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Prime Minister Narendra Modi says Northeast states hold immense potential to propel country's growth

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Venuzo Dawhuo wins 17th International Hornbill Naga Wrestling Championship 2024

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the Northeast holds immense potential to propel the country's growth. He added that the 21st century belongs to the East, to Asia, and to India. Mr. Modi underscored that several northeastern cities like Agartala, Guwahati, Gangtok, Aizawl, Shillong, Itanagar, and Kohima have huge potential, similar to big cities. The Prime Minister today inaugurated the Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. Highlighting the importance of the Mahotsav, Mr. Modi said that this is the first and unique event which will open huge investment

opportunities in the Northeastern states. He said this is a great opportunity for farmers, artisans, and craftsmen of the Northeast, as well as investors from all over the world. He added that the government is connecting the Northeast with the trinity of Emotion, Economy, and Ecology. Earlier at the event, children from the Northeastern states presented a sapling of the Peepal tree, the Ashtalakshmi Plant, to the Prime Minister.

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President Droupadi Murmu today said education is the only path for the all-round development of a human being. She said getting employment should not be the only motto of education and students must acquire vast knowledge through education as it leads a person towards betterment. She said this while addressing students of Uparbeda Government Higher Primary School where she once studied about six decades ago.

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Advisor for Industries & Commerce, Hekani Jakhalu, today said while entrepreneurship and business in Nagaland are still evolving concepts, the start-up culture is rapidly gaining momentum. She was speaking at the Buyers and Sellers Meet 2024 organised by the Department of Industries and Commerce at Bamboo Hall, Kisama. Noting that the market in Nagaland is still pure and unadulterated, Ms. Jakhalu highlighted the advantages of launching businesses early in such an environment. She assured continued support of the Government for both buyers and sellers to facilitate growth. Highlights of the event included interactions between buyers and sellers, Business-to-Business meeting and a feedback session. The meet saw participation of 27 sellers from Nagaland and 18 buyers from various parts of the country, including Kerala, Mumbai, Delhi and Kolkata.

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The 25th edition of the Hornbill Festival continued to celebrate the vibrant cultural tapestry of the state with dynamic performances on the sixth day. Cultural troupes from across the state and beyond showcased their traditions through dances, songs, and rituals. Sikkim, the official state partner for the milestone celebration, showcased its rich cultural diversity with captivating performances by the Sikkim Cultural Troupe, highlighting traditions of the Lepcha, Bhutia, and Nepali communities. Besides, the Voluntary Blood Donors Association Nagaland also organized a blood donation camp at Kisama. Meanwhile, the Nagaland Flower Growers Society also held a week-long Mini Flower Bazaar at the Farmers Market in Kohima to celebrate the milestone festival. The Hornbill Festival continues to serve as a platform for cultural exchange, celebrating the diversity of India's northeastern region and beyond.

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On the sixth day of the Hornbill Festival today, Tribal Research Institute Nagaland under the Tribal Affairs Department marked a vibrant celebration of indigenous traditions with a variety of competitions. The State-Level Rice Husking Competition witnessed a total of 30 contestants representing 15 tribes. Ngapkhao & Ayo from Konyak tribe emerged winners of the competition, followed by A. Soyaü Phom & Hantenhaila of Phom tribe, and Mengzi & Lalam Lenthang of Kuki tribe in second and third positions, respectively. In the State-Level Chicken Coop Making competition, 13 tribes participated, comprising 12 males and one female contestant. Yongkhumse from Sangtam tribe was declared the winner. While Yemlongchaba from Chang tribe won second place, Lapshaü from Phom tribe came in at third. Other competitions included the 2nd Tribal Go-Karting Competition, and the 3rd State-Level Catapult Competition.

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Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting Dr. L Murugan has said that his Ministry supports and promotes adoption of emerging technologies in the broadcasting sector by issuing appropriate policy directions from time to time. He said, Prasar Bharati continuously upgrades the Akashvani and Doordarshan networks by adopting emerging technologies in broadcasting sector like digitalization of network and upgradation to latest equipment.

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Nagaland Board of School Education has informed on the new Central Sector Scheme PM-Vidyalaxmi, which aims to provide financial support to students pursuing higher education. NBSE said, the scheme enables easy availability of collateral and guarantee free education loans to meritorious students who get admission in the top 860 quality higher education institutions of India. It also provides 3 percent interest subvention for students with family income upto 8 lakhs rupees. This is in addition to credit guarantee cover provided for loans and full interest subvention being provided for technical courses under PM-Uchchatar Shiksha Protsahan Scheme. The board said, Higher Education Department is developing a portal for PM-Vidyalaxmi for simple, transparent and digital process of the scheme.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, Deputy Chief Minister Yanthungo Patton and others, have condoled the demise of former Minister of Nagaland K. Zungkum. In a condolence message, Mr. Rio prayed for the departed soul to rest in peace, and that the legacy of Zungkum's life may inspire generations to come. Mr. Patton, expressing sadness at the passing of Mr. Zungkum, said the former minister was a dedicated leader whose efforts towards the development and progress of the state will always be remembered. The Deputy CM extended heartfelt condolences to the family and loved ones during this time of grief.

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Venuzo Dawhuo from Thenyizumi village has emerged as the new champion of the 17th International Hornbill Naga Wrestling Championship 2024. Dawhuo defeated Venu Vadeo in the final to clinch the title. The semifinalists were Kezhaseluo Pienyü and Vemele Thingo. The event was held under the aegis of Nagaland Wrestling Association at Chiechama Ground today. In the 90KG and below Category, Seyiejalie secured the first position after defeating Tuputha Hesuh. In the 75KG and below Category, Keneiselie Khawakhrie was declared the champion, while Rokuokehie Khawakhrie came in second. For the first time, exhibition match for women category comprising of 65KG and below and 65KG and above was held during the Hornbill International Naga Wrestling. Altogether, 50 wrestlers, comprising 40 men and 10 women, participated in the championship. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has said the event is a showcase of strength, skill and unity featuring wrestlers from various tribes of the State and beyond. Taking to X, Mr. Rio said he witnessed the Championship along with the Consul General, Royal Bhutanese Consulate, Guwahati, Jigme Thinlye Namgyal.

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