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# ARUNACHAL PRADESH

## □ Arunachal Pradesh CM inaugurates 26th district- Keyi Panyor

- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu fulfilled his promise made in September 2023 by inaugurating the state's **26th district, Keyi Panyor**, in Yachuli on Friday.
- The new district, carved out of **Lower Subansiri**, will have its headquarters at **Ter Gapin – Sam Sarth** area near here.
- Union Minister for Earth Science Kiren Rijiju, Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein, MPs Tapir Gao and Nabam Rebia, along with several cabinet colleagues and local representatives, were also present at the event.



## □ Idu Mishmi protect ancestral land through community conservation

- In June 2022, members of the Idu Mishmi community of Elopa and Etugu villages, Dibang valley, declared 70 square kilometres of their ancestral customary land as a community conserved area (CCA).
- This CCA serves as a way for the clans to protect the land, wildlife and cultural traditions from being threatened by deforestation and large hydroelectric projects along the Dibang river.
- It also provides employment for the indigenous youth, who work as rangers and guides for tourists.



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## ❑ New flowering plant 'Begonia naraharii' discovered in Arunachal

- Researchers from the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM), in collaboration with researchers from CSIR-Northeast Institute of Science and Technology, Jorhat, have recently uncovered and delineated a new flowering plant christened "**Begonia naraharii** B. Hajong, N. Bhat & P. Bharali".
- This breakthrough occurred in the Lohit district of Arunachal Pradesh.

## ❑ Arunachal: CM Pema Khandu inaugurates 27th district- Bichom

- Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu in the presence of Union Minister for Earth Science Kiren Rijiju inaugurated the newly formed **Bichom** district on Thursday.
- **Bichom**, the **27th district** of the state, has been carved out of the West Kameng and East Kameng districts.

➤ The Arunachal Pradesh assembly on Thursday passed a bill by voice vote to create two new districts in the western and southern parts of the state.

➤ Chief Minister Pema Khandu introduced the **Arunachal Pradesh (Re-Organisation of Districts) Amendment Bill, 2024** which paved the way for the creation of Keyi Panor and Bichom districts. With these, the **total number of districts** rose to **28**.



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## ❑ Arunachal athlete wins gold at Russian Moscow Stars Int'l Wushu C'ship

- Arunachal Pradesh athlete **Laatwang Kamhua** secured the gold medal in the 48-kg category at the Russian Moscow Stars International Wushu Championship 2024.



## ❑ PM Narendra Modi inaugurates Sela Tunnel project

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the **Sela Tunnel project** from **Itanagar** on Saturday, marking a significant milestone in the infrastructure development of Arunachal Pradesh.

- The Sela Tunnel, located in the **West Kameng District**, has been constructed at a cost of **Rs 825 crore**, connecting **Tezpur** and **Tawang**.

- Sela Tunnel, situated at an **altitude** of **13000 feet**, bypasses the treacherous Sela Pass at an altitude of 13700 feet.

- The **Balipara-Charduar-Tawang Road**, where the tunnel is located, serves as a vital axis connecting the Tawang Region and provides essential connectivity up to Tezpur.

- Overcoming various bottlenecks such as Nichephu, Bomdila Town, and Sela Pass, the tunnel project, along with Nechiphu Tunnel, addresses critical infrastructure needs.



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## Sela Tunnel

- The **foundation stone** of the Sela Tunnel was laid by **Prime Minister Modi** on **February 9, 2019**, and **construction commenced** on **April 1, 2019**.
- Despite facing challenges posed by difficult terrain and adverse weather conditions, the tunnel has been completed in just five years.
- Sela Tunnel, situated at an **altitude of 13000 feet**, bypasses the treacherous **Sela Pass** at an altitude of **13700 feet**.
- The **Balipara-Charduar-Tawang Road**, where the tunnel is located, serves as a vital axis **connecting** the **Tawang Region** and provides essential connectivity up to **Tezpur**.
- The **Sela Tunnel System** comprises **two tunnels** with **lengths of 1003 meters** and **1595 meters**, along with **8.6 kilometers** of approach and link roads.
- Additionally, the **second tunnel features** an escape tube adjacent to the main tunnel to facilitate emergency situations, meeting international safety standards.
- Designed for a traffic density of 3000 cars and 2000 trucks per day, the tunnel is expected to enhance all-weather connectivity to Tawang and reinforce defense capabilities in the region.
- **Constructed** using the **New Austrian Tunneling Method (NATM)**, widely recognised for its effectiveness in Himalayan geology, the Sela Tunnel Project employed over 90 lakh man-hours and utilised significant quantities of cement, steel, and explosives.
- Despite facing challenges such as freezing temperatures, water ingress, and the impact of COVID-19, the Border Roads Organisation (BRO) successfully completed the project ahead of schedule.

