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ARUNACHAL PRADESH

■ New species of mountain-dwelling lizard discovered:

- A collaborative team of researchers from the Max Planck Institute for Biology in Germany, the Thackeray Wildlife Foundation, and other institutions have discovered a new species of rare mountain-dwelling lizard in Arunachal Pradesh.
- Named Japalura mictophola, the new mountain-dwelling lizard is distinguished by the heterogeneous scales on its back.
- The species, found in the high elevation montane forests of Eaglenest Wildlife Sanctuary.

NIMAS fetes Everest summiteers, aspiring mountaineers:

- The National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports (NIMAS) today proudly honored five of its alumni who successfully summited Mount Everest, bringing immense pride to the institute and the nation.
- The recently felicitated Everest climbers include Kabak Yano (2024), Tagit Sorang Abraham (2021), Tashi Yangjom (2021), Tongchen Nimsonga (2018), and Dorjee Khandu (2018).
- The ceremony was led by Colonel Ranveer Singh Jamwal, a renowned mountaineer and the current Director of NIMAS.





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■ Robin Hibu, first IPS officer from Arunachal Pradesh Promoted to DGP Rank:

- Robin Hibu, the first IPS officer from Arunachal Pradesh, who
 previously served as the Special Commissioner of Police in Delhi,
 now has been promoted to the prestigious rank of Director General of
 Police (DGP).
- Hailing from the 1993 batch (47 RR), Rabin Hibu belongs to the Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram and Union Territory (AGMUT) cadre.



Ninong Ering sworn-in as Pro tem Speaker:

- The Governor of Arunachal Pradesh Lt. General KT Parnaik, (Retd.) administered the oath to Ering.
- ITANAGAR- Ninong Ering, one of the senior members of the 8th State Legislative Assembly, was sworn in as the Pro tem Speaker of the 8th Arunachal Pradesh State Legislative Assembly, in an official ceremony at the Vivekananda Hall, Raj Bhavan, Itanagar on 13th June 2024.

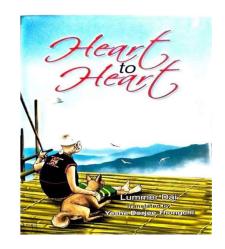


'Heart to Heart'- By Lummer Dai:

- Though the subject of the above mentioned novel is local, it has a universal appeal and, apart from thehuman-animal dichotomy, it also tactfully presents the conflict between other binaries, such as traditional/modern, science/superstition, man/society,etc.
- It was originally published in Assamese as Mon aru Mon in 1968, and its English translation was done by Padma Shri awardee Yeshe DorjeeThongchi, who also credits Lummer Dai as the first Arunachali literary writer.

■Toko Telyi Becomes First Arunachali Selected for Bharatendu Natya Academy:

- In a historic achievement, Toko Telyi has become the first individual from Arunachal Pradesh to be selected for the prestigious Bharatendu Natya Academy, one of India's leading institutions for dramatic arts.
- This remarkable milestone not only brings immense pride to the state but also underscores the rich cultural talent emerging from the region.





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ASSAM

■ NE to get second IIM after 17 years; new campus in Assam's Kamrup:

- After a wait of 17 years, Northeast India has now got approval for a second Indian Institute of Management (IIM).
- The first one at Shillong was set up in 2007 and the second one will be in Kamrup district of Assam.

Ahom mound-burials to get UNESCO World Heritage status:

- Exciting news for Assam as Moidams the Mound-Burial System of the Ahom Dynasty, has been inscribed by the World Heritage Committee on the World Heritage List.
- This follows the International Council on Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS) recommendations that the property to be inscribed on the World Heritage List after evaluating the property on all grounds.
- ICOMOS recommends that Moidams the Mound-Burial System of the Ahom Dynasty, India, be inscribed on the World Heritage List based on criteria (iii) and (iv)," the report states.

Global recognition for IIT Guwahati in 2024 rankings:

- Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati has made significant strides by securing the 87th position globally in SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure) in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings 2024.
- Additionally, the institute has shown notable improvements in its overall rankings for SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 4 (Quality Education), and SDG 6 (Clean Water & Sanitation).
- These rankings evaluate universities worldwide based on their contributions to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Assam CM Sarma launches 'Nijut Moina' to support girl students:

- In a significant move to combat child marriages and promote female education, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced a new initiative on Wednesday.
- The state government will provide monthly stipends to girl students from Class 11 to post-graduation over the next five years under the scheme named 'Nijut Moina'.



Assam's Nishamoni Bora bags gold at All India Windsurfing C'ship:

- Nishamoni Bora from Sarupathar in Assam's Golaghat district has made her state proud by securing the top honour at the recently concluded All India Windsurfing Championship 2024.
- Bora showcased her exceptional windsurfing skills, emerging victorious in the competition held from June 5 to June 9 in Chennai, on the waters of the Indian Ocean.
- The event was organised by the Tamil Nadu Sailing Association (TNSA) and saw participation from 18 clubs across the country.

