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# ARUNACHAL PRADESH

## ■ Arunachali film “Sangi Gai” set to shine at Cannes film festival:

- A multilingual film from the heart of Arunachal Pradesh is poised to captivate audiences on the global stage as “Sangi Gai,” directed by Nyago Ete and produced by Allison Welly Bakha, secures a prestigious slot at the Marche du Film (Film Market) during the 2024 Cannes Film Festival.
- The National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) announced the selection.

## ■ Anti-corruption police station gets ISO certification:

- The Special Investigation Cell (Vigilance) police station in Arunachal Pradesh has achieved a significant milestone by becoming the first anti-corruption police station in India to receive the prestigious ISO 9001:2015 certification.
- Arunachal Director General of police (DGP), Anand Mohan, presented the certificate to the officer-in-charge, L Dawa, during the commemoration of the SIC (Vigilance) police station's 20th Foundation Day at the Nokmey Namati Hall of the state legislative assembly.
- Established on May 12, 2005, the SIC is mandated to investigate cases against public servants, including those falling under the Prevention of Corruption Act.



■ **Researchers find new species of damselflies in Northeast:**

- Researchers from different institutions have stumbled upon a new species of damselflies in the Northeast known as 'Shade-damselflies'.
- Researchers have recently discovered two new species of damselflies from the states of Meghalaya and Arunachal Pradesh, and a new report for India, earlier found in Bhutan.
- Spearheaded by Dr Krushnamegh Kunte, the research team includes Shantanu Joshi, Dr Dattaprasad Sawant, Ujwala Pawar, and Vivek Sarkar.

■ **Kabak Yano becomes fifth Arunachalee woman to scale Everest:**

- Arunachalee mountaineer Kabak Yano has entered the annals of history as the fifth Arunachalee woman to conquer the summit of Mount Everest.
- Hailing from Kamle district.
- Before her Everest triumph, she successfully scaled Mt UT Kangri, which stands at an altitude of 6,080 meters and came close to conquering Mt Nun, which stands at an elevation of 7,135 meters.
- Both the mountains are located in Ladakh.



## ASSAM

### ■ Assam's AI sets world record for certificates:

- Sanjoy Das, a working professional from Dibrugarh, Assam, has set a new world record and etched his name in the International Book of Records for achieving the most number of certificates on fulfilling various artificial intelligence-based courses in a very short period of time.
- He secured 45 certificates in just 24 hours, surpassing his old record. The record was set on April 3, 2024.

### ■ Aaranyak biologist wins Whitley Gold Award for her work on Adjutant Stork:

- Aaranyak's conservation biologist Dr Purnima Devi Barman has been rewarded for her tireless work in conserving the endangered greater adjutant or Hargila (as called locally by the community in Assam), one of the world's rarest storks.
- Whitley Fund of Nature gave the Gold Award to Aaranyak's conservation biologist Dr Purnima Devi Barman, saying that her work has successfully changed local attitudes around the unique Greater Adjutant Stork and galvanised local people, primarily women, to safeguard nests.



■ **Parbati Barua receives Padma Shri for conservation efforts:**

- In a proud moment for Assam's conservation community, Parbati Barua, a trailblazer in elephant conservation, was honoured with the prestigious Padma Shri award by President Droupadi Murmu during the Civil Investiture Ceremony held today in New Delhi.
- Hailing from the esteemed royal family of Gauripur, Assam, Barua made history as India's first female elephant mahout, challenging traditional gender norms to pursue her passion for wildlife.

■ **Royal Global School unveils 'Iris', Northeast's first AI teacher:**

- In a groundbreaking move for education in Northeast India, Royal Global School introduced 'Iris,' an AI-powered humanoid teacher dressed in a traditional mekhela chador.
- On her first day, Iris captivated students with her detailed explanations and interactive teaching style.



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■ **Railways to install canopy bridges to protect Hollock Gibbons:**

- As part of Indian Railways' policy to protect wildlife species, including rare and endangered ones, the Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) is set to install canopy bridges along railway lines in the Gibbon Wildlife Sanctuary in Jorhat, Assam, to protect Hollock Gibbons.
- These bridges will facilitate the safe movement of arboreal species across the railway tracks that bifurcate the sanctuary.



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## MANIPUR

### ■ Manipur: Army launches 'Op JAL RAHAT' in response to flood crisis:

- In the aftermath of Cyclone Remal, Manipur is grappling with severe flash floods that have submerged vast areas of the Imphal valley.
- The situation worsened rapidly, particularly since Tuesday evening, as the water levels of the Nambul and Imphal rivers breached the danger mark, inundating homes and streets in low-lying areas.
- Responding to the urgent plea for assistance from the state government, the Indian Army swiftly initiated 'Op JAL RAHAT,' a comprehensive flood relief operation.
- In coordination with the District Commissioner of Imphal East, emergency columns were immediately deployed to the flood-affected regions.



