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Arunachal Pradesh

Naina Subba from Arunachal wins Sikkim Miss Limbu 2024

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Ziro Lit Fest 2024: Where Creativity and Culture Will Converge

The highly anticipated Ziro Literary Festival (ZLF) is back for its 2024 edition, to be held on 24th and 25th September 2024 at Saint Clare College, Ziro. Since its inception in 2018, ZLF has grown into a powerful platform that fosters creative expression, critical thinking, and community empowerment through the arts and literature, making it a must-attend event for literary and art enthusiasts across India.



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Bamboo Valley Creations and a vision of sustainable growth in Arunachal

In Episode 23 of Impulse Model Entrepreneur Stories, the spotlight shines on Imiri Kuku, the founder of Bamboo Valley Creations, a bamboo-based enterprise rooted in the picturesque town of Roing. The series, produced by Impulse Empower in collaboration with filmmaker Lewis Levent, captures Kuku's inspiring journey of entrepreneurship and his efforts to promote bamboo as a sustainable, eco-friendly material.



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Assam

AdtU Faculty Recognized as World-Class Researchers by Stanford

The Assam down town University (AdtU) has announced that two of its professors have been recognized by Stanford University for their research work in the areas of pharmaceutical science and engineering.

It has been informed that Dr. Saikat Sen, the Dean of the Faculty of Pharmaceutical Science at AdtU, has been ranked as a member of the world's top 2% scientists, while Dr. T V V L N Rao, the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, has also been placed in the same category.



Assam down town University Honors Prof. Achyuta Samanta with D. Litt.

The founder of the Kalinga Institute of Industrial Technology and KISS-Deemed University, Prof Achyuta Samanta, has received the Doctor of Letters (D. Litt.) degree from Assam down town University on the occasion of its 11th convocation ceremony.

Achyuta Samanta has been awarded the degree by the Governor for his outstanding contribution to the fields of education and social welfare.



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Dima Hasao gears up for three mega festivals to boost tourism

Aiming to boost tourism in Assam's picturesque Dima Hasao district, the Dima Hasao Autonomous Council, in collaboration with the Dima Hasao Tourism Department, is set to organise three major events over 50 days from October to December this year.



Deba Kumar Mishra takes charge as Kamrup District Commissioner

Deba Kumar Mishra, an Assam Civil Service Officer, took charge as the District Commissioner of Kamrup District today.



Assam Government launches Orunodoi 3.0 Scheme

The Assam government has introduced the Orunodoi 3.0 scheme, a women-centric financial assistance initiative designed to support economically disadvantaged families throughout the state. Over the coming weeks, 12 lakh additional beneficiaries will be brought under the scheme's fold, with the government aiming to provide monthly financial aid to a total of 37 lakh women by early 2025. Each eligible woman will receive a monthly stipend of ₹1,250, offering a consistent source of financial support.



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Greater one-horned Rhinos among most vulnerable to Climate Change

From Africa to Asia, every rhino species faces distinct conservation challenges shaped by environmental, socioeconomic, and political factors in their respective regions, according to the 2024 State of Rhino Report by the International Rhino Foundation.



Bridging the gap: Artificial canopies offer hope to Golden Langurs in Assam

In the forests of Kokrajhar district, golden langurs, a critically endangered species, face increasing threats from habitat loss and road accidents. These canopy-dwelling primates, native to the Indo-Bhutan border, are struggling with fragmented forests caused by deforestation and infrastructure development.



Brajanath Sharma Memorial Inter-State Drama festival returns to Guwahati

The 15th Annual Brajanath Sharma Memorial Inter-State Drama Festival, organised by the well-known amateur theatre group Samahar Natya Gosthee, is scheduled to be held from 12th to 15th September 2024 at the District Library Auditorium in Guwahati. This significant cultural event is dedicated to commemorating the legacy of Brajanath Sharma, the pioneer of Assamese mobile theatre, who brought women onto the stage in Assam in 1933, revolutionising the region's theatre landscape.



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IIT Guwahati partners with Airbus to revolutionise aviation education in Assam

In a landmark move aimed at transforming aviation and logistics education in Assam, the Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati (IIT-G) has entered into a strategic partnership with Airbus India Private Limited. The collaboration, which comes after fruitful discussions with Assam's Transport, Skill, and Industries Departments, marks a significant milestone in the development of the socio-economic landscape in the northeastern region.



Bharti Airtel expands spectrum in the Northeast, enhances 5G and 4G

Bharti Airtel, one of India's leading telecommunications service providers, has announced the successful deployment of additional spectrum acquired in July 2024. This deployment, including an extra 5 MHz on the 1800 band in Assam and 5 MHz on the 2100 band across Assam and the Northeast, will significantly enhance Airtel's 5G and 4G network capacities, resulting in improved data speeds and broader coverage in urban and rural areas.



