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State government reaffirms commitment to world-class cancer care; announces similar facilities in Silchar and Dibrugarh

CM Sarma dedicates Northeast's first Onco-Robotic Surgery facility in Guwahati



These facilities aim to provide advanced cancer treatment to residents of Upper Assam and the Barak Valley. To build the necessary human resources for operating such high-end technology, the Chief Minister said that the government is initiating the establishment of nursing colleges across all cancer hospitals in the state.

GUWAHATI, April 13: In a significant milestone for healthcare in Northeast India, Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Saturday inaugurated the region's first onco-robotic surgery facility at the State Cancer Institute, located within the Gauhati Medical College and Hospital (GMCH) premises.

chief minister Sarma said, "Assam is beginning Rongali Bihu celebrations by dedicating Northeast India's first ever robotic surgery facility. Our government hospitals will now offer low-cost, highly precise, and least invasive oncological surgical procedures through 'Make in India' technology."

The event was attended by several dignitaries, including Minister for Industries, Commerce and Public Enterprises Bimal Bora, Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council Chief Executive Member Tuliram Ronghang, Commissioner and Secretary for Medical Education and Research Siddharth Singh, Principal of GMCH Dr. Achyut Baishya, and Chief Operating Officer of the Assam Cancer Care Foundation Dr. (Major General) Jai Prakash Prasad.

BIHU FERVOUR



Women buying Kopou phool (orchids) on the eve of Rongali Bihu at the Bor Asom Rongali Mela, held at Lakhidhar Bora Kshetra in Guwahati on Sunday. HT Photo

CM holds high-level meeting with Jeet Adani

GUWAHATI, April 13: In a significant step toward transforming Assam into an industrial and infrastructure powerhouse, chief minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Sunday held a crucial meeting with Jeet Adani, Director of Adani Ports and SEZ, along with his team at Lok Sewa Bhawan.

₹50,000 crore investment across multiple sectors in Assam, aimed at catalyzing economic growth and employment generation. The discussion focused on expediting the formalisation and implementation of these commitments for the greater benefit of the state and its people.

GREETINGS

The office of The Hills Times conveys heartfelt wishes to readers, hawkers, advertisers and well-wishers on the occasion of Rongali Bihu. The office will remain closed on June 14 and 15 on the occasion and that no edition will be available on June 15 and 16.

JNU assures priority to northeast students in Barak Hostel

NEW DELHI, April 13: Amid demands for reserving seats in the newly inaugurated Barak Hostel, Jawaharlal Nehru University has clarified that no hostel is reserved based on region or culture but priority is being given to students from the northeast in line with official directives.

Centre planning ₹ 10 lakh cr investment to rewire highways NE roads will match US standards: Gadkari

NEW DELHI, April 13: The Centre is planning to invest ₹ 10 lakh crore over the next two years to strengthen highways across the country, with special focus on the Northeast, where roads will rival those in the US, Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari said.

best in the world," he said, maintaining that works are underway in all states, including Maharashtra, Gujarat, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Rajasthan and Delhi.

Over 1,000 join BJP in West Karbi Anglong in major political shift



KHERONI, April 13: In a major political development, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) on Saturday welcomed over 1,000 new members from rival parties during a mass joining programme held under the 9th Number Amrengh MAC Constituency in West Karbi Anglong.

from the Autonomous State Demand Committee (ASDC), all of whom officially joined the BJP. Karbi Anglong Autonomous Council (KAAC) Chief Executive Member (CEM) Tuliram Ronghang welcomed the new entrants, saying, "We look forward to working together to create a future filled with opportunity and prosperity."

Seven Bangladeshi nationals held in Tripura, produced before court

AGARTALA, April 13: Tripura Police on Sunday produced seven Bangladeshi nationals before the court and sought five days of police remand after they were arrested for illegally entering Indian territory by crossing the international border late Saturday night in Belonia, South Tripura district.

State to mark Bhupen Hazarika's birth centenary with year-long celebrations

GUWAHATI, April 13: The Assam government announced a year-long celebration from September 8 to mark the birth centenary of music maestro Bhupen Hazarika. Events across India, biography release and commemorative coin, among others, have been planned.



commissioned and it will be gifted to 10 lakh people of the state, making it the highest printed edition of any book in the state. "It will be translated into all Indian languages and sent to libraries across the country," he added.

IIT-Guwahati develops bamboo-based composites for constructing bunkers, defence shelters

New bamboo-based material offers eco-friendly solution for defence shelters

NEW DELHI, April 13: Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Guwahati have developed bamboo-based composite materials that can potentially replace conventional wood, iron and other metal components in the construction of bunkers and defence shelters.



epoxy resin. "Due to their superior strength-to-weight ratio, glass fibre, carbon fibre, and sandwich composites are widely used in aerospace, civil, and naval sectors, but pose significant environmental challenges during their production and disposal."

compared to traditional hardwood trees such as Saal or Teak, which take about 30 years. It is lightweight, eco-friendly, locally available, and historically used for furniture, huts, and single-storey cottages.













