

One of Asia's largest churches inaugurated in Nagaland



Dubbed as Asia's largest Baptist Church and Asia's second largest Church, the new Sumi Baptist Church Zunheboto (SBCZ) was dedicated by Rev. Dr. Solomon Rongpi, general secretary of the CBCNEI Saturday at an impressive function held inside the Church building.

- Standing at the height of 1864.9 m above the sea level, this colossal structure has a height of 166ft, length of 203ft and breadth of 153ft with a total plinth area of 23,73,476 sq.ft with seating capacity of 8500 seats and 27 rooms.
- Delivering the message on the theme "Enter His gate with thanksgiving," Rev. Dr. Solomon Rongpi told the fully packed audience that one should always give thanks to God for all the blessings He showers upon His people.
- He said that despite facing hardships, adversaries and trails in one's life, the people of God should not fail in shouting praises to God.
- Rev. Rongpi asked the gathering that during this time of dedication, believers in Zunheboto to remember God's love and compassion and to start counting the blessings of God one by one.
- He said that the people of Zunheboto has been blessed with a magnificent Church which is the second largest Church in Asia, the largest being Yoido Full Church at Seoul, South Korea, which is a Pentecostal Church.
- Earlier, giving a brief account on the construction of the Church, Kiyelho H. Yeptho, chairman, NCBC informed that the works on the new Church building began in the year 2007 and was completed in the year 2017.

First 'Made in India' Industrial Robot BRABO



TAL Manufacturing Solutions, a wholly owned subsidiary of Tata Motors has unveiled India's first „conceptualized, designed and manufactured articulated industrial robot“ called "BRABO". BRABO stands for "Bravo Robot".

- The robot has been developed indigenously for micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) in India.
- The robot is primarily developed to complement the human workforce and repeatedly perform high volume, dangerous and time-consuming tasks ranging from handling of raw materials to packaging of finished products.
- BRABO was designed and manufactured at the TAL's Pune factory.
- Other than the motors and drives for the Robo-arm, all the other parts of the robot were indigenously manufactured in India.
- BRABO has four patents registered in its name and TAL has also applied for an intellectual property (IP) certification for the robot.

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First eco friendly refinery to be open in Rajasthan



The Rajasthan government is all set to ink a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with HPCL on Tuesday to set up India's first Bharat Stage-VI (BS-VI) oil refinery and petrochemical complex in Pachpadra area of Barmer district, a senior official said.

- In 2013, the previous Congress government had signed an MoU with HPCL (Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited) to set up a 9-million-tonne refinery-cum-petrochemical project with an investment of ₹37,000 crore.
- The Vasundhara Raje government put the project under review in July 2014, questioning the less share to the state and the interest-free loan package.
- "The viability gap funding (VGF), which was ₹3736 crore for 15 years to be given by state government, has come down to ₹1123 crore."
- The state government's return on investment has been increased to 12% from 2%.
- The government will invest ₹20,865 crore in 15 years as VGF and equity share (26%) in the refinery.

Aishwarya Rai wins Best Actress Dadasaheb Phalke Excellence Award



Veteran actress- politician Hema Malini along with Aishwarya Rai Bachchan, filmmaker Shoojit Sircar and Zeenat Aman bagged the Dadasaheb Phalke Excellence Awards 2017 that took place.

- Mumbai witnessed Bollywood stars and music giants grace the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Excellence Awards 2017 on Friday night.
- Chitra Productions in association with Dadasaheb Phalke Excellence Awards 2017 celebrated the 148th birth anniversary of the father of Indian Cinema, the respected Dadasaheb Phalke.
- This year, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan won the award for the best actress female for her stellar performance in the film Sarbjit while Hema Malini won the Award in the category of Kalashree.
- Veteran Zeenat Aman walked the stage to receive the Lifetime Achievement Award.
- On the other hand, Sircar bagged Creative Director Award for Pink, along with Rohit Roy, who bagged the Best Negative Role in Film for Kaabil.