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NFR introduces Automatic Train Examination System

The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) has taken a significant step towards enhancing railway safety with the installation of a prototype Automatic Train Examination System (ATES) at its rolling in and rolling out examination point in New Jalpaiguri. This advanced system, powered by Artificial Intelligence (AI), is designed to monitor and analyse the condition of rolling stock in real-time, improving the efficiency and reliability of train operations.



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Manipur

Manipur University signs MoU to boost cane and bamboo sector

Aiming to promote the importance of cane and bamboo through academic and scientific research, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the Department of Forestry, Manipur University, and Apunba Imagi Machasing (AIMS), Manipur, on September 25, 2024.



Manipur: Andro Village awarded as one of India's best tourism villages

Andro village in Manipur has been honoured as one of the Best Tourism Villages in the Heritage category during the 2024 Best Tourism Villages Competition, organized by the Ministry of Tourism.



Manipur filmmaker's "Andro Dreams" shines at Iran Int'l FICTS Festival

Acclaimed Manipur filmmaker Meena Longjam's documentary "Andro Dreams" continues to receive international accolades, with its latest selection for the prestigious 13th Iran International FICTS Festival.



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Assam Rifles celebrates World Rivers Day with children in Tamenglong

In a commendable initiative, Assam Rifles organised an educational excursion for children from Azuiram and Dikuiram villages in Manipur's Tamenglong district to mark World Rivers Day on Tuesday.



Manipur: 'Joseph's Son' earns special jury mention at Russian film festival

Amidst the unrest in Manipur since May 3, 2023, a moment of pride has emerged on the international stage. At the recently concluded 20th Kazan International Film Festival in Russia, Manipuri filmmaker Haobam Paban Kumar's feature film 'Joseph's Son' earned a prestigious Special Jury Mention, marking a moment of celebration for the state.



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T Ranjit Singh appointed as chairperson of Manipur SSC

Takhellambam Ranjit Singh, IAS (Retd.), has been appointed as the Chairperson of the Manipur Staff Selection Commission (SSC).



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Meghalaya

USTM Hosts Annual Student Event “Kairos 2024”

The University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM) has successfully organized the annual ‘Kairos 2024’ student event. The event, which was held from September 20 to 21, 2024, saw participation from students from different undergraduate and postgraduate courses.



Meghalaya Pavilion inaugurated at World Food India in New Delhi

During the second day of World Food India 2024 at Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, Dr Ashish Kumar Bhutani, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Cooperation, Government of India, along with Dr Vijay Kumar D, IAS, Commissioner & Secretary, Agriculture and Farmers’ Welfare Department, inaugurated the Meghalaya Pavilion.



Meghalaya’s Everlasting Pyngrope conferred National Teachers’ Award

Everlasting Pyngrope, Principal of Mynken Christian Higher Secondary School in Ri Bhoi district, was honoured with the prestigious National Teachers’ Award 2024. The award, presented by President Droupadi Murmu, recognized Pyngrope’s exceptional contribution to education and nation-building. The ceremony took place in New Delhi



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USTM Scientist named in Stanford University’s World’s Top 2% Scientist List 2024

The scientific community in the region is celebrating a significant milestone as Dr Faizuddin Ahmed, Assistant Professor in the Department of Physics at the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya (USTM), has been recognised as one of the world’s top 2% scientists for 2024 by Stanford University, USA. The prestigious list was published on September 16, 2024.



Meghalaya: CM launches India’s first fully digital lottery

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K Sangma on Tuesday announced the launch of EasyLottery.in, India’s first fully digital lottery platform, aiming to provide a seamless and transparent experience. The website went live during the event, promising a grand first prize of INR 50 crore, set to revolutionize the lottery sector.



‘Dancing Girls’ of Eastern Himalayas: Six new ginger species discovered

Species in the Globba genus have long charmed botanists due to their unique floral structures, which resemble ballerinas with bowed heads and outstretched arms, appearing to “dance” in the wind. These delicate plants, often referred to as “dancing girls,” belong to the ginger family (Zingiberaceae) and are commonly found in tropical regions such as Southeast Asia, India, and the Eastern Himalayas.



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Shillong hosts event to promote millets production

A two-day event titled “Promotion of Millets Production in India,” organized by the North-Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation (NERAMAC), was held at the Meghalaya Rongali Bihu Auditorium on Thursday.



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Mizoram

Indra Sena Reddy Nallu sworn in as acting Governor of Mizoram

Indra Sena Reddy Nallu, the Governor of Tripura, was sworn in as the additional Governor of Mizoram at the Durbar Hall, Raj Bhavan in Aizawl on Monday morning. He will serve in this role "during the absence on leave" of incumbent Governor Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati.



