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## Arunachal Pradesh

### Six new species of Bent-Toed Geckos discovered in Northeastern India

Scientists from the Wildlife Institute of India (WII), in collaboration with the Ashoka Trust for Research in Ecology and the Environment (ATREE) and the Natural History Museum (NHM) in London, have discovered six new species of bent-toed geckos in Northeastern India. The species were identified using morphological and molecular analyses.

The new species are:

- Namdapha Bent-Toed Gecko (Arunachal Pradesh):** Found in Namdapha and Kamlang Tiger Reserves, this species is nocturnal and perches on vegetation along forest streams.
- Siang Valley Bent-Toed Gecko (Arunachal Pradesh):** Named after the Siang Valley, a region known for its unique biodiversity.
- Nengpui Bent-Toed Gecko (Mizoram):** Discovered in Nengpui Wildlife Sanctuary, characterized by tropical and semi-evergreen forests.
- Manipur Bent-Toed Gecko (Manipur):** Found near Lamdan Kabui village, perched on shrubs along a road.
- Barail Hills Bent-Toed Gecko (Nagaland):** Known only from the Barail Hill range in Peren District, it inhabits tropical to subtropical cloud forests.
- Kiphire Bent-Toed Gecko (Nagaland):** Discovered in Kiphire District at 1,300 meters elevation, in a subtropical regenerating forest.

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**Frog found in Arunachal named after Apatani tribe**

A team of scientists from the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) has identified a new species of horned frog, named *Xenophrys apatani*, from Tale Wildlife Sanctuary (WLS) in Arunachal Pradesh, part of the Eastern Himalaya Biodiversity hotspot.

**New plant species found in Arunachal thrives in limestone cave ecosystem**

A new plant species in Arunachal Pradesh is thriving in a unique ecological niche. Researchers from the Botanical Survey of India's Arunachal Pradesh Regional Center, including Krishna Chowlu, Akshath Shenoy, and Ajit Ray, have discovered a new plant species, *Petrocosmea arunachalense*.

**New plant species found in Arunachal named after botanist Dr Janaki Ammal**

A new plant species discovered in Arunachal Pradesh has been named *Didymocarpus janakiae* in honor of Dr EK Janaki Ammal, the first Indian woman to earn a doctorate in botany in the United States in 1932, breaking both gender and caste barriers.



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**Assam****IIT Guwahati innovates microfluidic system to enhance crop yields**

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Guwahati have pioneered a cost-effective, portable microfluidic system that simulates soil-like conditions. This innovation has revealed that optimising nutrient flow can significantly enhance root growth and nitrogen absorption, thereby boosting crop yields.

**Assam prodigy Ananda Bhaduri shines at International Maths Olympiad**

"Understand the formula, don't memorise it," says Assam maths prodigy Ananda Bhaduri, a member of the Indian team that clinched gold at the International Maths Olympiad (IMO) 2024. The event took place in Bath, United Kingdom, from July 11-22.

**President Murmu unveils Durand Cup trophies: flags off trophy tour**

In a grand ceremony held at the Rashtrapati Bhawan Cultural Centre in Delhi, President of India, Draupadi Murmu, unveiled the coveted Durand Cup trophies and flagged off the Trophy Tour for the 133rd edition of the prestigious tournament.



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**Manipur****Manipur: 'Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan' launched at Kasom Khullen**

Deputy Commissioner of Kamjong district, Rangnamei Rang Peter, launched the Nasha Mukht Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA) on Tuesday at the Sadbhavana Mandap in Kasom Khullen sub-division, Manipur.

**Manipur: Wuyawon Festival attracts thousands of visitors in Kamjong**

The 6th edition of the Shingcha Wuyawon Festival has drawn thousands of nature lovers from across Manipur, highlighting the significance of the Wuyawon flower. This unique flower blooms across the Wuya Kachui hill, located in Shingcha village in Kamjong district, about 90 km from Imphal.

**Manipur Univ releases textbook on human anatomy, physiology**

Manipur University announced the release of a groundbreaking textbook titled 'Basic Concepts of Human Anatomy and Physiology' on Monday.



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**Manipur: Meitei Sareng breeders to be honoured on National Fish Farmers' Day**

Manipur has achieved significant success in the induced breeding of Meitei Sareng (Wallago attu), with three local fish farmers making groundbreaking progress in aquaculture.

**Manipur: Assam Rifles launches rescue operations in Imphal**

Responding to urgent requests from residents and the civil administration, Assam Rifles has launched Operation Jal Raahat-II to address rising water levels and prevent flooding in the residential areas of Imphal West and Imphal East districts in Manipur.



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## Meghalaya

### Meghalaya: CH Vijayashankar sworn in as new Governor

Newly appointed governor of Meghalaya, CH Vijayashankar, was sworn in on Tuesday at Raj Bhavan in Shillong. Chief Justice S Vaidyanathan administered the oath of office and secrecy.



### Meghalaya launches OTT platform to promote language, talent

In a bid to promote local languages and monetize youth passion, the state government of Meghalaya launched its own OTT platform, Hello Meghalaya, on Thursday at the LARITI International Center for Performing Arts and Culture.



### Meghalaya: Tura's first bishop, Mamalaserry, passes away at 92

In a great loss to the Catholic community and the Garo Hills region, Tura's first Bishop, Rev. Fr. George Mamalaserry, who was responsible for many development initiatives in the region, especially in education and health, has passed away in Tura, Meghalaya.



