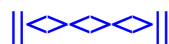


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As the countdown begins for the grand celebration of the 25th edition of the Hornbill Festival 2024, the stage is all set to welcome visitors from across the globe. Addressing media persons today, Minister for Tourism Temjen Imna Along said the department is fully prepared for the 25th edition and is ready to kick off the celebration with a great start. He said the 25th edition of the Hornbill Festival will carve its own unique place in the history of Nagaland.

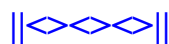
Minister Along said with the four country partners, Wales of United Kingdom, the United States, Japan and Peru and two state partners, Sikkim and Telangana, the collaboration will not only bring in their arts, crafts, music, but also leaders and barons of arts and corporates.

He also informed that Union Minister for Tourism and delegates from various ministries will be part of the festival. The Minister also called upon all to embark on this journey together, resonating the voice and the way of the Naga people. The opening ceremony of the 25th Edition of the Hornbill Festival will kicked start on December 1 evening with Governor La Ganesan

as the Chief Host, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio as the Host and Minister Tourism, Temjen Imna Along as Festival Host. Ambassadors to India from the four country partners, will be the Honoured guests. The opening ceremony will be marked by ‘Return of the Hornbill- Cycle of life’, presented by Task Force for Music and Arts with 800 performers.

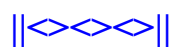


A National Conference on Hill Agro-Ecosystems, focusing on the challenges and opportunities for achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), was held today at the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Medziphema in Chumoukedima district of Nagaland. The event was graced by the Governor of Nagaland, La Ganesan, as the chief guest. In his address, Mr Ganesan highlighted the significant challenges faced by the hill farming sector, including unpredictable climatic conditions, rugged terrain, soil erosion, and fragmented landholdings. Mr Ganesan stressed the need for sustainable agricultural approaches tailored to the region, including region-specific crop varieties, safe use of new technologies, farm mechanization where applicable, and improved infrastructure to foster growth in agriculture and its allied sectors. He also emphasized the importance of recognizing and preserving Nagaland's indigenous crops and farming practices, suggesting significant potential to develop and market the state's agricultural products for the benefit of local communities while safeguarding its rich biodiversity. During the ceremony, the Governor distributed the Indian Association of Hill Farming award and released a souvenir and Book of Abstracts. The conference saw participation from around 250 scientists and policymakers from across the country, who gathered to discuss the latest advances and innovations in hill agriculture.

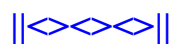


Angami Public Organization, APO president Thejau Vihienuo today said that Gaon Buras (GBs) are the guardians of Naga tradition and customary laws and without them existence of an Angami village cannot be imagined. Addressing the 45th General Meeting of the All Angami GB Association as chief guest at Sovima village, Mr Vihienuo recalled the importance of GBs in

Angami villages since ancient times and recalled how the Britishers were amazed to find that the purest form of Democracy existed in Angami villages when they first ventured into Angami country in the early 19th century. He said that the GBs or elders of the villages were the voice of the public and what they said or uttered was unquestionable. Mr Vihienuo said GBs are not only the upholders and keepers of tradition and customary laws, but they are the key players in passing down customary laws and customs to the future generations. The APO president also called upon GBs to introspect and take corrective measures so that the past glory of GB-ship is restored.



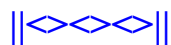
Nagaland Advisor for Taxes & CAWD, Kudecho Khamo said that state Taxes department is the highest revenue collecting department in the state and it has huge scope for further improvement in the state revenue collection. Khamo said in the last three years it has collected 1123 crore rupees in 2021-22, 1236.5 crore rupees in 2022-23 and 1356.91 crore rupees in 2023-24. In the current financial year, it has collected 691.06 crore rupees as of September 30 as against 681.61 crore in the same period last year. The revenue collection data shows an uprising trend and urged the department officials to work with more dedication and professionalism to ensure optimum revenue performance, said Mr Khamo during the inauguration of flat type staff quarter of state Taxes department at Lengrijan colony today. The 5-storeyed flat type residential staff quarter building constructed at a total cost of 9 crore 15 lakh rupees consists of 16 flats with basic amenities like parking, elevators and ramps.



With Sikkim joining the Hornbill Festival of Nagaland as the Partner State, Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang ceremonially flagged off the Sikkimese delegation along with a car and bike rally from Ridge Park, Gangtok today to participate in the festival at Kisama, Nagaland. The Sikkimese delegation will travel under the theme "50 Years of Statehood," highlighting Sikkim and its rich legacy. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister extended

heartfelt wishes to the contingent, encouraging their enthusiastic participation.

Mr. Tamang said, this collaboration is a testament to our shared cultural legacy and the spirit of unity among our states. He also urged the delegation to gather experiences and positive insights from Nagaland that could be implemented in Sikkim for the betterment of the state.



Observing that the majority of road traffic accidents are due to over speeding, Commissioner Of Police Dimapur has imposed restrictions on the speed of motor vehicles within the jurisdiction. In the interest of public safety, the maximum speed limit for all types of motor vehicles, along the following routes, has been fixed as follows: 50 kilometer per hour from Zion Hospital Junction to Chümoukedima; and also from Chathe Bridge (Patkai/ Seithekema) towards Assam/Niuland district. 30 kilometer per hour within Dimapur City area. Informing that these speed limits would be enforced with effect from December 1 to January 1, 2025, the Commissioner of Police said the restrictions would be strictly enforced under relevant sections of the Motor Vehicle Act as driving at excessive speeds is a punishable offence.