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AWARDS

Vodafone to sale 9.5% additional stake to Aditya Birla Group



Vodafone has agreed to sell 9.5% additional stake to Aditya Birla Group for Rs 130 per share after they merge their telecom operations to create the country's largest operator worth more than \$23 billion.

- Aditya Birla Group has filed with the BSE the composite scheme of amalgamation between Vodafone and Idea Cellular, which stated that the merged entity shall be under the joint control of the two firms and will be governed by the shareholders' agreement.
- In the merged entity, Vodafone will hold 50% stake, while Aditya Birla Group hold 21%. Upon completion of merger, Vodafone will transfer 4.9% shares of merged entity to Aditya Birla Group for Rs 3,874 crore.
- Post such transfer, Aditya Birla Group shareholding will increase to 26% and Vodafone shareholding will reduce to 45.1%, according to the scheme. The remaining 28.9% will be held by other shareholders.
- Also, Aditya Birla Group will have the right to acquire more shares from Vodafone at a price of Rs 130 per share, in order to equalise the shareholdings over 4 years.
- If equal shareholding is not achieved within four years, Vodafone will sell down its shareholding to equalise its shareholding with Aditya Birla Group over the following 5 years, the scheme said.

Devendra Kumar Sharma appointed as Chairman of BBMB



Devendra Kumar Sharma was on 18 April 2017 appointed as the Chairman of Bhakra Beas Management Board (BBMB) for a period of three years. His appointment was approved by the Appointment Committee Of Cabinet.

- BBMB manages the release of water in Punjab, Haryana and Rajasthan as it controls Bhakra, Pong and other dams.
- Presently, Sharma is serving as the Managing Director of Himachal Pradesh Power Corporation Limited where he was instrumental in implementing and commissioning Tata Hydro Power Station in Bhutan.
- He has been associated with the power sector for over 30 years.
- He was also associated with the industrial giant Larsen & Toubro for a long time in its infrastructure development projects.

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Sulkhan Singh appointed new DGP of Uttar Pradesh, replaces Javeed Ahmad



Sulkhan Singh, the senior most IPS officer of Uttar Pradesh, has been appointed as the new Director General of Police (DGP) by the Yogi Adityanath-led state government.

- Sulkhan Singh would replace Javeed Ahmed, the incumbent DGP of UP.
- The newly elected BJP regime has transferred more than 30 IAS and 50 IPS officers after coming to power.
- Along with Ahmed, 11 other IPS officers were shuffled on Friday.
- Sulkhan Singh, the 1980 batch IPS officer, would be heading the police department of Uttar Pradesh.
- He was currently posted in the Training Department of UP police.
- Ahmed has now been appointed as the chief of Uttar Pradesh Provincial Armed Constabulary (PAC).
- Apart from Ahmed, senior police official Bhavesh Singh has been appointed as ADG, Intelligence, whereas, Aditya Mishra was elevated as ADG, Law & Order.

Top Maoist leader Narayan Sanyal passes away



He was the second most important leader after the party's national secretary, Muppalla Lakshmana Rao.

- A top ranking leader of the outlawed Communist Party of India-Maoist [CPI-Maoist], Narayan Sanyal passed away late on Monday night in a south Kolkata hospital.
- He was in his early 80s and was suffering from cancer.
- Sanyal was the Polit Bureau member of the CPI-Maoist at the time of his arrest in 2005 and perhaps the second most important leader after the party's national secretary, Muppalla Lakshmana Rao.
- Born in an affluent family in undivided Bengal's Bogra district, now in Bangladesh, Sanyal was known for his keen interest in football.
- His father was the district chief of Congress and was a generous host to many of the leaders, including second Chief Minister of West Bengal Bidhan Chandra Roy and Congress leader Sarojini Naidu.
- Sanyal and his family shifted to West Bengal in the 1940s and he got a job in a bank.

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BHARAT SCHOOL OF BANKING APRIL 23 CURRENT AFFAIRS

- “I worked in the United Bank of India in Kolkata, which originated from Comilla Union Bank in Bangladesh,” he once told this correspondent.

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