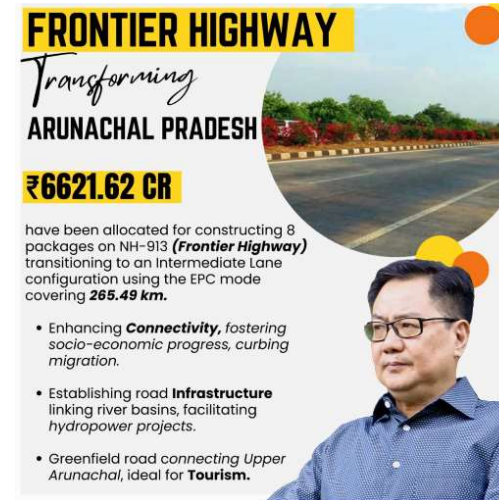


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## □ Arunachal gets 8 new highway packages worth Rs 6621.62 crore

- The Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, Nitin Gadkari, has given clearance for constructing **eight packages** on the **National Highway-913** in **Arunachal Pradesh**.
- The **funding amount** for the project is estimated at **Rs. 6621.62 crore**.
- **The Frontier Highway**, as it is called, will span a **total length of 265.49 km**, making it easier to connect the border areas.
- The project aims **to improve the connectivity of the state and promote socio-economic growth**.
- The Minister said that the construction of the Frontier Highway will help in curbing migration and facilitate reverse migration towards the border areas of Arunachal Pradesh.
- **The packages** include the **Huri-Taliha section**, the **Bile-Migging Section**, the **Kharsang-Maio-Gandhigram-Vijaynagar section**, and the **Bomdila-Nafra-Lada section**.



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have been allocated for constructing 8 packages on NH-913 (**Frontier Highway**) transitioning to an Intermediate Lane configuration using the EPC mode covering **265.49 km**.

- Enhancing **Connectivity**, fostering socio-economic progress, curbing migration.
- Establishing road **Infrastructure** linking river basins, facilitating hydropower projects.
- Greenfield road connecting Upper Arunachal, ideal for **Tourism**.



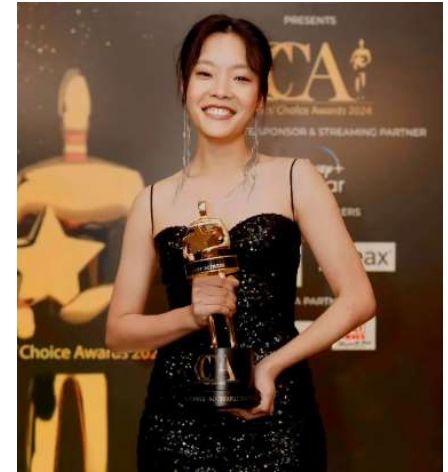
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## ❑ Arunachal star Millo Sunka bags award at Critics Choice Awards

- Arunachalee actress **Millo Sunka** has once again made her mark by winning the **'Best Actress Award'** at the annual Critics Choice Awards-2024 held in Mumbai on Tuesday.
- The Critics Choice Awards recognise excellence in films, web, and short films in India.
- Hailing from Hapoli in the Lower Subansiri district, Millo Sunka was awarded the Best Actress Award for her role in the short film **"Nocturnal Burger,"** a 28-minute film that received the **Best Director and Best Short Film awards** at the event.



