, and youth leaders to draft a roadmap for reforms. The goal is to equip young people with employable skills and narrow the unemployment gap in the coming years.

While no specific timeline has been set, the Chief Secretary said swift policy action is necessary to prevent the unemployment rate from rising further.

The survey also highlighted regional disparities, with unemployment found to be slightly lower in urban districts compared to remote areas, underscoring the need for targeted interventions.

India Block postpones public impeachment event to tomorrow due to rain



India Block has postponed the public impeachment rally scheduled for today by one day due to adverse weather conditions. Heavy rainfall made the venue unsafe and raised concerns about the safety of participants.

A spokesperson for the block stated that the decision was taken to prioritize public safety. The rally, which was intended to express dissatisfaction against certain public officials, will now be held tomorrow at the same venue, provided the weather is favorable.

A new schedule has not yet been released, and the block has urged supporters to stay updated through official communication channels. Eastern Mirror confirmed the change, noting that the information was disseminated via the block's social media channels.

Delays in large-scale political gatherings due to rain are common in India, particularly during the monsoon season, when many regions experience heavy downpours.

Authorities have been requested to ensure arrangements for tomorrow's event and maintain strict law and order.

INTERNATIONAL

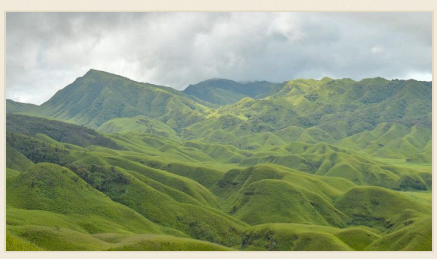
G20 foreign ministers fail to reach consensus on key issue in Atlanta



The G20 foreign ministers' meeting was held in Atlanta, United States, where member nations discussed various global challenges. However, disagreements prevented a consensus on a key issue. Officials stated at the conclusion of the meeting that no agreement was reached on the matter, which will be revisited at future G20 summits. The outcome clearly indicates the differing priorities of member states. Experts believe this situation could impact the agenda of the upcoming G20 summit.

SPORTS

Nagaland Inaugurates 4th State and Paragames 2026



The 4th Nagaland State and Paragames 2026 began today, marking a significant milestone for the state's sporting landscape. The event brings together able-bodied and para athletes, providing them with an opportunity to compete in various sports, including track and field, badminton, and football.

will run for several days, with the opening and closing ceremonies highlighting Nagaland's cultural heritage. The schedule for the preliminary rounds of most events has been finalized, while the finals are set to take place on the closing days.

Officials emphasized the importance of providing a platform for local talent and encouraging participation from all districts. The event aims to improve sports infrastructure and foster an interest in sports among the youth.

The games are being held under the patronage of the Nagaland Sports Council, which works to promote sports development in the region. The event also aims to strengthen the state's representation in national competitions.

Both spectators and athletes are eager for the competitive spirit and community celebration expected throughout the week, as the games will be held at various venues.

SPORTS

Grand final of 2nd G Rio Memorial Volleyball Trophy concludes today



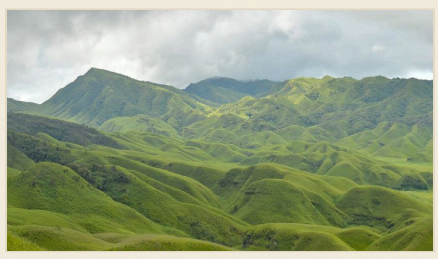
The grand final of the 2nd G Rio Memorial Volleyball Trophy was held today, bringing the tournament to a close.

In the final match, competing teams battled for the trophy, capturing the attention of local volleyball enthusiasts.

The organizers commended the successful conduct of the tournament and highlighted the growing popularity of volleyball in the region.

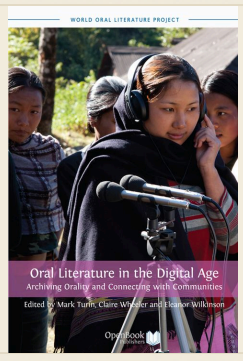
SPORTS

Nagaland United beat Real Kashmir in the I-League



In the opening match of the I-League, Nagaland United delivered a brilliant performance, defeating the seasoned opponents Real Kashmir 3-1. This victory marks a splendid start for the team in the league. The match showcased Nagaland United's prowess, as they displayed impressive aggression and strategic discipline throughout. Despite the experience of Real Kashmir, they were unable to curb Nagaland United's offensive onslaught, which seized opportunities to secure the win.

Nagaland Literature Festival Highlights Oral Heritage



The Nagaland Literature Festival, the premier cultural platform of the northeastern state, has placed oral heritage at the forefront of its programme. Organisers emphasized the importance of preserving the region's rich storytelling, folk songs and oral narratives that have been passed down through generations. The festival provided a stage for elders, storytellers and scholars to share and discuss these oral forms, highlighting their contribution to Nagaland's identity. This effort to link traditional knowledge with contemporary literary discourse aims to connect the younger generation with its cultural roots. Stakeholders hope that this focus on oral heritage will acquaint young people with their cultural values and keep these intangible legacies alive in a rapidly changing society.

