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ARUNACHAL PRADESH

□ Butterfly 'Neptis philyra' sighted for the first time in India:

- A butterfly Neptis philyra has been sighted for the first time in the country in Tale Valley sanctuary in Arunachal Pradesh, gladdening butterfly enthusiasts.
- It was sighted last year at Pange.
- The butterfly is also known as Long-streak Sailo.
- The sighting has been published in the Tropical Lepidoptera Research Journal.
- Atanu Bose, a butterfly lover, was sure that the butterfly *Neptis philyra* he saw was a new one to India.
- Bose later told his colleagues Mahesh Baruah (Bongaigaon), Abhishek Dutta Choudhury (Bongaigaon), and Anitava Roy (West Bengal), about the new butterfly which he stumbled upon.
- This butterfly was first described by M. Ménétriés in 1859 from Russia.
- This species has been found in East Asia, including eastern Siberia, Korea, Japan, Taiwan, China, Tibet, Yunnan, and Vietnam.



☐Yuva Katha Samman awarded to RGU's Dr Jamuna Bini:

- The prestigious Yuva Katha Samman, conferred annually in memory of the renowned Hindi short story writer and critic, Dr Vijaymohan Singh, was awarded to Arunachal Pradesh's Dr Jamuna Bini of Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU) this year.

☐ Herbal medicine expert Lego honoured with Padma Shri:

- Herbal medicine expert Yanung Jamoh Lego has been honoured with the prestigious Padma Shri award for 2024.





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ASSAM

☐ Gatoonga Tea Garden reports best averages in CTC tea for third time:

- The Gatoonga Tea Garden of Assam has now reported the best averages in CTC tea in auctions for the third time in a row, showing that good prices are still achievable despite tough situations.
- The tea industry is in crisis, but some estates are still doing a great job and getting top prices in the auctions.
- Gatoonga estate fetched an average price of Rs 461.22 and became the first garden to fetch more than Rs 450 in CTC auctions in North India.

☐ Boro Eri Silk, got GI tag

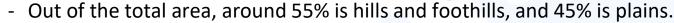
- The name "Eri" is derived from the Assamese word "Era" which means "castor" as the silkworm feeds on castor plants.
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- Eri Silk is also known as "Indi" locally among Bodos.





□ Brown-spotted-Pit-viper found for the first time in Assam:

- The sighting of a Brown-spotted Pit-viper in a community forest in Assam proves there is rich wildlife in these forests.
- Scientists and researchers from biodiversity conservation organisation, Aaranyak, have recorded the presence of the Brown-spotted Pit-viper (*Protobothrops mucrosquamatus*) from a community forest in Kohora river basin in Assam.
- The Kohora River Basin (KRB), on the southern boundary of the Kaziranga National Park, covers an area of 31.50 sq. km. in the Rongmongve development block of Karbi Anglong district in Assam.



 The upstream hills and foothills area is under the administration of Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC) and the downstream area is under the administrative jurisdiction of Golaghat district.

☐Guwahati Air Became World's 2nd Most Polluted

- The report by IQAir placed Begusarai in Bihar as the first and Delhi as the third most polluted cities in the world.
- Besides, it ranked India as the third most polluted country in the world after Bangladesh and Pakistan.



□ Assam's Manisha Sharma claims Miss VogueStar India 2024 crown:

- Manisha Sharma, a young woman from Assam's Guwahati, emerged as the winner of the prestigious Miss VogueStar India 2024 pageant in Jaipur.
- Sharma, a lawyer by profession at Gauhati High Court, captivated the judges and audience with her charm, poise, and intelligence.
- Her remarkable journey from the courtroom to the runway showcased her versatility and determination to excel in diverse fields.

□ Purabi Dairy targets Rs 350 crore turnover:

- West Assam Milk Producers' Co-operative Union (WAMUL), known as Purabi Dairy, has experienced a surge in standardized milk sales, marking a milestone turnover exceeding Rs 200 crore in liquid milk sales for the first time.
- This achievement solidifies its position as Northeast India's largest dairy cooperative.







MANIPUR

□ UK commemorates 80th anniv of Manipur 's Kanglatongbi battle:

- The 80th anniversary commemoration of the Battle of Kanglatongbi, revered as one of the most intense conflicts of World War II, paid homage to the bravery of 105 British and Indian soldiers who valiantly defended their post on the night of April 6th/7th, 1944.
- Set against the backdrop of Manipur under British rule, the Kanglatongbi battleground witnessed fierce fighting during the Burma Campaign.
- The Lion Box at Kanglatongbi emerged as a pivotal site where British and Indian troops halted the Japanese advance into India, marking a crucial turning point in the broader Imphal Campaign.
- Traditionally, the observance of the 80th anniversary would have occurred at the Kanglatongbi battle site, graced by a memorial honoring the fallen.
- However, due to ongoing ethnic unrest in Manipur since May 3, 2023, this year's commemoration took place for the first time at the Burma Star Memorial at the National Memorial Arboretum (NMA) in the UK on April 7, 2024, at 1 pm BST.