## ❑ Report on Arunachal's endangered languages submitted to NEC

- The **North Eastern Council-funded Research Project** titled, **"Documentation of Endangered Languages, Oral Narratives, and Cultures of the Lesser-Known Tribal Communities of Arunachal Pradesh"** has been successfully completed and submitted to the NEC, Shillong by the Centre for Endangered Languages (CFEL), Rajiv Gandhi University (RGU).
- **Three lesser-known communities** of the state namely **Ashing (Adi)** of **Upper Siang**, **Nah (Tagin)** of **Upper Subansiri**, and **Brokpa (Monpa)** of **West Kameng** districts were extensively studied under this project.
- The tangible research outputs of this project are the **five published books** including two monographs and three bilingual dictionaries namely **Ethnographic Profile of the Brokpa (Monpa) of Arunachal Pradesh (2023)**, **Ethnographic Profile of the Nah (Tagin) of Arunachal Pradesh (2023)**, **A Dictionary of Nah (2023)**, **Brokpa-English Dictionary (2023)** and **Dictionary and Grammar of Ashing: A Moribund Language of Arunachal Pradesh (2022)**.



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### □ Arunachal gets first-of-its kind fish museum in Ziro

- Arunachal Chief Minister Pema Khandu announced on Thursday the inauguration of the **first-of-its-kind fish museum** in **Ziro**.
- In **2022**, Arunachal Fisheries Minister **Tage Taki** announced the plans for a **fish museum**, the **first of its kind in the Northeast**.
- The fish museum is part of India's first-ever '**Integrated Aqua Park**' which has been approved by the central government and is set up at **Tarin** (Ziro) in the Lower Subansiri district.
- In **2019**, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** announced one Integrated Aqua Park for each state and Union Territory under the **Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana** to bring the blue revolution.



### □ Arunachal gets oil palm processing unit

- In a significant development for India's agricultural sector, **3F Oil Palm**, one of the country's largest Oil Palm development companies, has initiated commercial operations at **India's first integrated Oil Palm Processing Unit** in **Arunachal Pradesh**.
- Situated in **Roing**, the headquarters of the **Lower Dibang Valley district**, this unit marks a crucial step towards achieving self-reliance in edible oils, driven by the **National Mission on Edible Oils – Oil Palm (NMEO-OP)**.



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# ASSAM

## World Bank approves \$452 million assistance for Assam

- The **World Bank's** Board of Executive Directors have **approved** the **single largest state-specific operation** in **Assam** till date amounting to **\$452 million** which **aims to strengthen the resilience and management of roads and bridges** to help people living in **1,739 villages** gain round-the-year access to wholesale markets, schools, hospitals, and places of work.
- The program **Assam Resilient Rural Bridges Program** aims to **improve connectivity for over 1.8 million people** living in rural areas, especially during extreme weather.
- The **total project cost** is **564.71 million** of which the Bank is giving **\$452 million**.
- The **assistance** is restricted to **improving 1184 bridges** on the rural roads network – **"rural bridges"**, whilst building the road and bridge management capability of the Assam Public Works Department.

## Majuli mask craft, manuscript painting secure coveted GI tag

- In a significant achievement for cultural preservation, **Majuli's mask craft**, known as **Mukha Shilpa**, and manuscript painting have **received** the prestigious **Geographical Indication (GI) tag**.
- The approval follows a comprehensive examination of the deep cultural wealth and historical significance inherent in these traditional folk crafts.



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## ❑ 'Mera pehla vote' campaign launched to encourage youth to vote

- The **Ministry of Education** has taken an initiative to **promote voter awareness** among young voters across the country.
- The initiative is titled '**Mera Pehla Vote Desh Ke Liye**'.
- The campaign **aims to ensure universal participation of youth in the elections**.
- Students of Arya Vidyapeeth College took a pledge to cast their vote during the campaign.



## ❑ IIT Guwahati inks MoUs with coveted institutes of Canada and Japan

- **Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati (IIT Guwahati)** has signed **Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs)** with **Dalhousie University, Canada**, and **Gifu University, Japan**, aimed at fostering **knowledge exchange** and **academic enrichment**.
- These **MoUs** signed for **five years** with possibilities of extension, mark a significant stride towards promoting cross-cultural learning and research collaboration.
- Prof. Rajeev Ahuja, Officiating Director of IIT Guwahati, expressed pride in these partnerships, emphasizing the institute's commitment to nurturing students' academic and personal growth through international collaborations.
- He highlighted the goal of providing students with diverse learning experiences and opportunities for holistic development.