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## MEGHALAYA

### ■ **Idashisha Nongrang becomes first woman DGP from Northeast:**

- Idashisha Nongrang, an IPS officer, has been appointed as the new Director General of Police (DGP) of Meghalaya, as per a notification issued by the state government on Saturday.
- She is the first woman to hold the position of DGP in any of the state police forces in the Northeast.

### ■ **President Draupadi Murmu confers Padma Shri to Meghalaya's Silbi Passah:**

- Silbi Passah, a resident of Riatsamthiah, Shillong, Meghalaya, was conferred with the Padma Shri in the field of Art by the President of India, Droupadi Murmu, during a Civil Investiture Ceremony.
- Passah, a retired Hindi teacher, has been recognised for her significant contributions to the field of art and education.
- She has served as a resource person for the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan (SSA) and the Directorate of Educational Research & Training (DERT), while also assisting the State Council of Educational Research & Training (SCERT) in training teachers in various disciplines including Art and Craft, Acting, Dancing, and Singing.



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■ **Queen of Forest: Book chronicles lives of partners of forest officers:**

- The book has been edited by Deepali Atul Deokar, the Founder and Director of Exploring Womanhood Foundation, Nagpur.
- All these stories of 24 remarkable women are now in a book “Queens of Forest,” whose unwavering support and contribution are the backbone of their spouses’ tireless efforts in safeguarding our planet’s precious ecosystem.



■ **Shillong hosts successful E-Waste Management Summit:**

- Hulladek Recycling Pvt Ltd, India’s leading waste management company, in collaboration with the Meghalaya State Pollution Control Board (MSPCB), successfully hosted the E-waste Management Summit 2024.
- The summit, held in Shillong, Meghalaya, brought together key stakeholders to discuss crucial issues and strategies related to e-waste management and recycling in North Eastern India.



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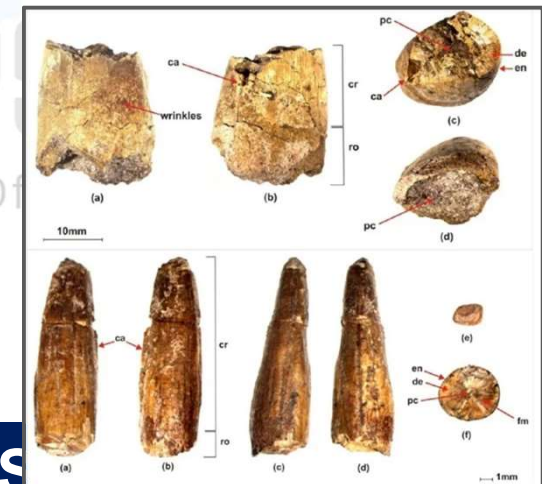
### ■ Garo film 'Rapture' hits over 100 theatres in France:

- Rapture, a film directed by Meghalaya's Dominic Megam Sangma, made its debut across more than 100 theatres in France on Wednesday.
- This historic occasion marks the first instance of a Meghalaya-produced film enjoying such extensive distribution in French cinemas, signifying a significant milestone for Garo cinema's global recognition.
- Produced by Anna Films Shillong, "Rapture" has garnered acclaim worldwide for its poignant narrative and visually stunning cinematography, exploring the rich cultural and spiritual tapestry of the Garo community.



### ■ Dinosaurian teeth-fossils found in Meghalaya:

- Sauropod, any member of the dinosaur subgroup Sauropoda, marked by large size, a long neck and tail, a four-legged stance, and a herbivorous diet.
- After the fossil discovery from a cave in Meghalaya, the state has now reported finding the first ever dinosaurian teeth-fossils in the northeastern part of India.
- Bashisha langrai and Vinod Kumar K. B. of Palaeontology Division, Geological Survey of India, the Northeast reported finding Titanosaurian Sauropod teeth from Mawphuli village near Ranikor, South West Khasi Hills District of Meghalaya.



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## MIZORAM

### ■ Sangthankima awarded Padma Shri:

- In a momentous ceremony held at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi, on Thursday night, President Droupadi Murmu bestowed the prestigious Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan, and Padma Vibhushan awards upon distinguished individuals from various spheres of expertise.
- This recipient, Sangthankima, epitomises the compassionate heart of Mizoram, earning adulation and celebration from the entirety of the state's populace for his selfless contributions.
- Sangthankima's journey commenced modestly with the establishment of a rehabilitation centre for alcoholics in Champhai.
- However, with the benevolent donation of a plot of land in Aizawl, the capital city of Mizoram, TNT burgeoned into an organization providing solace and support to those requiring additional care and affection.



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■ **New hemiparasite plant species named after Lushai tribe of Mizoram:**

- A rare hemi-parasitic terrestrial plant has been found in Phawngpui National Park of Mizoram.
- Rabishankar Sengupta, a research scholar from the Botanical Survey of India (registered under Department of Botany, University of Calcutta) along with his research supervisor, Dr. Sudhansu Sekhar Dash, scientist-F & In-Charge, Technical Section, Botanical Survey of India have found this very rare terrestrial hemi-parasitic plant *Phtheirospermum lushaiorum* from the dense forests near the Phawngpui national park peak in Lawngtlai district of Mizoram, marking a new species to science.



