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1. Union Minister Nitin Gadkari says, government to invest 10 Lakh Crore rupees in highway development over next 2 years, with special focus on Northeast.
2. Union Home and Cooperative Minister Amit Shah praises transformative changes in India's cooperative sector.
3. Commerce and Industry Minister, Piyush Goyal urges industry stakeholders to embrace sustainability and set global benchmarks.
4. And, Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya appeals youth to imbibe inspiration from Bhim Rao Ambedkar's vision.

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Government is planning to invest 10 lakh crore rupees over the next two years to strengthen highways across the country, with special focus on the Northeast and border areas. In an interview to a news agency, Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari said, the Centre is working to transform the country's infrastructure drastically in the next two years so that it matches the best in the world. He asserted, the government is planning to take up projects to enhance infrastructure in the Northeast where roads will rival those in the United States. The Minister said, there is an urgent need to augment the road infrastructure in the Northeast given its difficult terrain and proximity to borders with several countries. He said, 784 highway projects will be implemented in the eastern states at an estimated cost of over three lakh seventy thousand crore rupees, covering more than 21 thousand 300 kilometers. Among them are projects of Road Transport and Highways Ministry, the National Highways Authority of India, and the National Highways and Infrastructure Development

Corporation Limited. Mr Gadkari asserted that in the Northeast, the government is working on projects worth about 1 lakh crore rupees this year itself.



Union Home and Cooperative Minister Amit Shah praised the transformative changes in India's cooperative sector since the Modi government created the Ministry of Cooperation. Addressing a state-level cooperative conference in Bhopal, Mr. Shah emphasized how the government integrated rural development, agriculture, and animal husbandry under a unified approach for the first time in India's history. He highlighted the central government's role in standardizing cooperative rules, with all states adopting the model bylaws. Mr. Shah noted that this had revitalized the sector, with cooperative banks now expanding beyond short-term agricultural finance.

Mr. Shah noted the growing role of PACS, which now operate in over 20 states, offering services beyond agricultural finance, including selling medicines and distributing water. He said, through seed, organic, and export cooperatives, farmers are receiving fair prices and direct payments into their bank accounts.



Commerce and Industry Minister, Piyush Goyal has urged industry stakeholders to embrace sustainability and set global benchmarks. Addressing the inaugural Vibrant Buildcon 2025 in New Delhi today, the Union Minister asked the stakeholders to reduce import dependency, focus on clean and green construction, and work towards earthquake-resistant and modular infrastructure. The Minister also highlighted India's growing strength in the construction ecosystem-from Global Capability Centers to domestic manufacturing under Make in India.

Vibrant Buildcon 2025 is the largest building material and construction expo in India, featuring over 250 exhibitors, more than 50 thousand domestic visitors, and around 700 international buyers at the Yashobhoomi Convention Centre, New Delhi.



Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya today appealed to youth to imbibe inspiration from Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar's vision of equality, justice and fraternity to build the Developed India. Dr. Mandaviya was addressing youths and volunteers of My Bharat at historic Gandhi Maidan in Patna before flagging off the Jai Bhim Yatra organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports. He said the youths of the country must respect and adhere to the spirit of the Indian Constitution.

Dr. Mandaviya urged the youth to follow the Panch Pran suggested by Prime Minister Narendra Modi from the ramparts of Lal Quila Fort. He said it shows the pathway to Viksit Bharat. The Union Minister said it is necessary to take Pride in our roots moving forward with unity, and inculcate the spirit of 'Nation First' with a focus on a sense of duty and responsibility among Indian citizens.



Marking the beginning of the Holy Week, Christians across the globe are observing Palm Sunday today, commemorating the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. Various Churches across Nagaland are holding special Palm Sunday services, with believers participating in the Palm Sunday Procession and offering prayers for a congenial and peaceful atmosphere to prevail in the society.

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio and Deputy Chief Minister Y Patton has extended wishes for a blessed Sunday to the people of the state. As Holy Week begins, Mr. Rio expressed hope that the grace of Jesus inspire us, His example guide us, and our hearts will be renewed with hope, purpose, and peace. While, Mr Patton hoped that our hearts be stirred by Christ's love and His example of humility and obedience to the will of God. The Deputy Chief Minister wished that the day strengthen our faith and renew our commitment to live by the values He embodied - mercy, forgiveness, and grace.



The Tsungiki-Philimi Doyang Union (TPDU) marked its 25th anniversary with a grand Community Fishing event held at Jendong Ezhu/ Tsutsuye on the banks of the Doyang River, Wokha yesterday. This milestone celebration was jointly organized by Tsungiki village of Wokha district and Philimi village of Zunheboto district, highlighting the rich legacy of community fishing, a tradition that has been practiced for over a century. Officially formed in the year 2000, TPDU has

played a pivotal role in promoting brotherhood and preserving the tradition of community fishing among the two communities. Gracing the event as special guest, Secretary of the Nagaland Government Register Class 1 Contractor Union Abel P. Shohe commended the TPDU leadership for their dedicated efforts in fostering community fishing practices. He elaborated on the inclusive and unifying nature of this tradition, emphasizing how it fosters friendship, togetherness, and cooperation, not just between the two villages but also among neighboring communities.

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President Droupadi Murmu has greeted fellow citizens on the eve of the birth anniversary of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. In a message, the President said that in his inspiring life, Babasaheb created a distinct identity of his own despite facing extreme difficulties and earned respect around the world with his extraordinary achievements. The President described Babasaheb as a man of prodigious abilities and a multifaceted personality, highlighting that he was an economist, educationist, jurist, and a great social reformer. She said that Babasaheb was an ardent advocate of an egalitarian society and he waged a lifelong struggle for economic and social rights of women and deprived classes. President Murmu emphasized that Babasaheb considered education as an important tool for social change and empowerment of the downtrodden. The President further added that his contributions across various fields will continue to inspire future generations.

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