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### Meghalaya: India-Mongolia joint military exercise kicks off

The 16th edition of the India-Mongolia Joint Military Exercise NOMADIC ELEPHANT commenced on Wednesday at the Foreign Training Node in Umroi, Meghalaya.



### Meghalaya to host multi-industry overseas job fair in Tura on July 26

Following the success of last year's overseas nursing job fair, the Meghalaya government is set to host another job fair in Tura on July 26, this time extending opportunities across multiple industries.



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## Mizoram

### Mizoram cosplayers to represent India at World Cosplay Summit 2024

Reuben Lalchungkima of Chanmari West and Lalchhuanawma Siakeng of Model Veng are set to represent India at the World Cosplay Summit 2024, scheduled to take place from August 2 to 4 in Nagoya in Japan.



### MHIP Day: Mizoram's tribute to women's advocacy and social progress

MHIP Day is celebrated on the 6th of July to honour the Mizo Hmeichhe Insuikhawm Pawl (MHIP), the largest women's organisation in Mizoram. Founded in 1974, MHIP has played a crucial role in advocating for women's rights and addressing social issues in the state.



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## Nagaland

### 20th Nagaland Chess C'ship kicks off in Kohima

The 20th Nagaland State Chess Championship 2024 began at the Nagaland Olympic Association (NOA) complex in Kohima on Tuesday, drawing chess enthusiasts and players from across the region.



### Nagaland: 24th NSF Martyrs Trophy to kick off on September 14

The 24th edition of the NSF Martyrs Trophy is set to begin on September 14 and will culminate on October 4, at IG Stadium, Kohima, Nagaland. The annual tournament is organised by the Angami Students Union (ASU).



### Nagaland: U-17 football team to vie for Dr BC Roy Trophy in Assam

Nagaland's Under-17 football team is set to compete in the Junior Boys National Football Championship for the Dr. BC Roy Trophy 2024-25. Ahead of the tier 2 matches, which will take place in Nagaon, Assam, from July 28 to August 12, 2024, a send-off program was held in their honor on Thursday.



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#### **Team One Nagaland shines at 10th BRC Darts C'ship in Kolkata**

The recently concluded 10th edition of The Bengal Rowing Club (BRC) Summer Darts Open Championship 2024, held from July 17-21, under the aegis of the Indian Darts Council (IDC), saw an impressive performance from Team One Nagaland (TON).



#### **Nagaland to host national conference on cybercrime, digital forensics**

The National Institute of Electronics & Information Technology (NIELIT), Kohima, announced the upcoming National Conference on Cybercrime, Digital Forensics & Intelligence (NCCDFI) 2024 scheduled to take place at the Capital Convention Center in Kohima, Nagaland, from July 25-26.



#### **Nagaland: Khelo India Centre for boxing inaugurated in Wokha**

Nagaland MLA and Chairman DPDB Wokha, Y.M. Humtsoe, on Thursday inaugurated the Khelo India Centre (KIC) for Boxing at Police Reserve DEF, Wokha.



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#### **Historic First: Rare twinning in Asian Giant Tortoises at Nagaland Zoo**

The northeastern part of India, located along the Indo-Myanmar hotspot, harbors a diverse range of species



#### **Nagaland shows improvement in SDG India Index 2023-24**

Niti Aayog released the fourth edition of the SDG India Index for 2023-24, which assesses the progress of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) across 36 states and Union Territories (UTs) in India. This comprehensive index employs 113 indicators mapped across 16 SDG Goals to evaluate performance. In this latest report, Nagaland's overall composite score has risen from 61 in 2020-21 to 63 in 2023-24, placing it 25th among the states, alongside Meghalaya. The state is classified under the 'Performer' category, reflecting its notable progress.



#### **Nagaland: Tseminyu district veterinary hospital, office complex inaugurated**

The Office Complex of the Chief Veterinary Officer & Veterinary Hospital in Tseminyu was officially inaugurated on Thursday by Kazheto Kinimi, the Advisor for Animal Husbandry & Veterinary Services.



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#### **Nagaland: State's first Miss Universe India open audition on July 2**

The stage is set for the inaugural Miss Universe Nagaland India open audition, taking place on July 2 at Niathu Resort, Chumukedima. This event marks a significant milestone in the state's pageantry as it debuts in the esteemed Miss Universe pageant.



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## **Sikkim**

#### **New Governor of Sikkim Om Prakash Mathur takes oath of office**

In a ceremonial event held at the Raj Bhavan, Chief Justice of the High Court of Sikkim, Bishwanath Somadder, administered the oath of office to the newly appointed Governor of Sikkim, Om Prakash Mathur.



#### **Sikkim's Naresh Agarwal to receive 2024 Watson Davis Award**

Naresh Agarwal, hailing from Sikkim, has been announced as the recipient of the 2024 Watson Davis Award for Service by the Association for Information Science & Technology (ASIS&T). Agarwal will join a prestigious list of 63 leaders and luminaries who have received this award since its inception in 1976. He will be honoured at the 2024 ASIS&T annual meeting, scheduled to be held from October 25-29, 2024, in Calgary, Alberta, Canada.



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## Tripura

### **Indian Army commemorates 25th Kargil Vijay Diwas across NE**

The Indian Army commemorated the 25th anniversary of Kargil Vijay Diwas with a series of events across Assam, Tripura, Nagaland, and Manipur from July 20 to July 26, 2024.



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