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### ❑ **Kodomi & Tutula, the mascots for Kamrup's LS Elections**

- The election mascots of the upcoming Lok Sabha Elections in **Kamrup Metropolitan District** were unveiled on March 9.
- The two 'hargila' birds named **Kodomi** and **Tutula** are a pair of birds that represent the endangered **Greater Adjutant Stork**.
- The launch of the election mascots took place on the same day as the launch of the **Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation (SVEEP) programme**.

### ❑ **Assam introduces Meitei script in edu institutes**

- The **Assam Cabinet** has given its nod to the introduction of the **Meitei** or **Manipuri Mayek** script in the **educational institutions of the state**.
- This decision, reached during the recent cabinet meeting, aims to provide students with the opportunity to engage with Manipuri literature and pursue higher studies in Manipuri using the Meitei or Mayek script.

### ❑ **Latest survey finds Golden Langur population stands at 7,396 in India**

- A survey conducted by reputed organizations found that the **total population of Golden Langurs** stands at **7,396** who cohabit in 707 groups, a news report published in the Hindu said quoting the findings of the survey.
- The survey was a joint effort led by the **Primate Research Centre NE India (PRCNE)**, **Assam Forest Department**, **Bodoland Territorial Council**, **Salim Ali Centre for Ornithology and Natural History (SACON)**, and **Conservation Himalayas**.



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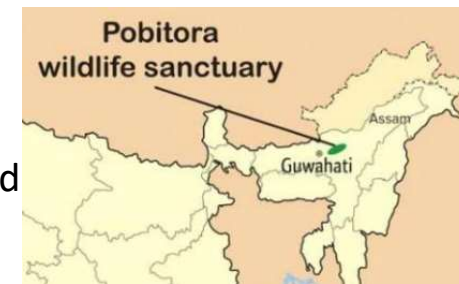
### ❑ Tata's semiconductor plant in Assam

- In a historic move, **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** laid the **foundation** for the **Tata Semiconductor Assembly and Test Pvt Ltd (TSAT) unit** in **Morigaon, Assam**.
- This marks a significant stride towards India's technological self-sufficiency and global prominence in the semiconductor industry.
- The ambitious project, with a staggering capacity of producing 48 million chips daily, aims to reshape India's tech landscape and contribute to the nation's "Atmanirbhar Bharat" initiative.



### ❑ Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary

- **Pobitora National Park** is situated in the **Morigaon district** of the state of Assam.
- The national park is located about 48 km by from Guwahati.
- It has a dense population of the **Great Indian one-horned rhinoceros**.
- It covers **38.8 km<sup>2</sup>**.
- Though the total notified area of the park is 38.80 square kms, **only 16 square kms** is the **effective rhino habitat**.
- Pobitora was declared a **reserved forest** in **1971** and a **wildlife sanctuary** in **1987**.
- It covers **flat flood plains** and a **hillock (Raja Mayong)**.
- Pobitora is mainly famous for its great Indian One-horned rhinoceros.
- Besides rhinoceros, the other animals are leopard, wild boar, Barking deer, wild buffalo etc.
- Assam's Pobitora Wildlife Sanctuary is also home to more than 2000 migratory birds and various reptiles.
- It is also an Important Bird Area.
- In Pobitora wildlife sanctuary, there are now around 93 rhinos, a ten per cent increase over the last six years.
- These 93 rhinos are surviving on merely 16 square km area of the park.



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## ❑ Animated documentary ‘Lachit – The Warrior’ honoured by Filmfare

- Animated Documentary **“Lachit-The Warrior”** achieved a rare feat when the makers were felicitated on the stage of prestigious Filmfare awards.
- The Filmfare recognized the animated documentary for its outstanding contribution to storytelling.
- “Lachit – The Warrior” delves into the captivating saga of Lachit Borphukan, a legendary military general from Assam whose valorous acts reshaped the course of history during the medieval period.
- Amidst the backdrop of Mughal invasions, the film narrates Lachit’s strategic brilliance and unwavering courage in leading the resistance against the formidable Mughal forces.
- Directed by **Dr. Parthasarathi Mahanta**, IPS, and produced by **Mina Mahanta** and **Indrani Baruah**.
- Narrated by **Dr. Amarjyoti Choudhury** with creative editing by **Anupam Mahanta**.