CRIME

NIA Arrests Fugitive in Nagaland-Bihar AK-47 Smuggling Case



The National Investigation Agency (NIA) announced that it has arrested a fugitive linked to an AK-47 smuggling network connecting Nagaland and Bihar.

Intelligence agencies had reported that this smuggling network was responsible for transporting weapons from Nagaland in the northeast to Bihar. Based on this information, NIA officials recently apprehended the suspect.

The seized weapons and evidence indicate that this was part of a larger conspiracy aimed at supplying firearms to criminal groups. The suspect's identity has not yet been made public as the investigation is ongoing.

The NIA stated that it will continue to take strict action to curb the smuggling of illegal weapons and that further arrests are likely as the investigation progresses.

Bangladesh's garment workers protested low wages; government announced formation of a wage board



Garment sector workers in Bangladesh gathered in front of factories demanding better wages. These demonstrations highlighted the long-standing issue of low pay. The government announced the formation of a wage board to address these concerns. The board's purpose is to review industry wages and recommend adjustments.

POLITICS

INDIA Bloc Announces Unified Protest Against CEC Impeachment



The INDIA alliance, also known as the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance, announced today a unified protest by all its constituent parties.

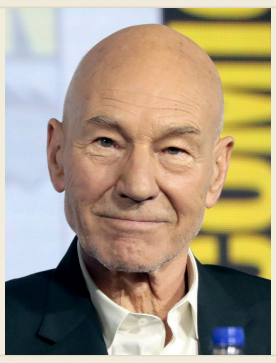
The primary objective of the protest is centered on the impeachment of the Chief Election Commissioner, which the alliance has deemed necessary to maintain electoral integrity.

This announcement is part of a broader campaign to address concerns regarding the conduct of the electoral process.

The alliance did not provide additional details regarding the timeline for the impeachment or specific demands.

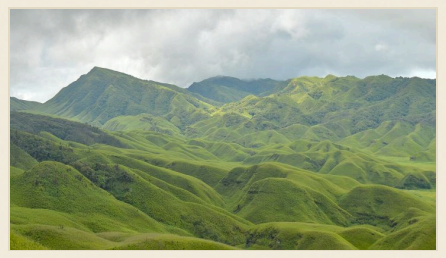
ENTERTAINMENT

Star Trek veteran Patrick Stewart dies at 86



Veteran actor Patrick Stewart, globally renowned for his role as Captain Jean-Luc Picard in the Star Trek franchise, has died at the age of 86, according to the Nagaland Post. His decades-long career in theater, film, and television earned him a knighthood in the field of drama. Stewart's iconic role made him a beloved figure among science fiction fans. The entertainment industry has expressed deep grief over the loss. His many memorable performances will continue to inspire future generations.

Dear Lucky Saturday lottery winner declared for ₹1 crore jackpot in Nagaland



The Nagaland State Lottery held its Dear Lucky Saturday draw today at 8 PM, declaring a ₹1 crore jackpot. The draw was conducted at the time scheduled by the state's lottery department.

Following the draw, Asianet Newsable published the complete list of winners, including ticket holders for the top prize and other prize categories. The lottery board verified the results using an electronic random number generator, ensuring the transparency of the process and compliance with state regulations.

This jackpot win reflects the growing popularity of state-managed lotteries in Nagaland, which are promoted as a source of revenue for state development projects and a form of legal entertainment. Winners must claim their prizes within the specified time limit by presenting the original ticket and identification documents.

Officials reminded all participants that the lottery is open only to residents of Nagaland and that any tampering with the draw process will result in strict legal action.

EDUCATION

National Conference on China Studies in Nagaland Focuses on Tech Ethics and Border Education

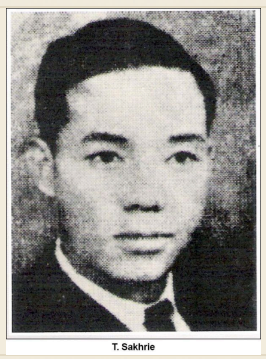
The first National Conference on China Studies was inaugurated in Nagaland, providing a new direction to academic discourse on China-related issues in India. The platform brings together scholars, policy analysts, and technology experts to examine technological ethics and its impacts in border regions.

Key sessions discussed technological ethics in the specific geopolitical context of India's northeastern border areas. Participants linked topics such as artificial intelligence, data security, and digital surveillance to the cultural and security concerns affecting communities living near the India-China border.

Organizers described the conference as a platform to strengthen interdisciplinary research, where political science, engineering, and regional studies converge. This initiative aims to encourage in-depth analysis of the ethical use of technology in sensitive border areas and China's influence by creating a permanent network between Indian and international academics.

The event, organized by educational institutions in Nagaland, is expected to generate useful insights and research publications for policymakers and the academic community.

