

## **Evening News Script**

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- 1. Governor of Nagaland La Ganesan calls for concerted efforts in accelerating robust response against TB.**
- 2. Nagaland observes International Day of Persons with Disabilities; Advisor Wangpang Konyak says government is committed in removing barriers toward inclusion.**
- 3. Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat describes Hornbill Festival as largest tribal festival celebrated globally.**
- 4. And, Traffic advisory issues on Kohima-Moa National Highway stretch in view of stone pulling ceremony tomorrow.**



**Governor of Nagaland, La Ganesan today called for concerted efforts to complement the government's strategy in accelerating a robust response against TB. The Governor was addressing the Ni-kshay Mitra Campaign under Pradhan Mantri TB Mukt Bharat Abhiyan with elected representatives, administrative heads of departments and heads of departments at Raj Bhavan, Kohima. He highlighted that India is home to the highest number of TB cases, with approximately 28 lakh people affected annually.**

**The Governor expressed delight that there are 410 Nikshay Mitras in Nagaland comprising individuals and organizations committed to supporting nearly 1,000 TB patients. La Ganesan urged the participants to commit to adopting TB patients from their respective localities and to disseminate the message of the noble cause through collaborative efforts.**



**International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2024 is being observed today in Nagaland. The theme for this year is, “Amplifying the leadership of persons with disabilities for an inclusive and sustainable future”. In Kohima, the Office of the State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities along with Department of Social welfare celebrated the day at Kisama. Speaking at the programme, Advisor of Social Welfare Department Wangpang Konyak said, the State government is committed in removing barriers physical, social, and Institutional-that hinders progress toward inclusion.**

**State Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, Diethono Nakhro in her key note address said the day reminds not only of the rights and dignity of persons with disabilities, but also of the incredible leadership, strength and potential within our society. She said that Sustainable development cannot happen without the inclusion of all, adding that for a inclusive future means persons with disabilities are recognized as key players to drive forward solutions that benefit everyone.**

**On the occasion, the State Commissioner PwDs called on the central and state governments, civil society organizations, the private sector, and the general public to commit to creating an environment that amplifies and empowers the leadership of disabled individuals.**



**District level Committee for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), Dimapur along with various government and civil organizations observed International Day of Persons with Disabilities in Dimapur today. Speaking on the occasion, Chairperson, Nagaland State Human Rights Commission, Justice Songkhupchung Serto, encouraged the PWDs to focus on their abilities as everyone of them are individuals with the capacity to develop their own best ability.**

**Highlights of the program included, short sharing from the different organizations and Aids & Appliances Distribution by Pradhan Mantri Divyasha Kendra Dimapur.**



**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.**

**This campaign focuses on improving infrastructure, transportation, and public spaces to make them more accessible, while also raising awareness about the rights and needs of Divyangjan. From accessible public transport to inclusive educational initiatives, this campaign has enabled millions of Divyangjan to lead lives of dignity and respect.**



**Union Minister of Culture & Tourism, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, participated in the Log drum pulling event at the 25th Hornbill Festival 2024 held at Naga Heritage village Kisama in Kohima today. Speaking to the media after the event, Mr. Shekhawat said, the festival has grown to become an internationally recognized "festival of festivals," showcasing diverse music and cultures from around the globe.**

**Earlier, the Union Minister graced the Cultural Connect programme as the Chief Guest and witnesses the Cultural extravaganza from the tribes of Nagaland.**



**In view of the 25th Hornbill stone pulling ceremony tomorrow, the Kohima - Moa National Highway-02 stretch from Jakhama military station to Kisama heritage village (2nd gate) will remain closed from 8:30 AM - 1:00 PM. A Traffic Advisory issued by the Kohima Police stated that all vehicles coming from Manipur will be diverted Via Viswema - Kidima prayer park - Kezocha - Chakhabama – New Secretariat – Meriema - IG stadium - T. Khel model road and Vice versa for Manipur bound vehicles coming from Dimapur. NST shuttle bus coming from Kohima will continue to operate, however shuttle bus service from Kigwema to Kisama will remain suspended during the ceremony.**



**Akashvani Kohima in collaboration with Horticulture Department Government of Nagaland, under BIND Scheme today organise a one day workshop on Fostering Growth Empowering Women in Sustainability at Hortiscape, Kisama. Assistant Director ( Program) Head of Programme of Akashvani Kohima Abino Lasuh said the workshop is a step towards fulfillment of the government's vision of high quality content and diverse topic towards reaching greater national and international audiences.**

**Director of Horticulture Department Meyasashi emphasized on achieving the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, especially those related to hunger and responsible consumption and production.**

**During the workshop, topics discussed were on Mushroom cultivation as a sustainable livelihood for Women Folks in Nagaland and Soilless solution endless growth, experience the future of farming with hydroponic.**



**Tsankiu from Yimkhiung tribe today won the male category of Bamboo Stilt Race competition on day -three of the 25th edition of Hornbill Festival at Naga Heritage Village, Kisama. The event was organized by the state department of Youth Resources and Sports. The second position was won by Heroto from Sumi tribe while, the third position was won by Tsiuthang from Tikhir tribe. In the female category, M Temsunaro won the first position, second position went to Mughlivi from Sumi Tribe and the third position was won by Repaishi from Tikhir Tribe. In the male Tourist category, Alex from USA won first position, Rahul from Bihar won second position and third position went to Aadesh Rai from Nepal. In the female category, Charlotte from USA won first position, Ronta from Sweden won second position and third position was won by Sunita from Andhra Pradesh.**

