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President Droupadi Murmu will confer the National Awards for Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities tomorrow. 22 persons and 11 Institutions will be conferred the National Awards. Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Dr Virendra Kumar will also unveil several welfare initiatives for the empowerment of Persons with Disabilities. Amar Jain will receive the National Award for Individual Excellence in the category of Sarvshreshth Divyangjan-2024. He is a legal professional with 100 per cent visual impairment. Amar Jain shared his inspirational life story and spoke about the obstacles he has had to face during his journey. Prateek Khandelwal, who has a 75 per cent locomotor disability, will receive the National Award for Individual Excellence in the category of Sarvshreshth Divyangjan-2024. He is the founder of 'Ramp My City'. He shared how his start-up is helping transform urban environments in India to become more accessible for Persons with Disabilities.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 59th All India Conference of Director Generals/ Inspector Generals of Police at Bhubaneswar on Saturday and Sunday. In the valedictory session, PM distributed President's Police Medals for Distinguished Service to officers of the Intelligence Bureau. In his concluding address, PM noted that wide ranging discussions had been held during the conference, on national and international dimensions of security challenges and expressed satisfaction on the counter strategies which had emerged from the discussions. During his address, PM expressed concern on the potential threats generated on account of digital frauds, cyber-crimes and AI technology, particularly the potential of deep fake to disrupt social and familial relations. As a counter measure, he called upon the police leadership to convert the challenge into an opportunity by harnessing India's double AI power of Artificial Intelligence and 'Aspirational India'.

The United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification's 16th Conference of Parties (COP16) begins today in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. This is the first time West Asia is hosting this crucial environmental conference. India will join representatives from 197 nations at this milestone event, which coincides with UNCCD's 30th anniversary. Also in a symbolic gesture promoting environmental consciousness, Union Minister of Environment, Forest and Climate

Change, Bhupender Yadav, planted a sapling at the Indian Embassy in Riyadh before the commencement of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification's COP16. The tree-planting ceremony aligned with India's "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" initiative, emphasizing the country's commitment to environmental stewardship.

The two-week online short-term internship programme organised by the National Human Rights Commission, India concluded today. It commenced on 18th November, 2024. 52 students from various universities in different regions and far-flung areas of the country completed it. India Acting Chairperson, Vijaya Bharathi Sayani congratulated the students for successfully completing their internship with the Commission. She expressed the hope that the interns would carry forward the insights gained during the programme to promote and protect the human rights of every individual.

The Bharat National Cyber Exercise 2024, a landmark event in India's cybersecurity landscape, has successfully concluded, setting new benchmarks in cyber resilience, collaboration, and innovation. Over 600 participants were trained, the initiative brought together cybersecurity professionals, policymakers, defense personnel, academia, and industry leaders to collectively strengthen India's cybersecurity readiness.

The Indigenous Faith and Cultural Society of Arunachal Pradesh celebrated the Indigenous Faith Day in Doimukh yesterday. Home Minister Mama Natung graced as Chief Guest and emphasised the importance of safeguarding cultural heritage and identity. Natung highlighted the deep relationships between tribal communities and nature worship, and urged the youths to harmonise modernity with traditional values. Also Natung announced to establish 'gurukuls' across districts in phases. five IFCSAP youth groups were flagged off in the program tasked with touring various districts to promote indigenous faith and culture.

The Tai Khamti community unitedly celebrated the Poi Pee Mau Tai 2119 yesterday, marking the beginning of their new year with grandeur and cultural pride, held at the Nalung Festival Ground in Namsai, the event reflected the richness of the Tai Khamti heritage, organized under the Chief Patronage of Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein. The festival bridged tradition with aspirations

for the future, encapsulating the theme "Rediscovering the Tai Ethnicity."

The Press Riders Club (PRC), a neutral platform of junior media professionals of the state has recently successfully completed its first ride to Ziro, promoting environmental conservation and media unity. The ride mainly focused on issues like environmental conservation, global warming, plantation drives, and combating drug abuse.