☐ Manipuri film ONENESS to premiere at South Asia's biggest queer film festival

- Manipuri feature film ONENESS, helmed by director Priyakanta Laishram, has been selected to have its world premiere at the esteemed KASHISH Pride Film Festival 2024, the biggest queer film festival in South Asia.
- The groundbreaking movie has already made history as the first Manipuri film to focus on same-sex relationships.



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MEGHALAYA

□ Second North-East Regatta 2024 launches with enthusiasm in Shillong:

-The Umiam Sailing Club (USC) and UDAY for Sailors Foundation, in collaboration with the Yachting Association of India (YAI), inaugurated the 2nd North-East Regatta 2024 with an opening ceremony held on April 3 at the Umiam Sailing Club, Orchid Lake Resort, Watersports Complex, Shillong.



□News producer Alicia Bakor wins prestigious ENBA Award:

- Alicia Bakor Phanwar from Meghalaya has clinched the coveted title of Best News Producer (English) at the prestigious Exchange4media News Broadcasting Awards (ENBA), held at the Imperial Hotel in New Delhi on March 30.
- The ENBA Awards ceremony serves as a platform to honor excellence within the Indian broadcast news industry.

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☐ Meghalaya's Wadagokgre ASI site:

- A region that should have been Meghalaya's pride is fast being transformed into an unrecognisable quagmire thanks to the greed of a few.
- Wadagokgre is and will always remain important to the people of the state and remains one of few Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) approved sites.
- It is the site of a lost kingdom that lived along the banks of the mighty Brahmaputra.



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MIZORAM

102-year-old WWII hero Subedar Thanseia passes away:

- -Subedar Thanseia, a decorated veteran of the Assam Regiment of the Indian Army, passed away on March 31, 2024, at the age of 102.
- -Thanseia, a native of Mizoram, dedicated his life to serving his country.
- His bravery and sacrifice during the Second World War, particularly in the Battle of Kohima, played a pivotal role in the Allied forces' victory.

His actions on the battlefield earned him a revered place in India's military history.

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NAGALAND

Nagaland University shines at 37th Inter-Univ National Youth Festival:

- Students from Nagaland University displayed exceptional talent and secured significant accolades at the 37th Inter University National Youth Festival 'Hulara,' held at Punjab Agricultural University, Ludhiana, from March 28 to April 1.
- The Nagaland University team excelled in various categories, earning three impressive trophies-second position in folk dance, second position in western group song, and fourth position in the cultural procession.

Four candidates from Nagaland clear UPSC exam 2023:

- Four candidates from Nagaland emerged successful in the prestigious Union Public Service Commission (UPSC) Civil Services Examination (CSE) 2023. The results were announced on Tuesday.
- The four candidates are Tolino Chishi (AIR 431), Alemyim Isaac (AIR 749), Imsurenla Longkumer (AIR 774), and Chubalemba B Chang (AIR 915).

First time molecular study in Tuensang finds 62 species'

- -Researchers from St Joseph University, Dimapur, have collected and identified 62 species from Tuensang which included insects, spiders, lizards, birds, and mammals, using DNA barcodes.
- Molecular characterization of species from the Tuensang area of Nagaland was done for the first time.
- Tuensang is one of Nagaland's largest and most eastern districts and the animal species were collected from selected areas of Tuensang Town, Tuensang Village, Hakchang Village, Helipong Village, Ngangpong Village, Sangchen compound village, Chendang Village, Chingmei village and Momching village.

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SIKKIM

Anti-tank guided missile fired at 17,000 ft:

- The Trishakti Corps of the Indian Army conducted a training exercise of Anti-Tank Guided Missile (ATGM) firing at a high-altitude area of 17,000 feet in Sikkim.
- The training exercise involved comprehensive continuity training and live firing from various platforms, targeting both moving and static objectives to simulate battlefield conditions.

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TRIPURA

Tripura: Matabari Pera Prasad, Rignai Pachara textiles get GI Tag:

- Three traditional products from Tripura have recently received Geographical Indication (GI) tag.
- The products are Matabari pera prasad and Rignai pachara textiles.
- With this, Tripura now has 4 GI Protected products.
- The 'Matabari pera prasad' is a sweet offering at the renowned Tripureswari temple in Tripura.
- 'Rignai pachara' is a traditional hand-woven attire meticulously crafted by skilled artisans using indigenous materials and techniques



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