■ **Longer than Anaconda: Head to Mizoram to spot world's longest snake:**

- The reticulated python is the longest snake in the world, with an average length of up to 6.5 meters.
- Globally, there are 38 species of python under the family Pythonidae. Out of these, India harbours three species: Burmese python (*Python bivattatus*), Indian Rock python (*P. molurus*) and Reticulated python (*Malayopython reticulatus*).



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## NAGALAND

### ■ Assam Rifles mark 33rd anniversary of Operation Dudhi:

- The 7th Assam Rifles marked the 33rd anniversary of Operation Dudhi on Sunday, with a commemorative event held at the Battalion in Ghaspani, Chümoukedima.
- This operation, conducted on May 5, 1991, in the Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir, stands as a remarkable chapter in the history of Indian armed forces, renowned for its success in countering insurgency in the Kashmir Valley.

### ■ Nagaland celebrates first Potato Festival to promote local produce:

- Nagaland celebrated its first Potato Festival on Friday, at the local ground in Jakhama under Kohima district, marking a significant step towards celebrating the state's organic produce and promoting local potatoes.
- The event, aimed at showcasing Nagaland's agricultural heritage and fostering awareness about the importance of locally grown potatoes, attracted participants and guests from across the state.



■ **Sano Vamuzo honoured with Padma Shri for Social Service:**

- Sano Vamuzo, renowned social worker and educationist from Nagaland, was conferred with the prestigious Padma Shri Award 2024 in the field of Social Service.
- The award, the fourth highest civilian honor in India, was presented to her by President Droupadi Murmu during the Civil Investiture Ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan



■ **NagaEd wins Silicon Valley tech award for digital education:**

- NagaEd, a pioneering digital education startup from Nagaland, led by tribal founder Kevisato Sanyu, has been honored with the prestigious TiE50 Award at the annual TiEcon global conference.
- This accolade recognises NagaEd as one of the Top 50 tech and tech-enabled startups worldwide, lauding its impactful use of digital education to empower tribal and indigenous communities.
- NagaEd was among just 8 startups to receive the Judges' Choice Award at the TiE50 Awards ceremony.



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■ **AR Rahman's music documentary on Nagaland unveiled at Cannes:**

- Oscar-winning musician, AR Rahman, unveiled the first look and teaser of his latest feature documentary on Nagaland titled 'Headhunting to Beatboxing: A musical renaissance' at the 77th Cannes Film Festival in France.
- Joining him at the prestigious event were Abu Metha, Advisor to the Chief Minister and Chairman of the Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland (IDAN), and Theja Meru, Chairman of the Task Force for Music & Arts (TaFMA).



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## SIKKIM

### ■ Greenko's hydropower project in Sikkim gets green light:

- The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has given clearance for Greenko Energies Private Limited to acquire additional shares in Sikkim Urja Limited.
- The deal will help the company in its efforts to implement a 1200 MW hydropower project in North Sikkim.
- The proposed acquisition will allow Greenko Energies to obtain a greater stake in the project, which is expected to generate 6 units of 200 MW each.

### ■ Agapi Sikkim makes history with Times Square billboard:

- Agapi Sikkim, a pioneering company founded by Rinzing Choden and Varsha Shrestha, has made history by becoming the first woman-led company from Sikkim to have their advertisement displayed on the iconic Times Square billboard in New York City on May 29.



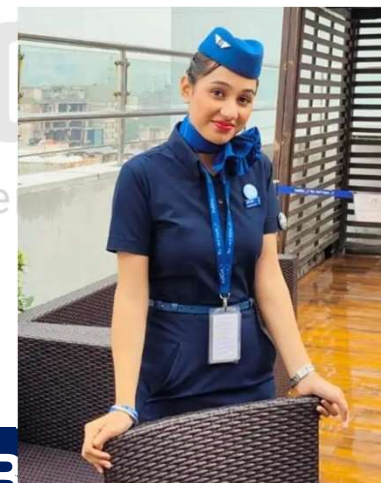
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■ **Sikkim's 'Tara, the Lost Star' Shines at Cannes:**

- Gangtok: Sikkim-based film Tara, the Lost Star is all set to debut at the Cannes International Film Festival 2024.
- The film marks the first from the Himalayan state to reach this prestigious film festival. Actor and producer Shyama Shree Sherpa is representing the state and the film at the festival.
- Completed in about seven months, the film was extensively shot at Gnathang-Memenchu near Changu Lake in Sikkim.

■ **Fatima Khatoon, IndiGo's youngest cabin crew member:**

- Fatima Khatoon, a young woman from Gangtok, Sikkim, has made a remarkable achievement by becoming the youngest cabin crew member at IndiGo.



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