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Union Health and Family Welfare Minister J.P. Nadda said that no stone will be left unturned to achieve the target of a TB-free India. Addressing an event after launching the nationwide 100-day TB eradication campaign from Panchkula in Haryana yesterday, he expressed confidence that the TB eradication program will prove to be a milestone in making the country tuberculosis-free by 2025. The Union Minister said that TB patients are receiving the benefits of Ayushman Bharat-Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana. He said, TB patients are being given 1,000 rupees per month. The campaign has been launched in 347 districts of 33 states and union territories. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has said that the country's fight against TB has got stronger with the launch of a special 100-day campaign with a focus on the high-burden TB districts. Ten Prime Minister appealed to all to come together and do their bit to eliminate TB.

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Union Minister of Employment & Labour, Youth Affairs & Sports, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya has described the Hornbill festival as a shining example of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat, where different states and cultures come together to promote mutual understanding and appreciation. He said this yesterday during an interactive programme with the officials of Department of Labour & Employment, Youth Resources & Sports, State sports Association and athletes at IG stadium in Kohima. Dr Mandaviya remarked that as we celebrate the vibrant culture of Nagaland through the Hornbill Festival, we are reminded of the diversity and richness of our great nation. He said, the people here are not just keepers of ancient traditions but also the torchbearers of a progressive and inclusive India. The Union Minister also called upon everyone to continue celebrating our diversity and promote the spirit of national integration. On arrival, Dr Mandaviya called on Governor of Nagaland La Ganesan at Raj Bhavan, Kohima. He also met with chief Minister Neiphiu Rio. Dr Mandaviya will be attending the cultural programme of the Hornbill Festival at Naga Heritage Village Kisama today.

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The renovation and expansion of the Dimapur Airport terminal building are expected to be completed by the end of March 2025. This was stated by the Regional Executive Director, North East Region, Guwahati, M. Raja Kishore yesterday in a press statement. Mr Kishore along with his team visited Dimapur Airport to inspect the ongoing capacity expansion project of the airport terminal building. After a review meeting with the Airport Director and the team at Dimapur Airport, he assured that the terminal building's renovation and expansion would be completed by the end of March 2025. In a meeting with the Chief Minister of Nagaland, Neiphiu Rio discussions focused on resolving land issues to facilitate to upgrade Dimapur Airport to international standards. The Chief Minister assured swift action to address these issues, paving the way to enhanced aircraft operations and improved connectivity. Mr. Kishore emphasized the need to enhance business and entrepreneurship opportunities, generate direct and indirect employment, and strengthen connectivity through Dimapur Airport. Further discussions were held on leveraging Nagaland's tourism potential and promoting organic cargo, with suggestions from local chambers of commerce.

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Rhavi Rume of Chakhesang tribe emerged as the Champion of the State Level Log Cutting Competition, held during the 25th Hornbill Festival at NSF Solidarity Park in Kohima yesterday. Ruokuohetuo Rulho of the Angami tribe secured first place, while Yhunsinlon Lorin of the Rengma tribe claimed the second runners up. Similarly, Letuozo Patrick Kiewhuo Angami emerged as the winner of the State Level spear throwing competition. Merithung Lotha and Penhaulungzing Mbung Zeliang secured second and third positions respectively. The event, commemorating the Janjatiya Gaurav Varsh Celebration & IEC Campaign for Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyan, was organised by the Tribal Affairs Department.

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