## ❑ Guwahati Ring Road to pass through Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary

- The Standing Committee of National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) has given wildlife clearance to Guwahati Ring Road in Assam, a small portion of which would go through the Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary in the city.
- A total of 7.12 hectares of forest land in Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary and 44.60 hectares of non-forest land in ESZ of Amchang Wildlife Sanctuary would be used for the construction of the Guwahati Ring Road including a bridge over Brahmaputra River (Northern Bypass from Baihata to Sonapur).

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## ❑ IIT Guwahati makes huge breakthrough in decoding human brain

- researchers at Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati seem to have developed a novel algorithm, **Unique Brain Network Identification Number (UBNIN)**, designed to encode the intricate brain networks of healthy humans and patients with Parkinson's disease (PD).
- "UBNIN is a special number representing unique characteristics of the human brain from a network perspective. Interestingly, it can also reverse engineer any human's UBNIN value to reconstruct the original brain network. This UBNIN algorithm will enable us to identify and characterize (encode-decode) brain networks of every human being efficiently."
- This study involved the analysis of structural brain MRI scans of 180 PD patients and 70 healthy individuals from the National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS), India.

## ❑ Krisarthak selected by World Summit Awards

- **Krisarthak**, a pioneering initiative aimed at providing financial literacy and counseling to underbanked and unbanked communities, has been recognized by the prestigious **World Summit Awards (WSA)** in the category of **Business & Commerce for 2023**.
- The WSA serves as an international platform that celebrates digital innovation and its positive impact on society.
- Through a global network of start-ups, social entrepreneurs, and experts, the awards system identifies and promotes examples of how information and communication technologies (ICTs) can contribute to social advancement.
- Krisarthak operates under the Assam Rural Infrastructure and Agricultural Services (ARIAS) Society, tailored to meet the needs of the farming community in Assam. It forms part of the Assam Agribusiness and Rural Transformation Project (APART), funded by the World Bank, with a specific focus on delivering financial literacy and counseling to 250,000 APART beneficiaries through digital and ICT tools.



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### Assam's Maushumi Chakravarty to become new DG of Akashvani

- Senior Indian Information Service officer, **Maushumi Chakravarty**, is set to assume the charge of **Director General of the News Services Division at Akashvani** News in New Delhi.
- With the impending retirement of the current Principal Director General, Chakravarty's appointment marks a significant development in the public broadcast sector.

### IIT Guwahati transfers breakthrough swine fever vaccine technology

- In a groundbreaking development, the **Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati** has successfully transferred pioneering **vaccine technology** to **BioMed Pvt. Ltd.**
- This technology marks a milestone in India's vaccine landscape, offering a solution to combat the classical swine fever virus in pigs and wild boars.
- The **first-of-its-kind recombinant vector vaccine for pigs**, developed through a reverse genetic platform at IIT Guwahati, promises to address the severe threat posed by swine fever.
- Although not transmissible to humans, swine fever has a high mortality rate among pigs and has been a persistent challenge in India, particularly in northeastern states and regions like Bihar, Kerala, Punjab, Haryana, and Gujarat.



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# MANIPUR

## ❑ North East Film Festival begins in Imphal

- Manipur Governor Anusuiya Uikey inaugurated the **North East India Film Festival (NEIFF 2024)** at the **Manipur State Film Development Society (MSFDS)** auditorium in **Imphal** on Sunday.
- In her address at the inaugural event, the Governor emphasized that the primary goal of such film festivals should be to provide a platform for filmmakers to exchange artistic and technical insights into filmmaking.



## ❑ 'No Work, No Pay' rule for non-compliant employees in Manipur

- The Manipur government has put forth a proposal to implement a **"no-work, no-pay" policy** for its employees who have been consistently absent from office without authorized leave, citing various reasons.
- A circular issued by the state government addresses the issue, emphasizing the need for compliance with the prevailing law and order situation.

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### ❑ Manipur's first water amusement park inaugurated by CM Biren Singh

- Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh inaugurated the state's first water amusement park on Wednesday at **Thenguchingjin, Awangpotshangba** in Imphal East.