International conference on MSMEs in NE held in Aizawl

The 'International Conference on MSMEs in North East,' organized by the Federation of Industries in North Eastern Region (FINER), was held at the I&PR Auditorium, Treasury Square. Minister for Commerce & Industries, F. Rodingliana, graced the event as the chief guest.



Mizoram: Rahbi 5.0 launched with aim to strengthen livelihoods

In a move aimed at fostering entrepreneurship and improving livelihoods in Mizoram, the Planning & Programme Implementation Department's Mizoram Startup Mission (MSUM) launched Mizoram Rahbi 5.0. The program was officially inaugurated by Chief Secretary Dr. Renu Sharma, who serves as the Chairperson of the MSUM Governing Board, at her office in MINECO, Aizawl.



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National Florence Nightingale Award conferred to Mizoram's H Mankimi

President of India, Droupadi Murmu, on Wednesday conferred the prestigious National Florence Nightingale Awards 2024 to 15 exemplary nursing professionals, including H Mankimi from Serchhip, Mizoram. The ceremony was held at Rashtrapati Bhavan, honoring the nurses for their outstanding commitment to healthcare and community service.



Mizoram: CM advocates for Zo Unification at Mizo Day 2024 held in USA

On September 2 (US Eastern Time Zone), the Mizo Society of America hosted a grand celebration of Mizo Day, 2024, in Rockville, Maryland, USA. Chief Minister Lalduhoma, along with his wife, Liansailovi, and his granddaughter, Zodinthari, attended the event.



Tribeland Coffee: P.B. Lalrinfela brews a new coffee culture in Mizoram

P.B. Lalrinfela, a pioneering coffee entrepreneur from Aizawl, Mizoram, is making waves in the local coffee scene with his venture, Tribeland Coffee. Launched in 2019, Tribeland Coffee has become synonymous with the rich flavours of native coffee beans, bringing a unique coffee culture to the heart of Aizawl. Lalrinfela's journey, however, has not been without its challenges. Despite the setbacks posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, his unwavering commitment to quality and excellence has enabled him to revive and expand his business, which now boasts two thriving cafes in Aizawl.



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Nagaland

Nagaland to host int'l seminar on sustainable coffee development

Nagaland is set to host the Nagaland International Coffee Seminar on October 1-2, 2024, at Hotel Acacia in Dimapur.



Nagaland to observe Wildlife Week with focus on conservation

The theme for this year's Wildlife Week, "Wildlife Conservation Through Coexistence," aims to highlight the importance of harmonious living between humans and nature.



Two new species of freshwater fish discovered in Nagaland

In an exciting breakthrough for ichthyology, researchers have recently discovered two new species of torrent minnows in the pristine rivers of Nagaland. The two new species, Garra zubaensis and Psilorhynchus kosygni, highlight the rich biodiversity of Nagaland.



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Naga wrestling to be introduced at Asian Alysh Belt Wrestling C'ship

Nagaland Wrestling Association (NWA) president Vivolie Kezo, on Friday revealed that the Naga-style wrestling will be introduced during the Asian Alysh Belt Wrestling Championship in November 2024. Over 20 nations, has confirmed to participate in the championship.



Nagaland: First electric tourist bus launched to promote green tourism

Nagaland marked World Tourism Day with the launch of Nagaland's first electric tourist bus as part of its tourist facilitation program at Circuit House, Dimapur. The initiative aims to promote eco-friendly travel and sustainable tourism practices.



Nagaland observes World Pharmacists Day 2024

World Pharmacists Day 2024 was observed on Wednesday at the Red Cross complex hall in Kohima, under the theme "Pharmacists: Meeting Global Health Needs". The event was organised by the Kohima District Pharmacists Union (KDPU).



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Manipur: Mao tribe accepts verdict on traditional land dispute with Nagaland

The Mao Council, apex tribal body of the Mao Nagas in Manipur, has officially accepted the judgment and order of the Tenymia People's Organisation (TPO) Presidential Council regarding the traditional land dispute along the Nagaland-Manipur border.

**Nagaland's Ruopfuzhano Whiso crowned 4th runner-up at Miss Universe India 2024**

Femina Miss India Nagaland 2018, Ruopfuzhano Whiso made waves at the Miss Universe India 2024 competition, securing the fourth runner-up position in Jaipur, Rajasthan. Whiso was selected to represent the state during an open audition organised by the Beauty and Aesthetics Society of Nagaland (BASN) at Niathu Resort, Chümoukedima, in July.

**Three Nagaland University professors among World's top 2% scientists**

The three professors are Prof Ambrish Singh from the Department of Chemistry, Prof Joginder Singh from the Department of Botany, and Pro. Sujata Dash, Head of the Department of Information Technology. In a proud moment for Nagaland University, three of its faculty members have been featured in the prestigious list of the world's Top 2% Scientists for 2024, as released by Elsevier and Stanford University, USA.