Assam writers shine at Sahitya Academy Awards:

- The Sahitya Academy has unveiled the winners of its 2024 awards, showcasing a notable presence of Assam writers.
- Ranju Hazarika has been honoured for his Assamese novel, Biponna Bismoi Khel, which has garnered critical acclaim for its "compelling narrative and deep cultural insights.
- Virgin Jekova Machahary has received accolades for her Bodo poetry collection, Buhuma Boynibw, praised for its "lyrical beauty and profound exploration of Bodo culture and identity."





MANIPUR

Experts call for documenting medically important snakes in NE:

- Northeastern India is part of the Himalayan and Indo-Burma biodiversity hotspot and home to about 21 species of venomous snakes from the families Viperidae and Elapidae.
- A systematic study is necessary across northeastern India to document the diversity of medically important snakes, according to herpetologists who have reported on two venomous species of snakes in India for the first time.
- A recent addition to the exciting biodiversity in northeast reptiles includes two venomous species of snakes.
- These snakes belong to the families Elapidae and Viperidae, known for their neurotoxic and haemotoxic venom properties, respectively.
- The study, a collaborative effort by researchers from the Wildlife Institute of India, Newcastle University, and the Natural History Museum, London, reported the sighting of Suzhen's Krait (Bungarus suzhenae) and Zayuan Pit Viper (Ovophis zayuensis) for the first time in India.



MEGHALAYA

USTM ranks 109th in Nature Index for research output:

- The University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) has achieved a significant milestone by being featured in the prestigious Nature Index for the first time, securing the 109th position.
- This accomplishment is attributed to the notable contributions of the Department of Chemistry, particularly the work of Dr. Mohit L. Deb, Assistant Professor of Chemistry, whose research has been published in 'Chemical Communications', a Nature Indexed Journal.
- The Nature Index is a renowned metric that tracks research output through publications in 82 top-tier natural science journals.
- It considers only 145 primary research articles published within natural and health science journals, making it a crucial benchmark for universities.
- This index enhances institutional reputation, attracts top talent, secures funding, and facilitates strategic planning by benchmarking against global peers.



MEPA honours EastMojo's Princess Rashir for journalistic excellence:

- The Meghalaya Editors' and Publishers' Association (MEPA) has honoured Princess Giri Rashir, the Meghalaya correspondent for EastMojo, at a special ceremony held at the Shillong Club.
- Rashir, who received the prestigious Ramnath Goenka Award for Excellence in Journalism on March 19, 2024, was felicitated alongside fellow award-winning journalist Alicia Bakor Phanwar.



MIZORAM

Mizo boy sets world record as youngest paragliding pilot:

- In a remarkable feat that has captivated audiences worldwide, 11-yearold Samuel Lalbiakhlua from Saitual town in Mizoram has etched his name in the annals of adventure sports by becoming the youngest certified paragliding pilot in the world.
- Achieving this milestone on March 16, Samuel's accomplishment resonates as a testament to courage, determination, and skill.



NAGALAND

Nagaland's Lepzungchiba inducted as member of National Bee Board:

- In a first for the state of Nagaland, Lepzungchiba Jamir was inducted as a Life Member, Category (A) Corporate Member of the National Bee Board (NBB).
- The National Bee Board, reconstituted in June 2006, aims to develop beekeeping through scientific methods to enhance crop productivity via pollination and increase honey production, thus boosting the income of beekeepers and farmers.

Nagaland's Mechieville Yashü makes history as national football referee:

- Mechievilie Yashü, hailing from Dihoma village in Kohima district, has achieved a significant milestone by becoming Nagaland's first football referee to qualify as a national referee under the All India Football Federation (AIFF).
- His accomplishment comes after successfully clearing the AIFF Level 5 exam, results of which were announced on June 16.





SIKKIM

MN Sherpa elected speaker of Legislative Assembly:

- The newly-formed Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) government took part in the 11th Legislative Assembly session on Wednesday.
- Thirty legislators of the SKM party unanimously selected Mingma Norbu Sherpa from the Daramdin constituency as the new Speaker of the Sikkim Legislative Assembly.
- Raj Kumari Thapa, representing the Yangang Rangang constituency, was selected as the Deputy Speaker.

Sikkim's first elected Lok Sabha MP Pahalman Subba dies at 90:

- Pahalman Subba, Sikkim's first elected Lok Sabha MP, passed away on Thursday in Gangtok at the age of 90 following a prolonged illness.
- Subba, who won the 1980 election on a Sikkim Janata Party (SJP) ticket, served as an MP until 1984.
- He was the second MP of Sikkim and the first to win a contested election.
- Previously, Congress leader Chhatra Bahadur Chhetri had been elected unopposed in the 1977 Lok Sabha elections after Sikkim joined India.





TRIPURA

■ Tripura Uni pioneers patented Ramie fibre process, boosts handloom sector:

- Ramie fibre, one of the strongest natural textile fibres in the world, is gaining attention for its strength, lustre, and absorbency.
- Tripura University has been cultivating ramie since 2015 for research purposes and has developed a patented microbial polishing process that produces fine spinnable threads.
- The finished fibre has been used to create various fabrics, some of which were presented to President Droupadi Murmu in January.
- Today, the first batch of ramie fibre was shipped to the Weavers' Service Centre in Jaipur after payment was received.
- The buyer had previously tested samples and co-developed products that were well-received by the community.
- There is significant potential for ramie fibre in creating various handloom products.

