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:: THE HEADLINES ::

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurates 18th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas in Bhubaneswar; highlights role of Indian Diaspora in Nation's 2047 vision
- Minister K.G. Kenye calls for reflection on history and unity to build a better future
- Home Ministry urges States and Union Territories to focus on TB Elimination campaign in Prisons and correctional institutions
- Nagaland's tug-of-war team wins Silver in Catch Weight Category at 37th Senior National Tug-of-War Championship



Prime Minister Narendra Modi today emphasized the crucial role of the Indian diaspora in transforming the country into a developed nation by 2047. Addressing the gathering after inaugurating the 18th Pravasi Bhartiya Divas Convention at Bhubaneswar in Odisha, the Prime Minister praised the diaspora for its significant role in global development and for their contribution to India's growth story.

PM BYTE 1:

Prime Minister Modi highlighted the role of Indian values in gaining global respect for the diaspora.

PM BYTE 2

The Prime Minister said, the country is excelling in all sectors including renewable energy, electric mobility, fighter aircraft manufacturing, metro and bullet trains, and soon, Pravasi Bharatiyas will fly back to the country in ‘Made in India’ aircraft. On the occasion, Prime Minister Modi also virtually flagged-off the inaugural journey of the Pravasi Bharatiya Express, a special tourist train for the Indian diaspora under the Pravasi Teertha Darshan Yojana. President Droupadi Murmu will attend the valedictory function of the convention in Bhubaneswar tomorrow.



Minister for Power and Parliamentary Affairs, K.G. Kenye, today underscored the importance of unity, historical reflection, and generational responsibility to contribute towards the society and posterity. Mr Kenye said, this during the 75th anniversary celebration of the Porbami Students Union at Porba village in Phek district. He acknowledged the sacrifices made by previous generations, particularly parents who, despite limited access to education and financial constraints, worked tirelessly to ensure their children received an education. The Minister also expressed concern over the self-centered approach among the youth, noting that this generation remains overly reliant on the groundwork laid by their predecessors. He pointed out that this dependency has contributed to the emergence of an unproductive generation, urging the younger generation to take more initiative and actively contribute to the growth and development of society. The Minister called for greater research into the migratory history of Naga tribes, urging the need for accurate documentation of their origins. To mark the occasion, Mr Kenye, unveiled a monolith to

commemorate the milestone, while a souvenir was released by Chief Medical Officer of Phek, Dr. K. Chitale Hiese.



The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has requested all states and Union Territories to organize a 100-day intensified campaign on tuberculosis (TB) elimination in prisons and correctional institutions, as part of the central government's commitment to eliminating the disease from the country. A report;

TB BYTE: In a letter, the Ministry asked all states and Union Territories to organize screening camps and display Information, Education, and Communication material in all prisons. It also requested them to initiate the pledge (Ni-kshay Shapath) shared by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare from 27th January to 2nd of February. The Ministry further urged the states and Union Territories to conduct awareness generation activities about tuberculosis for the staff of prisons and correctional institutions.



KUMBH

Preparations are in the final stages for the Maha Kumbh, set to begin on the 13th of January in the temporary district of Maha Kumbh Nagar, Uttar Pradesh. The banks of the rivers in the Sangam area have been meticulously prepared for the bathing rituals, spanning an area of twelve kilometers. Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath is scheduled to review the final preparations for the grand event in Prayagraj this evening. The Mela is expected to draw a massive crowd of devotees from across the country and abroad. We have a report:

KUMBH BYTE- More than 45 crore devotees are expected to come in the biggest event of Sanatan culture, Maha Kumbh, starting from

January 13. All preparations have been completed to give devotees a great spiritual experience. The major ghats of the Sangam area have been redeveloped for the devotees coming to the Maha Kumbh. Mela officer Abhinav Pathak said that seven concrete ghats have been built on the banks of Ganga and Yamuna river. Apart from this, watch towers have been installed for the safety of the people. Water police have also been deployed along with water barricading for safe snan.

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The Sub-Divisional Planning and Development Board (SDPDB) of Bhandari held a monthly coordination meeting at the GA Summer House under MLA and Chairman of SDPDB, Achumbemo Kikon on Tuesday. In his brief address, Mr Kikon, urged the members to rededicate themselves to their assigned duties. He emphasized the importance of collective efforts for the betterment and development of society, encouraging all officials to work with renewed commitment toward achieving shared goals. The board also deliberated on the proposal from SDEO Bhandari regarding the revocation of the downgrading of GMS Yampha to GPS and agreed to forward the proposal to higher authorities for further consideration. The board also decided to adopt Champang as the Inspirational Area for the year 2025-2026, aiming to inspire positive changes and improvements in the community.



Nagaland's tug-of-war team won Silver in the Catch Weight Category at the 37th Senior National Tug-of-War Championship, losing to Punjab in the final. Punjab Power took the Bronze, while Haryana secured fourth. A total of 50 teams from 21 states participated in the championship, which was held from January 5 to 8 at Chinchani Beach, Palghar, Maharashtra. Nagaland's team comprised of Menuosetuo Yiese, Vechita Khesoh, Vemele Thingo, Sedevizo Keretsü, Vekuzo

Vezuh, Heuci Kulim, Rukukhotho Khusoh, Niekhozo, Toino Awomi, and Thepukhoyi Swuro. It was led by Nagaland Tug-of-War Association President, Vekho Swuro and General Secretary Chikhozo Sapu.



The 16th Saramati Soccer Championship 2025 was inaugurated today at the Public Ground in Pungro Village under the theme "Victory through Teamwork." The tournament, organized by the Saramati Nexus Club in collaboration with the Department of Youth Resources & Sports, aims to bring together soccer teams from various regions, fostering both competition and camaraderie. During the inaugural function, the Special Guest, S. Kiusumew Yimchunger, Advisor for Fire & Emergency Services, Home Guard & Civil Defence, emphasized the important role sports play in promoting unity and discipline among the youth. The Advisor remarked that the tournament not only showcases the tremendous talent of the participants but also fosters a spirit of community, as teams from different regions come together to compete.