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Nagaland: New Dimapur Municipal Council office inaugurated

Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio inaugurated the new Dimapur Municipal Council (DMC) office at the Integrated Business Hub and Innovation Centre (IBHIC), Forest Colony, marking a significant advancement in the city's administrative infrastructure.

**Nagaland: Vishū Rita Krocha's "Tales from the Enchanted Village" released**

The enchanting village of Zhavame became the backdrop for a significant literary event as renowned writer and journalist Vishū Rita Krocha launched her much-anticipated book, Tales from the Enchanted Village.

**Nagaland: Paralympic hero Hokato Hotozhe's grand homecoming**

Nagaland's own Paralympic hero, Hokato Hotozhe Sema, was greeted with a rapturous reception at Dimapur airport. The grand homecoming, organised by the Western Sumi Hoho along with various frontal organisations, civil societies, NGOs, CNTC, tribal Hohos, student bodies, and numerous supporters, marked a significant celebration of Sema's historic achievement.



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Nagaland: 23rd Dr T Ao Inter-District C'ship Trophy kicks off in Tuensang

Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio inaugurated the 23rd edition of the Dr T Ao Inter-District Championship Trophy at the Loyem Memorial Astro Turf Ground in Tuensang. This is the first time the prestigious tournament is being held in Eastern Nagaland.

**Nagaland's Brillante Piano Festival set to take over Bangalore on Sept 28, 29**

Nagaland's famed 'Brillante Piano Festival', renowned for its multi-genre piano competitions, is stepping outside Nagaland for the first time to make its mark in the vibrant city of Bangalore.

**Centre of Excellence for Foreign Language inaugurated at Nagaland University**

On September 9, Nagaland University, Kohima Campus, Meriema, inaugurated the Centre of Excellence for Foreign Language at the Department of Linguistics. The event was chaired by Dr. Arenkala Ao, Assistant Professor in the department, with the ribbon-cutting ceremony marking a significant milestone for the university.



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Nagaland to recommend Paralympian Hokato Hotozhe for Arjuna Award

Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio on Saturday revealed that the state government would recommend Hokato Hotozhe Sema, the first-ever Olympic medalist from Nagaland for the Arjuna Award, India's second-highest athletic honour.

**Nagaland: Seiyhama village hosts 3rd Naga King Chilli Festival**

The 3rd edition of the Naga King Chilli (Raja Mircha) Festival was celebrated on Friday at Seiyhama village, a prominent producer of the fiery Naga King Chilli in Kohima district of Nagaland.

**Tiny Catfish, big discovery: New Fish species found in Nagaland**

A tiny, unassuming catfish from the Yongmon River in Nagaland has been identified as a new species, adding to the diverse family of hill stream catfish inhabiting the Ganga-Brahmaputra and Barak-Surma-Meghna river systems.



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Sikkim

Sikkim's Eksha Kerung to star in Discovery's 'Reality Ranis of the Jungle'

Eksha Kerung, a multifaceted police officer from Rumbuk, Sikkim, is set to make her mark in the entertainment industry with her debut on Warner Bros. Discovery's much-anticipated reality series, Reality Ranis of the Jungle. The all-women survival show is slated to premiere on 23rd September at 10 PM on the Discovery Channel and Discovery+.



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Sikkim now leads India in per capita income growth

Four decades ago, Sikkim's per capita income was below the national average. Today, it has soared to the highest in the country.



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Sikkim: Bravehearts remembered on 58th Nathula Day

Sikkim remembers martyrs of September 10, 1967, when a skirmish between India and China took place at the Nathula border. 65 Indian soldiers attained martyrdom in a conflict that took place in two phases in September and October 1967, following rising tensions between the two nations.



Sikkim: Dr L.P. Sharma receives prestigious 'Hamro Gaurav Award'

Dr L.P. Sharma, the State Informatics Officer of NIC Sikkim, has been honoured with the prestigious "Hamro Gaurav Award" by Hamro Swabhiman Trust, a branch of Patanjali Yog Peeth, during the annual Teez Festival held at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium on 6th September 2024.



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Tripura

Tripura launches app to monitor Anganwadi services

The Government of Tripura on Thursday launched a mobile application to monitor services provided to beneficiaries, particularly women and children, through Anganwadi Centres (AWCs) under the Social Welfare and Social Education department.



ADB Funds Rs 530 Crore for Tripura's Water Supply Upgrade

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) will provide Rs 530 crore in financial assistance to the government of Tripura to improve drinking water supply across 12 cities. This project will benefit around 400,000 people, helping to solve water issues for over 75,000 families. Tripura's Chief Minister, Manik Saha, launched this initiative under the 'Mukhyamantri Nagar Unnayan Prakash' scheme. The project is expected to be completed in the next three years.



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