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President Droupadi Murmu today conferred the National Awards for the Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities to 33 exemplary individuals and institutions on the International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2024 in New Delhi. Addressing the gathering at the event, President Murmu said that today's award winners are being recognized as role models in front of society. She added that by emulating them, other individuals and institutions can move forward towards empowerment of Divyangjan. The President said that promoting entrepreneurship among disabled people, developing their skills, providing them with employment, offering preference in purchasing their products, and providing marketing facilities will enhance their leadership capabilities.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated to the nation the successful implementation of three transformative new criminal laws—Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam at Chandigarh today. Addressing the gathering, Modi said that the coming into effect of Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, inspired by the spirit of the Indian Constitution, was an illustrious moment as the nation was at the important juncture of moving ahead with the resolution of Viksit Bharat as well as commemorating the completion of 75 years of Indian Constitution. He added that it was a concrete effort towards fulfilling the ideals that our Constitution envisioned for the citizens of the country. The Prime Minister urged the people to visit the live demo of the laws.

Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan, also known as the Accessible India Campaign, is celebrating its 9th anniversary today. It is a transformative initiative aimed at creating an accessible and inclusive India for persons with disabilities. The campaign introduced a structured approach, focusing on making public buildings, transport networks like buses and trains, and digital platforms accessible to Divyangjans. It also sought to create awareness about the rights and needs of Divyangjan. The Sugamya Bharat Abhiyan has emerged as a landmark initiative, driving India's journey toward a truly inclusive and accessible society. Over the past nine years, it has successfully addressed long-standing challenges faced by persons with disabilities, setting a strong foundation for universal accessibility. The campaign's integration

into the broader Scheme for Implementation of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act (SIPDA) underscores its enduring relevance and the government's commitment to inclusivity.

India has made significant strides in its global export landscape, positioning itself among the top 10 global suppliers, with all sectors reaching export values exceeding 1 billion dollars in 2023. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry, in a statement today, said that, supported by robust government initiatives, the country is not only expanding its export base but also strengthening its reputation as a reliable global supplier.

Governor K T Parnaik has extended his greetings to the Divyangjan of the State, as well as those across the country and the world on the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities. In his message, the Governor urged every individual and community to contribute towards the proper rehabilitation of differently-abled people, encouraging them to shine and excel.

Chief Minister Pema Khandu has assured that over the next three financial years, Arunachal Pradesh will achieve a huge transformation in education that will ensure access to quality learning, improved infrastructure, and brighter opportunities to the youth of the state. Speaking at a public meeting at Logum Jini, Aalo, on Monday, Khandu said that brainstorming sessions or 'Chintan Shivirs' are being conducted across the state headed by Education Minister P D Sona and his Advisor Mutchu Mithi to understand and document core issues in the department and ways and means to resolve them. He said that once these sessions are completed, a comprehensive report with recommendations will be submitted to the state government for further action.

Deputy Chief Minister Chowna Mein attended the inaugural session of the first-ever Regional NeVolution Education Workshop under the Aspirational Block Programme with the theme 'Regional Workshop on Improving Education KPIs in Aspirational Districts & Blocks' for North Eastern States, Jammu & Kashmir, and Jharkhand in Itanagar today. In his address, Mein expressed his delight in hosting such a distinguished gathering of experts, officials, and development partners who have come together to address the unique challenges and opportunities in education in the North-East region. DyCM also expressed gratitude to NITI Aayog, a key development partner of Arunachal Pradesh, for their continuous support in achieving the state's sustainable development goals

(SDGs). Member of NITI Aayog, Dr Arvind Virmani emphasized the transformative role of digital connectivity in revolutionizing education, especially in remote regions like Arunachal Pradesh.