

NORTH EAST NEWS BULLETIN

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HEADLINES:-

- Nation pays homage to Chief Architect of Indian Constitution, Dr BR Ambedkar on his 134th birth anniversary today.
- Government plans to invest 10 lakh crore rupees over next two years to strengthen highways across the country, with special focus on North East and border areas.
- Directorate of Revenue Intelligence seizes 52.67 kilograms of methamphetamine, worth over 52 crore rupees in Mizoram.
- Assam Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurates first robotic surgery facility in North East at State Cancer Institute of Gauhati Medical College and Hospital.
- International Youth Conclave is underway at Yanggang Helipad, Namchi district in Sikkim.
- Christians across the globe and North East observe Palm Sunday, commemorating triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem ahead of his capture and crucifixion.

NEWS IN ORDER:-

AMBEDKAR:

The nation is paying homage to the Chief Architect of the 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. 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 posthumously in 1990.

GADKARI:

The 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 North East and border areas. In an interview to a news agency, Union Minister for Road Transport and Highways, 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 North East where roads will rival those in the United States. He said, there is an urgent need to augment road infrastructure in the North East given its difficult terrain and proximity to borders with several countries. Gadkari asserted that in the

North East, the government is working on projects worth about 1 lakh crore rupees this year itself.

SEIZURE:

The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence has seized 52.67 kilograms of methamphetamine, worth over 52 crore rupees in Mizoram. The Ministry of Finance in a statement yesterday said that the operation was carried out late at night and 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. The packets bore inscriptions such as 3030 Export Only and 999, alongside diamond symbols, and contained orange-pink tablets. Preliminary investigations indicate that the drugs had been smuggled into Mizoram from Myanmar via the Zokhawthar sector. The truck’s driver and his assistant were arrested under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act.

ROBOTIC:

The first robotic surgery facility in the North East has been unveiled in Assam. Chief Minister, Himanta Biswa Sarma inaugurated the facility at the State Cancer Institute of Gauhati Medical College and Hospital. After dedicating the facility to the people, Sarma posted on X that Assam is beginning Bohag celebrations by dedicating the North East India’s first ever onco-robotic surgery facility. Government hospitals will now offer low-cost, highly precise and least invasive oncological surgical procedures through MADE IN INDIA machinery. He informed that similar facilities would come up at medical colleges in Dibrugarh and Silchar.

CONCLAVE:

In Sikkim, the International Youth Conclave began at Yanggang Helipad in Namchi district yesterday. The three-day event was launched by Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang. Organized by the Department of Tourism, Government of Sikkim, the conclave emphasizes the state’s dedication to sustainable tourism and the preservation of its cultural heritage, reflecting on its progress over the past fifty years.

PALM SUNDAY:

Christians across the globe and in the North East observed Palm Sunday yesterday, commemorating the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem ahead of his capture and crucifixion. Palm Sunday marks the beginning of the Holy Week which include observance of Good Friday and celebration of Easter next Sunday. Various Churches across Nagaland held special Palm Sunday services, with believers offering prayers for a congenial and peaceful atmosphere to prevail in the society. In the Christian dominated state of Mizoram, Palm Sunday, known as "Tumkau Ni" in Mizo, was celebrated with solemnity and religious fervour. In Meghalaya, faithfuls of the Catholic Church participated in the Palm Sunday processions and held palm branches in their hands, singing Palm Sunday hymns as they walk to attend the Holy Mass.
