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Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu has reiterated his government's unwavering commitment to promoting sports and nurturing young talents across the state, citing remarkable progress achieved under the "PEMA 3.0 — Year of Reforms & Growth" initiative.

In a recent social media post, the Chief Minister shared an infographic showcasing the state's sporting achievements and ongoing reforms aimed at building a robust and inclusive sports ecosystem. The infographic highlighted Arunachal's growing prominence at both national and international levels, reflecting the state's deep investment in youth and sports development.

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Manipur's agriculture department plans to export 20 metric tonnes of Chakhao white rice to Japan in November-December 2025, officials said.

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Aiming for better farmer returns, Manipur will sign an MoU with APEDA & export 20 MT of Chakhao white rice to Japan by 2025

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Director Peter Salam of the Department of Agriculture said the department will participate in the first annual Bharat International Rice Conference (BIRC) at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, on October 30-31. The conference aims to showcase India's leadership in the global rice supply chain.

Arunachal CM concludes Japan visit, strengthens Northeast ties with island country

Arunachal Pradesh Chief Minister Pema Khandu concluded his official visit to Japan on Friday, marking a significant step towards strengthening cooperation between Japan and India

As part of his concluding engagements, the Chief Minister held a productive meeting with Dr Atsushi Sunami, president of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation (SPF), and senior members at the SPF headquarters in Tokyo.

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The visit focused on a future road map for deeper engagement in areas such as infrastructure development, education, tourism, and cultural exchange.

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The 14-day expo, which will continue till November 9, features 62 stalls showcasing handloom and textile products from Assam, West Bengal, Jammu & Kashmir, Nagaland, and several other states, highlighting India's vibrant weaving traditions and craftsmanship.

Sarbananda Sonowal highlights maritime sector as key pillar of 'Viksit Bharat' at India Maritime Week 2025

Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal underscored the pivotal role of India's maritime sector in achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat while addressing the inaugural session of India Maritime Week 2025 on Monday, October 27. He said that under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the country is setting new benchmarks in maritime growth, innovation, and global collaboration
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The meeting focused on the prospects of fostering inclusive border development, livelihood generation, and sustainable cross-border connectivity. Chief Minister Khandu and senior officials, including commissioners and departmental officers, were enlightened by Prof. Lama's detailed insights into leveraging Arunachal's strategic position for economic and social growth.

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The agreement was led by Science & Technology Minister Dasanglu Pul in collaboration with the Centre for Earth Sciences & Himalayan Studies (CESHS), Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

BRUTE 5.0: India's first ultra-marathon with ITBP partnership set to Blaze trails in Arunachal

Basar Running Ultra Trail Experience (BRUTE 5.0) is set to return on November 30, marking the first-ever collaboration between an ultra-marathon and the Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP). The event, held annually at Basar in Leparada district, promises to redefine ultra-running in India with its challenging routes and patriotic spirit.

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From farm to future: Wokha hosts Nagaland's first-ever banana festival

The first-ever Banana Festival 2025 kicked off at the Public Ground in Wokha on Wednesday, October 22 under the theme "Banana for Food, Fibre and Future." The three-day event, scheduled from October 22 to 24, marks a significant step toward promoting agricultural innovation, empowering farmers, and strengthening market linkages across Nagaland.

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AI-driven e-challaning to resume in Sikkim from November 1

The Sikkim Transport Department has announced that AI-driven e-challaning and the Electronic Traffic Monitoring System will resume across all districts from November 1, 2025.

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Chief Minister Conrad Sangma visited Mawkynrew in East Khasi Hills on October 30, where he engaged with residents on pressing local issues, including road connectivity, agriculture, power supply, education, healthcare and water access.

MGNREGS utilisation in Meghalaya rises to Rs 2,000 crore; CM inaugurates mini secretariat, circuit house in Pynursla

Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma on October 28 said the state's utilisation under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) has grown nearly fourfold — from less than ₹500 crore in 2018 to nearly ₹2,000 crore — while the number of houses sanctioned annually under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) has increased from around 5,000 to 1.5 lakh.

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Tripura crosses 4mw solar milestone, hundreds earn from surplus power

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Tripura has recorded a significant leap in renewable energy as it crossed the 4-megawatt mark in solar power generation under the Pradhan Mantri Suryaghar Muft Bijli Yojana. Latest data from the Tripura State Electricity Corporation Limited (TSECL) confirms that 16,965 households in the state have registered for the scheme, with rooftop solar panels already installed on 1,210 homes.

These 1,210 households are now supplying 4 MW of clean energy, reducing the state's reliance on conventional sources of power and providing a boost to local sustainability efforts. TSECL officials highlighted that this achievement goes beyond meeting basic electricity needs.

Tripura to host ‘Unity Promo Fest-2025’ in Belonia to boost tourism

The Tripura Tourism Department is all set to organize the second edition of the ‘Unity Promo Fest-2025’ in Belonia, South Tripura, as part of its continued effort to promote tourism and enhance infrastructure across the state.

Tourism Minister Sushanta Chowdhury chaired a review meeting on Thursday to assess preparations for the upcoming festival.

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Speaking at the Autumn Festival held at Nagaland House in New Delhi, the Minister said the event served as a “curtain-raiser” to the Hornbill Festival, which runs annually from December 1 to 10. He emphasised that the preview in the national capital not only celebrates the state’s vibrant culture and contemporary creativity but also highlights its commitment to environmentally conscious tourism.