

HEADLINES:-

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- Manipur woman police officer honoured with a national award for her exceptional investigative work.

VISIT

Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER), Jyotiraditya Scindia, has expressed deep admiration for Meghalaya's world-renowned Living Root Bridges and the famed Mawmluh Cave. On Sunday, Scindia visited the Mawmluh Cave in East Khasi Hills District. Sharing his experience on X, Scindia described his Meghalaya visit as inspiring and unforgettable," adding that walking through the ancient depths of Mawmluh Cave was "grounding and transformative." He wrote, "To stand where Earth's ages meet, surrounded by nature's art carved over millions of years, will always remain etched in my memory." He further lauded Meghalaya Tourism for preserving and promoting the state's unique natural wonders, describing Meghalaya as "a true gem of the Meghalayan age. In a video message posted on his Instagram account on Sunday, Scindia reflected on the timeless beauty of the state's natural heritage. Scindia also toured one of the longest Living Root Bridges at Rangthylliang village in East Khasi Hills, where he was accompanied by members of the Living Root Bridge protection team and environmentalist Morningstar Khongthaw, among others. The Minister spent time exploring the natural marvels, some of which stretch hundreds of feet across deep valleys. He said that a two-hour-long hike through Rangthylliang, the longest living root bridge spanning over 50m, in Meghalaya, felt like being cradled by Mother Nature herself.

PROGRAMME

In Arunachal Pradesh, a one-day Legal Awareness Programme was organized by the Adi Bane Ane Kebang and sponsored by the Arunachal Pradesh State Commission for Women, Itanagar, at Riga in Siang District. The event aimed to generate awareness on key social and legal issues under the theme "POCSO, Foundation and Elementary Levels of Education System, Safeguard and Uplift of Widowed, Destitute and Abandoned Women, Drugs Abuse and Its Impact on Society." The event witnessed active participation from women leaders, teachers, students, and members of the public, reflecting a collective effort to promote social responsibility and legal literacy in the community.

ARREST

In the College Tilla area of Agartala, Tripura, police from East Agartala Police Station arrested four people from a shop with heroin and banned cough syrup. Officer-in-Charge Subrata Debnath said that during the operation, 180 containers of heroin and 22 bottles of cough syrup were seized. A case has been registered against the accused under the NDPS Act. He further stated that the anti-drug drive will be intensified, and the East Agartala police will continue regular operations with the aim of eradicating drugs. .

MARATHON

In the run-up to Keping La Day scheduled for the 17th of this month, the Indian Army's Spear Corps successfully organised the Siang Open Mini Marathon at Tuting in Upper Siang District of Arunachal Pradesh. The event aimed to honour the Bravehearts of the 1962 Battle of Keping La. Over 517 participants from the Army, ITBP and local populace including children, women and youth participated in the mini marathon.

ALL SOULS' DAY

Along with the rest of the world, the Catholic faithful in Shillong observed All Souls' Day in at the Catholic cemetery, Laitumkhrah yesterday. On this day, the Christians remembered the departed souls and offered special prayers at their graves. As a mark of remembrance, relatives and friends offered prayers and decorated their loved ones' graves with candles and flowers. A Special Mass in the cemetery was observed and the Archbishop of Shillong Victor Lyngdoh was also present on the occasion.

CAMP

Minister of Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh is scheduled to attend SBI Mega Camp under Nationwide Digital Life Certificate Campaign 4.0 today in New Delhi. Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions Ministry informed that the Campaign aims to reach two crore pensioners across more than 2,000 cities and towns through a saturation-based outreach approach. The Ministry added that the Campaign emphasizes the use of Aadhaar-based Face Authentication technology, enabling pensioners to submit their Life Certificates conveniently without requiring biometric devices. The campaign will be joined by all major stakeholders including Banks, India Post Payments Bank, UIDAI, MeitY, NIC, Railways and Pensioners' Welfare Associations to work collaboratively for achieving digital inclusion of pensioners.

ACCIDENT

In Meghalaya, an LPG carrier truck bearing yesterday overturned and landed in a waterlogged area beside the national highway near Umtrew village in Ri Bhoi District. According to information gathered, the truck was driven by Priyo Kumar Singha from Assam, who was reportedly on his way to Shillong. However, upon reaching the area, the vehicle overturned suspectedly due to over speeding. In the incident, the driver sustained serious injuries and was immediately rushed to the Umsning Community Health Centre for medical treatment. Police personnel from the Umiam Police Station have initiated an investigation into the matter. As a safety measure, the police have not yet attempted to move the overturned truck, as they are awaiting inspection by technical experts from the LPG company to ensure that there is no gas leakage or cylinder damage inside the vehicle.

AWARD

In Manipur, a woman police officer has brought pride to the state after being honoured with a national award for her exceptional investigative work. Woman Sub Inspector Phuritsabam Romibala Devi of Jiribam District Police has been conferred the Kendriya Grihamantri Dashakta Padak 2025 in recognition of her outstanding contribution in the field of investigation, police said yesterday. The award acknowledges her exemplary handling of a sensitive case involving the rape of a differently-abled woman in Jiribam district. Devi led a investigation that included engaging sign language experts to record the survivor’s statement, collecting key forensic evidence, and securing DNA confirmation linking the accused to the crime. Manipur Police described her as an inspiration for women officers and a symbol of the department’s commitment to justice and compassion.

FOOTBALL

East Bengal FC held Mohun Bagan Super Giant to a goalless draw at Fatorda in Goa, securing a spot in the AIFF (All India Football Federation) Super Cup semi-finals. Both teams finished with five points in Group A, but East Bengal advanced on superior goal difference, aided by their earlier 4-0 win over Chennaiyin FC. In a tense, tactical contest, East Bengal played with restraint, needing only a draw, while Mohun Bagan failed to break through their compact defence. Bipin Singh hit the post for East Bengal, while goalkeeper Vishal Kaith’s saves kept Bagan in contention. Despite late pressure, Bagan couldn’t find a goal, ending their campaign in frustration as East Bengal celebrated progression to the semifinals.

PARAGLIDING

Paragliding is set to make its debut in Meghalaya, with the Meghalaya Paragliding Association gearing up to introduce the adventure sport across the state’s picturesque hills and valleys. Led by President Nickolai Singh, a professional pilot and former Indian Air Force officer, and General Secretary Bajop Pyngrope, the association aims to promote adventure tourism, train local youths, and ensure the highest safety standards through certified equipment and professional supervision. Singh, who has over 14 years of flying experience and has performed rescue and promotional operations across India, said that the initiative will soon put Meghalaya on the national paragliding map.
