



Sikkim Himalayan Sporting Club of Gangtok has become first club of Sikkim to get AIFF (All India Football Federation) academic accreditation with 2 star rating. Sikkim Himalayan sporting club is the top football club of Sikkim after United Sikkim FC of Bhaichun bhutia. Established in 2012 this club has already played 2nd division 1 league. "This is a proud moment for us. It will provide a platform for the boys," says founder president Tenzing Lamta. Sikkim Himalayan Sporting Club has total 78 registered young players -- Shekhar Khaawa



An Alto taxi involved in an accident at Daragon Tadong in Gangtok on Sunday afternoon. The accident caused a traffic snarl. In a week, about a dozen accidents involving vehicles are recorded in a week. Overspeeding, the effort to earn more during the tourist season and drug addiction are said to be the reasons behind the accidents.

Lighting injures 49 women workers of tea-garden



EOICORRESPONDENT

JALPAIGURI, JUNE 11/--/ Lighting injured 49 women workers of Palashbari tea-garden under Banarhat police station around 3pm on Monday. While nearly a hundred women labourers of the garden were getting the tea-leaves plucked by them weighed, severe lightning struck leaving 49 of

them injured. They injured women labourers were immediately rushed to Banarhat hospital. Five labourers with grave injuries were referred to Birpara state general hospital from there.

Chanchal Rakshit, super of the garden was getting the tea-leaves plucked by them weighed, severe lightning struck leaving 49 of

were referred to Birpara hospital as their injuries required greater treatment. Others were rendered treatment here."

Sukra Munda, MLA of Nagrakata and Sima Chowdhury, wild-life warden spoke to the injured women at Banarhat hospital. They asked the doctors for all possible treatment for the injured.

Dy Speaker meets people of Upper Zimchung, discusses grant distribution



A view of the meeting

DEEPAK SHARMA

MANGAN, JUNE 11/--/ On Sunday, deputy speaker of Sikkim assembly S. G. Lepcha held

a public meeting with the Upper Zimchung ward at the Power Department guest house to discuss issues related to distribution of grants like pres-

sure cooker and GCI sheets to the households. In the meeting people of Pentok, Upper Zimchung ward complained that they were facing problems due to poor supply of drinking water for the past few months but the PHE Department was sending bills while neglecting the services.

Deputy speaker Lepcha informed people that he would talk to officers of the department to solve the problems at the earliest and he also informed people to work in cooperation with Sikkim Democratic Front party and its developmental agenda.

Youth TMC's mega blood donation camp in Siliguri

EOICORRESPONDENT

JALPAIGURI, JUNE 11/--/ Tourism minister Gautam Deb, opposition leader of Siliguri Municipal Corporation (SMC) Ranjan Sarkar and others were present to encourage voluntary blood-donors in a camp organized by youth Trinamool Congress workers at borough 5 of SMC on Sunday. Suresh Jha, a youth Trinamool leader and chief organizer of the camp informed that more than 100 citizens donated blood up to 2 pm when the blood donation camp was still in progress. The organizers also arranged free health check-up camp where services were rendered to over 200 residents of the locality.

Housewife injured for protesting against hooch-sale

EOI PRINCIPAL CORRESPONDENT

JALPAIGURI, JUNE 11/--/ A housewife was mercilessly beaten along with her family members after she protested against the sale of hooch in the locality. The incident caused excitement at Debinagar area under Habipur police station on Saturday night. According to sources in the police department, the housewife identified as Dipali Chowdhury protested against illegal selling of country liquor at the house of her neighbour Nandlal Chowdhury. Irked by the protest the accused allegedly hit the housewife with a sharp weapon which left her seriously injured. Her husband Purna Chowdhury was reportedly injured to in a recent case. Dipali is under treatment at Malda Medical College & Hospital. Her family members lodged a written police complaint. The accused is reportedly absconding. Police have initiated a probe.

Train passengers protest against non-functioning airconditioning machines

EOI PRINCIPAL CORRESPONDENT

MALDA, JUNE 11/--/ Passengers of Down Bramhaputra Mail on Monday protested against the non-functioning of airconditioning units in some coaches in Malda town station disrupting train services for hours, a GRP official said. The passengers of the Delhi-bound train from Guwahati, which arrived at the Malda town station at about 4 am, pulled the chain when it was leaving the platform. They alleged that no action had been taken even after their complaints at Siliguri and Malda railway stations. GRP Inspector-in-charge of Malda town station Partha Chanda said. After partial repair of AC units, the passengers boarded the train which resumed journey at about 8 am, he said. Train services were disrupted in the section for hours following the incident, he said.

