

## Morning News Script

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The nation pays homage to the Chief Architect of Indian Constitution Dr BR Ambedkar on his 134th birth anniversary today. Several functions have been organised throughout the country to mark the occasion. President Droupadi Murmu, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla, ministers, Parliamentarians and other dignitaries will pay floral tributes to Babasaheb at his statue in the Parliament House Complex this morning. Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar donned many hats, being social reformer, economist, politician, who dedicated his life for the people. Babasaheb Dr Ambedkar worked steadfast throughout his life to end social and caste discrimination against the marginalised sections of the society. From a humble beginning, he went on to become the first law and justice minister of independent India. He was awarded India's highest civilian honour the Bharat Ratna in 1990 posthumously.

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President Droupadi Murmu has greeted fellow citizens on the occasion the birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. In a message,

the President described Babasaheb as a man of prodigious abilities and a multifaceted personality. She added that his contributions across various fields will continue to inspire future generations to work with commitment for nation-building. The President also urged everyone to pledge to adopt the ideals of Dr. Ambedkar in their lives and work to build a nation that embodies the spirit of social harmony and equality.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi will launch multiple projects in Haryana on the occasion of Ambedkar Jayanti today . The Prime Minister will flag off a commercial flight from Hisar to Ayodhya and lay the foundation stone of the new terminal building of Hisar airport. In Yamunanagar, the Prime Minister will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of development projects including 800 MW power unit of Deenbandhu Chhotu Ram Thermal Power Plant, Compressed Biogas Plant in Mukarabpur and over 14 km Rewari Bypass project under Bharatmala Project, at the cost of over one thousand crore rupees.

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For the first time, India has showcased its capability to shoot down fixed-wing aircraft, missiles and swarm drones using a 30-kilowatt laser-based weapon system. India has joined the list of selected countries, including the US, China, and Russia, that have shown such a capability. The Centre for High Energy Systems & Sciences CHES, Hyderabad, a premier Centre of Defence Research and Development Organisation DRDO conducted a successful field

demonstration of the Land version of Vehicle mounted Laser Directed Weapon DEW MK-II(A) at Kurnool in Andhra Pradesh yesterday. DRDO said, it defeated the fixed wing Unmanned Aerial Vehicle and Swarm Drones successfully causing structural damage and disabling the surveillance sensors. Secretary, Department of Defence Research and Development and Chairman DRDO, Dr. Samir V Kamat said, this is just the beginning of the journey. He expressed confidence that the synergy that this lab has achieved with other DRDO labs, industry and academia, it will take to the destination soon.

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The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence has seized 52.67 kilograms of methamphetamine, worth over 52 crore rupees on the outskirts of Mizoram. Two persons involved in trafficking the drug were arrested. The Ministry of Finance in a statement yesterday said that the operation was carried out late at night on 11th April. It added that the operation uncovered a novel method of concealing and transporting smuggled drugs. Around 53 meticulously packed, brick-sized packets were found hidden within the folds of the truck's tarpaulin cover.

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In a landmark event celebrating the rich cultural legacy of the Rengma community, the Rengma Heritage Village,'Khwenphen' was officially inaugurated on April 12. The initiative, conceptualized by the Kasha Lorin Village Union and approved by the Rengma Hoho, aims to preserve the traditions, customs, and historical significance

of the Rengma people. The inauguration marks a major milestone in the community's ongoing efforts to safeguard its cultural heritage while fostering unity and brotherhood among its members. Speaking at the event, President of the Rengma Hoho, Tesinlo Semy, emphasized the vital role of unity and mutual respect in ensuring the progress of any community. He called upon the community to uphold the values of discipline, honesty, and integrity that were deeply rooted in the lives of their forefathers. The Khwenphen heritage site also carries historical importance for other communities, including the Sumi and Lotha, some of whom are believed to have ancestral ties to the area through early migration.

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