### ❑ Manipur's Panthoi Chanu signs deal with Australian league team

- **Panthoi Chanu**, the current goalkeeper for the Indian national team, is set to create history as the first Indian footballer to play professionally in **Australia**.
- She has secured a contract with **Metro United WFC** in the **South Australian Women's National Premier League**.
- She joins the ranks of **Jyoti Chauhan, Kiran Pisda, and M. K. Kashmina** as the **fourth player** to secure a contract abroad out of the 27 participants in the trials.



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# MEGHALAYA

## ❑ Meghalaya's Helen Giri honoured with Sangeet Natak Akademi Award

- **Helen Giri**, a distinguished folk and traditional artist from Meghalaya, has been conferred with the prestigious Sangeet Natak Akademi Award for the year 2023.
- The honor was bestowed upon her by the President of India, Draupadi Murmu, in a proud moment for the state.
- Born on February 7, 1944, Helen Giri has long been celebrated for her tireless efforts in promoting and preserving the rich cultural heritage of Meghalaya, particularly in the realm of Khasi dance and music.
- As a top-grade folk singer of All India Radio, her captivating performances have brought Khasi traditional music to national prominence.
- Helen Giri was previously honored with the Padma Shri award in 2008 for her outstanding contributions to the cultural landscape of Meghalaya.



## ❑ EastMojo's Princess Rashir wins Ramnath Goenka Award for film on Meghalaya's illegal coke plants

- **Princess Giri Rashir**, a journalist with EastMojo, has been honored with the prestigious Ramnath Goenka Award for Excellence in Journalism, 2021 under the Environment, Science, and Technology Reporting category.



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## ❑ Researchers discover stunning new cicada species

- Scientists have uncovered a dazzling **new cicada species** known colloquially as “**Butterfly Cicadas**” from **Meghalaya** hinting at a tale of evolution yet untold.
- The cicada belonging to the genus **Becquartina**, marks the **first-ever record** of this genus in **India**.
- The genus **Becquartina** is reported for the **first time from India** with a new species, **Becquartina bicolor** from **Meghalaya**.
- Researchers associated with the study say that based on its appearance, the name ‘**Bicolor Butterfly Cicada**’ seems appropriate for this species
- The cicada was **first found** in and around the **plateau of Balpakram National Park** of **South Garo Hills District** of **Meghalaya state** in the year **2017**.
- Later in **2020**, the species was **recorded** from **Nongkhrach community forest** near **Nongpoh** in the **Ri Bhoi district** of Meghalaya.



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# MIZORAM

## □ Baryl Vanneihsanghi becomes first female Assembly Speaker

- In a groundbreaking move, the Mizoram Legislative Assembly witnessed history on Thursday afternoon as Member of Legislative Assembly (MLA) Baryl Vanneihsanghi took the Speaker's seat, marking the first time a woman has assumed this pivotal role in the state's legislative history.
- Baryl Vanneihsanghi is not only Mizoram's youngest female MLA but also one of the youngest in the current legislative session alongside Indian footballer Jeje Lalpekhlua.

## □ Nirupam Chakma appointed as Member of National Commission for ST

- **Nirupam Chakma**, a politician from Mizoram, has been appointed as a Member of the National Commission for Scheduled Tribes (NCST).
- The official announcement came on Saturday, following a letter of notification issued by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs, Government of India.
- Nirupam Chakma, a seasoned political figure, has an impressive background in Mizoram politics.
- Elected five times as a Member of the Mizoram Legislative Assembly, he has also served as the Minister of State for a decade.
- In 2020, he added another feather to his cap by being elected as the National Council Member of BJP Mizoram Pradesh.

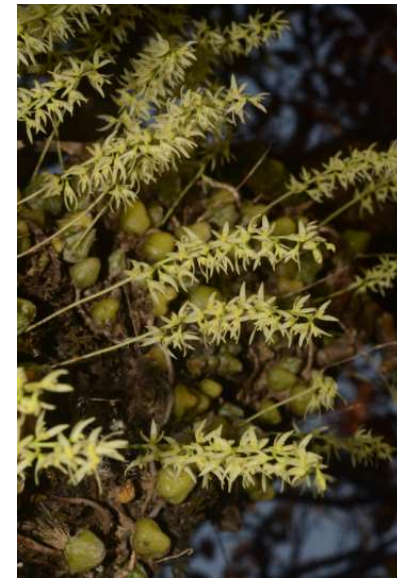


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### □ New orchid species in Mizoram named after local wildlife scientist