Three nurses show-caused after change of newborns alleged in Raiganj hospital



EOICORRESPONDENT

RAIGANJ, JUNE 11/--/ Authorities of Raiganj super-speciality hospital served show-cause notices to three nurses after changing of newborns was alleged by the family of a

housewife. Police have separately started a probe into the incident.

It has been learnt from sources in the district health department that Sabana Khatun from Ghatatia village of Katihar district in Bihar delivered a male baby

on June 6 in the hospital. The newborn was shifted to sick neonatal care unit (SNCU) owing to asphyxia and other ailments.

While enquiring about the latest condition of the newborn, the worried family members were report-

edly told that the baby had succumbed to ailments and the body was already handed over to family.

According to hospital sources, a primary investigation revealed that the body was handed over to relatives of Sabana Khatun of Karandighi block who too delivered a male baby in hospital. Her baby was admitted to SNCU too.

Goutam Mandal, super of the hospital conceded the serious mistake on the part of the hospital. "Three nurses have been show-caused. Police have been looking into the matter also. We are trying to resolve the matter by holding a meeting with both the families in presence of police," hospital super said.



Plastic pollution has been a devil to the environment since long, as the theme for World Environment Day 2018 'Beat Plastic Pollution', suggested. NSS students of the Namchi Government College have been working hard to imbibe the culture of 'Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle in the college campus. They have started this campaign of 'No Plastic Pollution' by constructing a small sitting bench made of plastic bottles outside the College Main Gate spreading the message of controlling the use of plastic -- Sanjay Agarwal.

Villagers injured in alleged scuffle with BSF

EOI PRINCIPAL CORRESPONDENT

MALDA, JUNE 11/--/ Some inhabitants of Chakmilapur village of Golaganj gram panchayat under Kaliachak police station were allegedly beaten by some BSF personnel after a brawl over collecting soil from an under-construction canal on Monday. Although some injured women admitted to hospital for treatment, alleged that BSF resorted to lathi-charge after the tussle, no official statement could be obtained from BSF authorities. Police sources, however, informed that the matter was being looked into.

According to Zahera Bibi, Mariam Bibi and others,

a canal is being constructed at the village near India-Bangladesh border by BSF personnel. Some villagers in a bid to collect soil from the under-construction canal got into a skirmish with BSF personnel. The women alleged that it was then the BSF personnel resorted to lathi-charge that injured few villagers including children and women. However, BSF authorities did not pass any statement in this regard.

It has been learned from sources in the district police department, that police have been in touch with the BSF over the issue. "The version of the villagers would be listened to, too," a police official proffering anonymity said.



One of the injured women, with others gathered around her

Tusker injures one in Madarihahat

BABULSARKAR

ALIPURDUAR, JUNE 11/--/ The advent of tuskers in human habitation continues at different areas in the district especially Madarihahat causing death, injuries and panic of the locals. A tusker from Jaldapara forest entered into people's habitation at Madarihahat block on Monday. In course of its move along National Highway - 31 the tusker suddenly changed its course and started wasting crops at the field. When the villagers raised hue & cry, the animal chased them. Anil Sarkar, who was trying to flee was injured by the tusker too.

It may be mentioned that Bir Bahadur Chhetri, a retired school teacher and former head of a rural body was killed by a tusker only 48 hours ago. Such regular attacks by tuskers have caused strong agitation among local residents. Forest officials assured that the matter would be looked into seriously.



The rampaging tusker

Over Rs 1 lakh looted from bank premises in Raiganj

ANUP JAYSWAL



A crowd inside the bank

RAIGANJ, JUNE 11/--/ Criminals looted Rs 1.61 lakh from a customer at Mohanbati branch of a nationalized bank on Monday. Police have started a probe into the incident by examining the CCTV footage.

It has been learnt from sources in the district police that Ali Mamun Rashid and Minatul Hossain from Surun village under Tahar police station reached the bank for withdrawing money. Soon after withdrawal Rs 1.61 lakh, while the two were doing some other official work keeping the bag of cash unattended, three criminals took it and scammed away in moments. Police arrived at the bank soon after being informed.

Rajesh Singh, manager of the concerned branch of Allahabad Bank said, "The incident happened when those two customers of the bank were doing some official work at his chamber."

Sumanta Biswas, inspector-in-charge of Raiganj police station said, "We are verifying the CCTV footage. Searches are on for the culprits. A probe has been launched also." Police sources informed that two associates of the bank are under scrutiny of police.