MorungExpress Publishes New Article: 'New kids on the block!'


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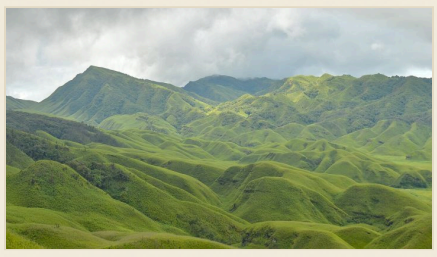
MorungExpress, a digital news platform, has published a new article titled 'New kids on the block!'. This brief notice was shared on the portal's website, but no details were provided regarding the content of the article.

The title suggests that the piece may focus on new entrants or recent developments; however, the available information does not include a summary of the article.

Readers are encouraged to visit the MorungExpress website to read the full article and learn more about the subject mentioned in the headline.

EDUCATION

Book on Nagaland's Butterflies Made Compulsory Textbook in State Schools



A new fieldguide on Nagaland's butterflies, authored by a local conservationist, has been included in the curriculum of state government school textbooks.

butterfly and insect populations found in the region, is now considered a mandatory resource for students studying biology and environmental science.

Education officials stated that the inclusion aims to raise awareness about the state's rich insect life and encourage conservation efforts among young learners.

This move aligns with a growing trend of incorporating region-specific natural history texts into school programs, aiming to foster a deeper connection between students and their local ecosystems.

POLITICS

Election Commission Extends SIR Deadline in Five States



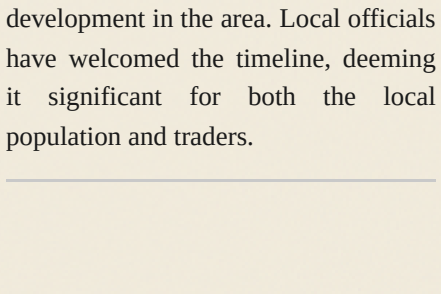
The Election Commission of India (EC) issued a notice today announcing that the deadline for submitting Statements of Intent to Register (SIR) has been extended in five states. This decision was made in response to concerns raised by political parties and other stakeholders regarding the original timeline.

The EC stated that the extension is intended to ensure that all eligible parties have sufficient time to complete the necessary documentation, thereby maintaining the transparency of the electoral process. Details of the new deadline will be released through official channels shortly.

preparation phase for upcoming elections in the affected states, as parties will have additional time to finalize their candidate lists and related formalities. Election officials have urged all parties to adhere to the new deadline.

LOCAL

Contractor Promises to Complete Thakabama-Kikeruma Section of NH-29 by 2027



A critical section of National Highway 29 (NH-29) in Nagaland, connecting the villages of Thakabama and Kikeruma, is currently under construction. This road project is part of a broader initiative to strengthen connectivity in the state's hilly regions.

The contractor awarded the project has publicly pledged to complete the Thakabama-Kikeruma section by 2027. This commitment was made during a recent project briefing, where timelines and resource allocation were discussed.

The completion of the road is expected to reduce travel time between the two villages, facilitate the transport of goods, and spur socio-economic development in the area. Local officials have welcomed the timeline, deeming it significant for both the local population and traders.

New Zealand Scientists Bring Kiwi Fruit Expertise to Nagaland



A team of scientists from New Zealand arrived in Nagaland this week with the aim of sharing their extensive experience in kiwi fruit cultivation with local farmers and officials. Representing prominent research institutions, the group will collaborate with the state's Department of Agriculture, research centers, and farmers to discuss orchard establishment, pest management, and post-harvest processing.

During their visit, the team will conduct field demonstrations and workshops to adapt kiwi cultivation techniques to the region's climate and soil conditions. They will also explore the potential for joint research projects to enhance the commercial viability of the fruit.

This initiative is considered a significant step towards diversifying Nagaland's fruit production and entering export-oriented markets. Officials from the state's Department of Agriculture have welcomed the collaboration, noting that it could open new avenues for farmers.

If successful, this partnership could position Nagaland as one of the new regions in India for kiwi fruit cultivation, complementing the existing crop portfolio and boosting the state's agricultural development.

Nagaland MLA Hayithung Bill Lota Files Defamation Case Against Deputy CM Y. Paton



Nagaland MLA Hayithung Bill Lota has filed a defamation case against Deputy Chief Minister Y. Paton. Lota alleges that Paton made false statements that have damaged his personal and political reputation.

The petition was filed in the Nagaland High Court, where the alleged defamatory statements are claimed to constitute defamation under Indian law. Although the specific content of the disputed statements has not been made public, Lota's legal team stated that the case is a clear instance of defamation.

Legal experts believe that defamation cases between senior politicians often become protracted battles with significant political implications. The court will evaluate the petition and schedule hearings in the coming weeks.

If the case proceeds, it could exacerbate existing tensions within the state's ruling coalition and spark debate over standards of public discourse.