

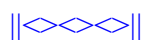
## Evening News Script

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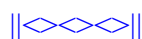
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### :: THE HEADLINES ::

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi lauds Nagaland's efforts in waste management at Hornbill Festival
- President says agriculture is key to India's goal of becoming a developed nation by 2047
- Advisor to Chief Minister, Abu Metha underlines ecological and economical importance of beekeeping; And
- Director General, NE Zone, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Satish Nambudiripad interacts with mediapersons at Kisama



Prime Minister Narendra Modi today extended best wishes and congratulated the people of Nagaland on the completion of 25 years of the Hornbill Festival. In a social media post, Mr. Modi recalled that he has fond memories from his visit to this festival a few years back and urged citizens to visit and experience the vibrancy of Naga culture. The Prime Minister also expressed happiness after witnessing the focus on waste management and sustainability during this year's festival.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has expressed gratitude to Prime Minister Narendra Modi for his warm wishes on the Hornbill Festival. Taking to X, Mr. Rio said the Prime Minister's recognition of Nagaland's efforts in sustainability is encouraging. He noted, the state is committed to making the festival more eco-friendly in line with Swachh Bharat Mission. Mr. Rio also said the state looks forward to welcoming the PM again.



President Droupadi Murmu today said, agriculture is key to India's goal of becoming a developed nation by 2047. She highlighted India's potential to further boost agricultural

production due to its favorable climate, skilled workforce, fertile land, and advanced technologies. President Murmu was speaking at the 40th convocation ceremony of Odisha University of Agriculture and Technology in Bhubaneswar today. The President called upon agricultural scientists to develop new strategies to protect farmers from challenges like natural disasters, climate change, and misuse of resources. She emphasized using the latest technologies such as drones, remote sensing, Artificial Intelligence, and nanotech to support agriculture. President Murmu stressed the need to focus on soil health, environmental conservation, and resource management.



Advisor to Chief Minister, and Chairman Investment & Development Authority of Nagaland, Abu Metha, today underlined the importance of beekeeping for both the economy and ecology. Addressing the 6th Nagaland Honey Bee Day at Sovima in Chümoukedima District, he said the ancient practice of beekeeping has stood the test of time, with honey celebrated throughout history for its versatility and health benefits.

Mr. Metha called for preserving the indigenous knowledge while leveraging modern technology to enhance production and value addition. He envisioned India as a global hub for honey, projecting significant economic growth, particularly in states like Nagaland, where unique opportunities exist. Mr. Metha commended the efforts of Nagaland Beekeeping and Honey Mission for its innovative approaches, effective marketing strategies, and initiatives like honey tourism, and said its efforts to balance traditional practices with technological advancements was exemplary.



Director General, North East Zone, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Satish Nambudiripad has urged mediapersons to publish positive and progressive news on welfare schemes implemented by the government. He said this while interacting with mediapersons of Nagaland at the Multi-media Exhibition on Viksit Bharat 2047 organised by the ministry's Central Bureau of Communication at Hornbill Festival, Kisama today. Mr. Nambudiripad said, the functionality of the media, its tools, handlers and its impact are rapidly changing at such a fast pace, that what shape it is taking in future cannot be foretold right now. Functionaries of the Kohima Press Club, officials of DDK and Akashvani and other private print and electronic media as well as OTT platforms participated in the interaction programme.

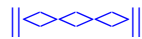


The three-day Hornbill Bamboo carnival commenced today at Sovima in Chümoukedima district. Inaugurating the carnival, Advisor to Chief Minister and Chairman, Investment and Development Authority of Nagaland, Abu Metha, described bamboo as "green gold." He emphasized its historical and economic importance to the Naga way of life. Mr. Metha also lauded Nagaland Bamboo Development Agency as a vital contributor to the state's economy for its initiatives which have empowered several stakeholders. He also mentioned that the Bamboo Carnival was a strong asset to the Hornbill festival.

Around 20 stalls have been set up at the carnival which will also witness music, art, culture, food and Bamboo workshop, among other activities.



The Gorkha community under the aegis of the Nagaland Gorkha Association is showcasing its culture and tradition at the Naga Heritage Village Kisama marking the 25th edition of the Hornbill Festival. The community has set up two stalls at the venue showcasing exhibition-cum-sale of traditional wears and weaponry, including the popular Nepali Khukuri, and ethnic Nepali cuisine. Set up for the first time ever, the Gorkha Hut and Ethnic Kitchen is being managed by the Gorkha Public Panchayat Kohima. A souvenir brought out on the 75th anniversary of World War-II, depicting the settlement of Gorkhas in Nagaland, their bravery during the war and aftermath contributions in rebuilding Kohima town, is also kept for exhibition.



Nagaland Police has arrested the individual who posted certain objectionable remarks against former Chief Minister Dr. S.C. Jamir and the Ao women in general on "The Patriotic Nagas" Facebook Page. A case has been registered by the Cyber Crime Police Station PHQ Nagaland in the matter. During the investigation, Police identified the post publisher who was arrested from Delhi on November 30. The person has been brought back to Nagaland and is currently in judicial custody. Further investigation is in progress and collection of forensic evidence and expert opinion is underway. Reiterating that the case will be brought to a logical conclusion as per law, Nagaland Police has appealed the public to maintain harmony in the interest of law and order in the state.



The Angami tribe today emerged winner of the tug-of-war competition, in both male and female categories, at the ongoing 25th edition of the Hornbill Festival. In the male category, Garo tribe won the second position, while Konyak tribe came in at third. In the female category, Sangtam tribe and Kachari tribe were the first and second runner up. The winners in each category walked away with 25,000 rupees in cash, while the second and third positions received 15,000 rupees and 10,000 rupees, respectively.