- A new orchid species *Bulbophyllum gopalianum* (*Gopal's Bulbophyllum*) was found by **Mal Sâwmliana** from the **Lurh area** in **Champhai** which is situated on the easternmost fringes of the Indo-Myanmar Biodiversity Hotspot.
- The discovery of the new orchid species has been published in The **Nordic Journal of Botany**.
- Mal Sâwmliana, a forest conservator in the Champhai area in Mizoram routinely embarks on botanical trips to discover and document interesting plant species.
- This time it was lucky for him as he found an orchid species which was a new orchid species.
- The **species** has been **named after Gopal Singh Rawat**, former **Director and Dean of the Faculty of Wildlife Sciences** at the **Wildlife Institute of India**, for his significant contributions to ecology and taxonomy in India.



### □ Mizoram athlete clinches world title in Thai Martial Arts

- Mizoram athlete **Joseph Vanlalhraia** has etched his name in history by becoming the **first Indian** to **secure the WMO World Title** in the **51 KG category** at the esteemed **6th International Thai Martial Arts Games** held in **Pattaya, Thailand**.
- Joseph's remarkable triumph not only marks a significant personal milestone but also highlights India's prowess in the domain of martial arts.



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# NAGALAND

## ❑ NagaEd receives Acumen Angels Award for NE educational initiatives

- **NagaEd**, a prominent advocate for education in the region, has been honored with the prestigious **Acumen Angels Award** for its remarkable contributions *to addressing educational disparities and uplifting tribal communities across Northeast India*.
- The **Acumen Angels Award** recognised NagaEd's relentless efforts in tackling the unique educational challenges prevalent in the Northeast.
- NagaEd's initiatives focus on equipping students and educators with digital learning tools and comprehensive training, ensuring equitable access to quality education.
- Their innovative digital platform has revolutionized education delivery, reaching even remote areas facing resource constraints.



## ❑ 'Hamari Vaani' launched to empower persons with disabilities

- A **vibrant community** gathering took place at Tourist Lodge, Dimapur, where people from diverse backgrounds converged to witness the introduction and demonstration of "**Hamari Vaani**," *a social networking platform designed for persons with disabilities (PwDs)*.
- The event, organised by Prodigals' Home, a prominent non-governmental organization in Nagaland, received support from **EnAble India**, a non-profit dedicated to fostering economic independence and dignity for PwDs.



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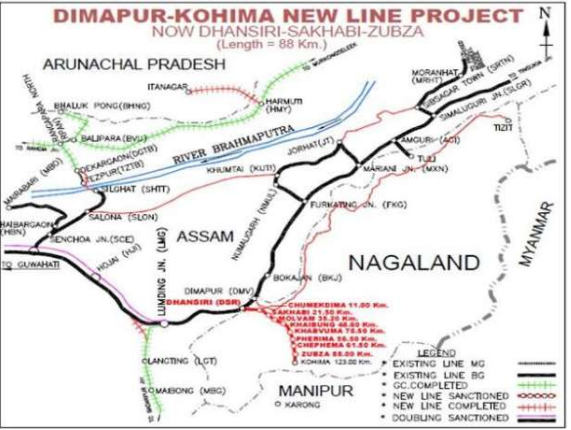
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### Work begins on longest tunnel in Dimapur–Kohima rail link

- In a significant leap forward, construction activities have commenced at **Portal 1 of Tunnel No 7** for the **Dimapur – Kohima New Rail Line Project**, situated in **Tsiepama village** of **Medziphema circle** in **Dimapur district**, Nagaland.
- This tunnel is slated to be the **longest one** within the **Dimapur – Kohima New Rail Line Project**.
- Positioned between **Pherima** and **Piphema stations**, this tunnel aims to **enhance connectivity and accessibility** in the region.
- The Dimapur – Kohima New Rail Line Project, covering a **total length of 82.50 kilometers** (**2.75 kilometers in Assam** and **79.75 kilometers in Nagaland**), is estimated to cost **Rs. 6,663 crore**.
- With **eight new stations**, namely **Dhansiri, Dhansiripar, Shokhuvi, Molvom, Pherima, Piphema, Menguzuma, and Zubza**, the project also encompasses 27 major bridges, 148 minor bridges, five Road Over Bridges, 15 Road Under Bridges, and 21 Tunnels spanning 31 kilometers in length.



