



## Hornbill Festival

Hornbill Festival is celebrated in **Nagaland** to encourage inter-tribal interaction.

- It is one of the largest **indigenous festival** organised by the **state government of Nagaland** to promote tourism in the state.
- The festival is celebrated **annually** in the **first week of December** in order to preserve, protect and revive the uniqueness and richness of the Naga heritage.
- The festival is considered the **“Festival of Festivals”** in Nagaland.
- The festival is named after the bird – **Hornbill** which is the most **revered and admired** bird for the Nagas.
  - The festival is a tribute to this bird, known for its qualities of grandeur and alertness.
  - The bird is also closely identified with the social and cultural life of the Nagas, as reflected in various tribal dances, songs and folklores.
- Hornbill festival exposes the **culture and tradition of the tribal people** and reinforces the identity of the Nagaland.

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