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:::THE EADLINES:::

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi says solutions from Young innovators are crucial for India's future.
- Treasury-Opposition face-off over various issues leads to disruption in Parliament.
- MLA and Advisor for School Education and SCERT, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome urges people to focus on promoting culture through language.
- 25th edition of the Hornbill Festival 2024 draws over Two Lakh visitors, reflecting its growing global appeal.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today highlighted that as the country is becoming digitally connected on a large scale, the threat of cybercrime is also continuously increasing. In an interaction with the young innovators at the Grand Finale of the Smart India Hackathon 2024 via videoconferencing, the Prime Minister said that India is one of the leading digital economies in the world. Lauding the young innovators, the Prime Minister said that their solutions are crucial for India's future and can transform the lives of millions. Mr. Modi highlighted that when the country faces new challenges, young innovators come up with extraordinary solutions. The Prime Minister highlighted that drones are being used extensively in different sectors across the country today.

Mr. Modi underlined that the solutions presented by past teams of the Smart India Hackathon are now being utilized by various ministries, making a significant impact across the country.

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MLA and Advisor for School Education & SCERT, Dr. Kekhrielhoulie Yhome has urged the people to focus on promoting our rich culture through language. Addressing the celebration of the State Level Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav 2024 at the Directorate of School Education, DOSE, Kohima, Dr. Yhome emphasized that language plays an important and powerful role in the society as it is one's identity and culture. The event was celebrated under the theme "Unity through Languages". Speaking at the Indian Languages Festival, Associate Professor, Department of Tenyidie, Nagaland University, Dr. Mimi Kevichusa Ezung called upon all Tribal Literature Boards to document their oral stories and folklore to keep their language and culture alive. Earlier, chairing the programme, Principal Director, DOSE Thavaseelan K said that celebrating Indian Languages Festival is a week-long event to celebrate the diversity of Indian Languages and Culture. Highlights of the programme included poetry recitation in various Naga dialect and cultural presentation by government schools.

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Both the Houses of Parliament today witnessed heated exchange of words between the Treasury and Opposition bench MPs on various issues. The Rajya Sabha was adjourned for the day, while the Lok Sabha till 2 PM. When the Upper House assembled after the first adjournment at 12 Noon, Leader of the House and Union Minister JP Nadda demanded a discussion in the House over the issue of alleged

links of Congress leaders with US-based George Soros Foundation. He accused Congress led opposition of deviating the attention of the people from this issue by bringing a no-confidence motion against Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar. Mr. Nadda said, the Congress has never shown respect to those who are holding constitutional positions. Later, the Deputy Chairman adjourned the House for the day. Earlier, when the House met this morning, Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar rejected the adjournment notices moved by the opposition MPs on various issues. When the Lok Sabha assembled in the morning, the Question Hour was taken up by the House without any disruptions. After completing the business, the House took up Zero Hour, in which Congress MP Gaurav Gogoi raised the law and order situation in Manipur.

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25th edition of the Hornbill Festival 2024 drew a staggering Two Lakh Five Thousand 968 visitors this year, reflecting its growing global appeal. Among them were Two Thousand 527 foreign tourists, 56 Thousand 219 domestic visitors and One Lakh 47 Thousand 716 local tourists from Nagaland. On the final day alone, the event saw an impressive turnout of 32 Thousand 18 attendees, comprising 23 Thousand 816 local visitors, Eight Thousand 113 domestic tourists, and 152 international guests. Known for showcasing the rich cultural heritage of the Naga tribes, the Hornbill Festival featured a vibrant mix of traditional dances, indigenous games, craft exhibitions, and culinary delights, drawing visitors from all walks of life.

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Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi has said that it is the responsibility of the Government to run the Parliament and his party is in favour of smooth conduct of the House. Talking to reporters outside

Parliament today, Mr Gandhi said his party wants debate and discussion on the constitution which is scheduled on the 13th of this month. On the ruckus in Parliament, BJP MP and party spokesperson Dr Sudhanshu Trivedi said, the main reason for the disruption is that INDIA block has lost confidence in Congress and there have been attempts to cover it. He alleged that the No-Confidence motion brought against Rajya Sabha Chairman is part of that coverup by Congress party.

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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman emphasized today that governments and industries worldwide need to work together to restore global calm. Addressing the gathering at the Opening Plenary Session of CII's Global Economic Policy Forum in New Delhi, Ms Sitharaman highlighted that the global priority in this decade should be to restore normalcy. She said that war and disruption must be avoided as they are the main causes of supply chain disruptions.

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The 5th Mon International Trade Fair and Expo 2024 commenced today at Local Ground, Mon. Mon Deputy Commissioner Ajit Kumar Verma graced the Expo as the Guest of Honour and inspected the stalls. In his speech, the DC said that the trade fair provides the local entrepreneur an opportunity to expose their products and at the same time learn new things from the outsiders. He said that the event is being organized for the 5th year and this legacy will be carried forward in the coming days as well.

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Oral Evidence Meeting of the Public Accounts Committee, Nagaland Legislative Assembly with the Finance Department and various

Government Departments will be held on 17th and 18th of this month. The meeting has been convened by MLA and Chairman of the Committee on Public Accounts, Mhathung Yanthan. During the meeting, the Committee will take oral evidence on the Audit paras on the State Finances Audit Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General, C & AG of India for the year 2021-2022 and on the Report on Social, Economic, General and Revenue Sectors for the year 2021-22.

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Nagaland University today celebrated India's linguistic and cultural diversity, Bharatiya Bhasha Utsav, at its Kohima Campus. Speaking on the occasion, Pro Vice-Chancellor, Nagaland University, Kohima Campus, Professor GT Thong said that institutes across India are celebrating the festival dedicated to honouring the linguistic diversity of Indian languages and culture. He said that in alignment with the National Education Policy 2020, the festival features a variety of activities bringing India's linguistic richness to life. The Pro Vice Chancellor said that each language is a reflection of our shared heritage, and it is our duty to preserve and promote this diversity for future generations. The festival concluded with a vibrant cultural parade featuring students, faculties and staffs dressed in traditional attire representing the regions of India, symbolizing unity in diversity.

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