Construction work at Dimapur-Kohima new rail line in full swing



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## Kezhaseluo-o Pienyu is new champion of Naga wrestling C'ship

- In a momentous victory, **Kezhaseluo-o Pienyü**, hailing from Kohima village and representing the **Angami Sports Association (ASA)**, clinched the coveted title at the **29th Naga Wrestling Championship** organised by the **Nagaland Wrestling Association (NWA)** in **2024** at **IG Stadium**.
- In the final match of the championship, he defeated 24-year-old **Vemele Thingo** from Thipuzu village under Phek district to clinch the title.



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# SIKKIM

## ❑ **Sikkim CM announces plans for two Cricket stadiums in Namchi district**

- Sikkim Chief Minister **Prem Singh Golay** has revealed ambitious plans for the development of **cricket infrastructure in Namchi district**, announcing the construction of two stadiums in **Kitam** village and **Yangang** respectively.
- The announcement comes amidst efforts to bolster sports facilities in the region, with Sikkim already having a dedicated cricket ground hosting Ranji trophy matches in Mining, near Rangpo town in Pakyong District.

## ❑ **SINGLING SC ARE CHAMPIONS OF SIKKIM PREMIER LEAGUE 2024**

- Chief Minister **Prem Singh Tamang** graced the **closing ceremony of Sikkim Premier League season 2** as the chief guest at Paljor Stadium.
- The final match was played between Singling SC and Thunderbolt North United. Singling SC won the match and lifted the second edition of Sikkim Premier League with a scoreline of 3-0.
- Singling SC goalkeeper Pranup Limboo was awarded the Man of the Match during the final match.
- Emerging Player of the final - Sahil Limboo (Singling SC)
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- Fair Play Award - Siniolchu FC (Namchi)
- Golden Glove Award - Pranup Limboo (Singling FC)
- Golden Ball Award - M Shokhrukh (Singling FC)
- Golden Boot Award - Karan Rai (Aakraman SC)



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## ☐ PHURBA TAMANG SECURES PODIUM FINISH IN NEW DELHI MARATHON

- **Phurba Tamang**, known as the *Marathon Girl of Sikkim*, achieved a remarkable feat by clinching the **third position** in the **Women's Open Category** of the **9th Edition** of the **Apollo Tyres New Delhi Marathon** on Sunday.
- The Sikkimese runner's outstanding performance saw her crossing the 42.2 km finish line with a commendable time of 3 hours 15 minutes 59 seconds, improving her personal best by 7 minutes. Additionally, she excelled in her age category, securing the second position, a press release informs.
- The **Apollo Tyres New Delhi Marathon**, held at the iconic **Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium**, witnessed an overwhelming participation of over **20,000 individuals** across various categories, including **Marathon, Half Marathon, 10K**, and **5K races**.
- **Themed "Go The Distance,"** the event embodied the spirit of resilience and determination, emphasizing the triumph over challenges with unwavering positivity.

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# TRIPURA

## ❑ Tripura CM launches scheme ensuring universal health cover

- In a significant development, Tripura **Chief Minister Dr Manik Saha** on Thursday **launched Chief Minister Jan Arogya Yojana**, a scheme that **provides universal health coverage to the people.**
- The scheme provides parallel benefits of **Prime Minister Jan Arogya Yojana** and covers the population that is not entitled to the Ayushman Bharat scheme providing health insurance cover of Rs 5 lakh for each family.
- According to the Chief Minister, a whopping amount of **Rs 104 crore** is allocated for the scheme to **cover 4.15 lakh families** in the state.

## ❑ Dowry prohibition officers appointed across state

- In an attempt to combat the rising cases of dowry-related atrocities on women, the **Government of Tripura** has **appointed Dowry Prohibition Officers** all over the state.
- **Deputy Collectors** of the district administration are **designated as district dowry prohibition officers** while the Sub Division Magistrates have been designated as dowry prohibition officers.

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