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Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlights Khamniungan tribe at honey extraction in Mann Ki Baat program.

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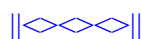
Nagaland all set to celebrate its annual Hornbill Festival at Naga Heritage Village.



Prime Minister Narendra Modi today said, India is setting new records in honey production. Sharing his thoughts in the Mann Ki Baat programme of Akashvani today, Mr. Modi highlighted that Khamniungan tribe in Choklangan village of Noklak district has been engaged in honey extraction for centuries. He noted that bees in that area build their dwellings not on trees but on high cliffs. The Prime Minister said, over the last 11 years ago, honey production in the country has increased to more than 1.5 lakh metric tons.

The Prime Minister expressed happiness that many young, highly qualified professionals are now adopting the field of natural farming. He said, natural farming has been a part of India's ancient traditions and it is the duty of people to continuously promote it to protect Mother Earth.

The Prime Minister also urged people to carry forward the mantra of 'vocal for local', calling all citizens to prioritize locally made products in their festive shopping ahead of Christmas and the New Year.



Governor of Nagaland, Ajay Kumar Bhalla has extended greetings to people of the state on the occasion of the 63rd Statehood Day. In his address the people of Nagaland on the eve of its Statehood Day, the Governor paid tribute to the resilience, courage, and unwavering aspirations of the Naga people, who envisioned a future anchored in identity, unity, and progress. Mr. Bhalla said Since 1st December 1963, Nagaland has a remarkable journey—guided by the

wisdom of the pioneers, elders, and leaders, whose commitment to dignity and self-governance laid the very foundations of the State.

Akashvani Kohima will broadcast the Governor's address on both the Primary channel 639 kilohertz and FM Tragopan 103 megahertz at 7:30 PM. Thye same can be heard on News on Air App.



Winter Session of Parliament will began tomorrow. Ahead of the session, Centre today held an all-party meeting at the Parliament House Annexe. Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh chaired the meeting. Speaking after the meeting, Parliamentary Affairs Minister, Kiren Rijiju said the meeting was held in a positive atmosphere. He said, Government has appealed floor leaders of all political parties for cooperation during the Winter Session for smooth functioning of the two Houses. The meeting was attended by 50 Leaders from 36 political parties.



The stage is set as the state prepares for its annual celebration of culture, colour and community. The 26th edition of the Hornbill Festival, the 'festival of festivals' will kick off tomorrow at the Naga Heritage Village in Kisama, Kohima. Coinciding with Nagaland's Statehood Day, the ten-day festival will bring together all major Naga tribes under one roof, celebrating tradition, folklore, music, craft and cuisine. The inaugural programme will begin at 4:00 PM, with Governor of Nagaland Ajay Kumar Bhalla as the Chief Host. This year, the United Kingdom, Ireland, France, Austria, Malta and Switzerland have joined as country partners, while Arunachal Pradesh comes on board as the state partner. Addressing media persons in Kohima today, Tourism Minister Temjen Imna Along said, this year Hornbill Festival will again stressed more on both traditions, culture and networking with country partners and state partners to amplify Nagaland. Mr. Along, said, the involvement of the country partners will help further strengthen cultural exchange, collaboration and global visibility for Nagaland.



The Kohima Police has issued various advisory for tourists and visitors during the Hornbill Festival to ensure a smooth, safe, and enjoyable festival experience. Travellers and tourists are directed to strictly follow the travel advisories and security guidelines issued from time to time by the State Government and law-enforcement agencies. Car pass holders, especially those holding 'Z' category, are advised to secure their passes properly and should not be left in a manner that may lead to theft, loss, or misuse. Visitors and tourists are encouraged to approach the Tourist Police or any police personnel on duty for assistance in case of any complaint, inconvenience, or problem. Police personnel will be deployed across key festival locations to provide support and ensure visitor safety.



Nagaland State Tourism Department, in collaboration with District Administration of Dimapur and Chümoukedima, has set up a Tourist Information Centre–cum–ILP Facilitation Counters at Senior Tourist Officer's Office, Dimapur, and Dimapur Airport. These Centre's will facilitate and issue offline Tourist Inner Line Permits for visitors entering Nagaland. Visitors can find the locations on Google Maps by selecting "Tourist Information Centre" or reach the helpline at +91-6909636762 for assistance.

