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Union Minister of Culture & Tourism, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat has said that the Hornbill Festival will become the "icon of India" and is set to be the largest tribal festival globally. He said this while addressing a gathering at Kisama yesterday. The Union Minister said, the festival which has created its identity as a festival of festivals is a true amalgamation of the diverse culture of not only Nagaland, but also a depiction of the vibrant culture of North east India. He said, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the concept of team India was formulated focusing towards building the infrastructure and economy of the North Eastern states. Mr Shekhawat said Northeast states have become crucial partners in India's growth story. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he noted, the region has immense potential to drive the country's economic growth and contribute significantly to India's development as a global leader. He noted that thousands of visitors from across the country are coming in this grand celebration, offering them an immersive cultural experience. He expressed confidence that the memories and experiences gained from the festival will leave a lasting impression on everyone, forever engraved in their hearts. Mr. Shekhawat wished the festival a great success.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio visited the media Facilitation Centre at Kisama yesterday as part of the ongoing Hornbill Festival 2024. During the visit, the Chief Minister interacted with media personnel and commended the Department of Information & Public Relations for creating a well-equipped hub for the press. The Chief Minister took the opportunity to inspect the facilities at the centre where he was also presented with a Hornbill Festival Media kit. The media centre aims at supporting journalist and media professionals covering the State's premier cultural meet.

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On the occasion of the International Day of Persons with Disabilities 2024, the Centre launched sixteen initiatives in New Delhi yesterday to empower Divyangjans across the nation. Addressing the gathering in New Delhi, Social Justice and Empowerment Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar, emphasized that the event reflects the Government's unwavering dedication to creating an inclusive society. He added that through these initiatives the government aims to ensure equal opportunities, accessibility, and empowerment for every Divyangjan.

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Mokokchung celebrated International Day of Persons with Disabilities, PWDs at Ongpangkong Salang under the theme Amplifying the Leadership of Persons with Disabilities for an inclusive and Sustainable Future. Speaking at the event as theme speaker, ABAM member Maong Jamir called for natural and positive acceptance of PWDs. He urged churches to undertake missions focusing on empowering PWDs. Mr. Jamir quoted Biblical references to stress the transformative power of achieving greatness despite challenges. Mr. Jamir further encouraged the gathering to focus on abilities not on monetary power. The programme was organized by the Nagaland State Rural Livelihoods Mission, Mokokchung, and the Mokokchung District Disabled Forum.

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International Day for Elimination of Violence against Women is being observed in Tseminyu from November 25 to December 10. As part of the programme, the District yesterday organized a one day workshop for government departments on sexual harassment of women at workplace, POSH Act, and the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences, POCSO Act, in the Conference Hall of Deputy Commissioner Office. Delivering the keynote address, Deputy Commissioner Rohit Singh said the POCSO Act is a gender neutral legislation providing for the welfare and safety of children irrespective of their gender protection of children from sexual offences, while the POSH Act 2013 deals with prevention of sexual harassment of women at the workplace. Giving a Powerpoint presentations, Neivotuonuo Rutsa, Legal Cum Probation Officer DCPO Tseminyu said that POSH Act provides safe and secure working environments free from sexual harassment for all women.

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