

## Morning News Script

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The 15th National Voters' Day is being celebrated across the country today. President Droupadi Murmu will attend the national function in New Delhi. She will present the Best Electoral Practices Awards to state and district officials for their exemplary efforts in ensuring smooth elections. Union Minister for Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal, along with the Chief Election Commissioner and the Election Commissioners, will also be present at the event. This year's theme, 'Nothing Like Voting, I Vote for Sure,' continues last year's focus on the importance of electoral participation and pride in voting.

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Chief Election Commissioner Rajiv Kumar has said that National Voters Day is not just an occasion to celebrate the inception of Election Commission but also an opportunity to honour the very spirit of democracy. Mr Kumar was addressing on the eve of 15th National Voters Day in New Delhi yesterday. He said, this year's National Voters Day is special as Election Commission of India completes 75 years of service to the nation.

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### **CECBYTE:**

On National Voters Day, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has urged all to rededicate themselves to greater & effective participation in the electoral process. Stating that Voting is not only a right but also a shared responsibility, Chief Minister Rio said, it celebrates the strength of our democracy and reflects our commitment to shaping the Nation's future.

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Prime Minister Narendra Modi interacted with NCC cadets, NSS volunteers, Youth Exchange Programme cadets, tableau artists, and tribal guests of the Republic Day Celebrations 2025 at his residence in New Delhi yesterday . During the interaction the Prime Minister emphasized the importance of national unity and diversity, urging all

participants to interact with people from different states to strengthen the spirit of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat. Mr Modi emphasised that fulfilling duties as responsible citizens is the key to achieving the vision of Viksit Bharat. The Prime Minister encouraged youth to register on the My Bharat Portal and actively engage in activities that contribute to nation-building. The Prime Minister also interacted with foreign participants. These participants expressed joy in attending the programme, praised India's hospitality and shared positive experiences of their visits.

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Akashvani and Doordarshan are fully geared up for the live coverage of the 76th Republic Day parade from Kartavya Path on 26th January. To review the preparedness at Kartavya Path, Secretary of Information and Broadcasting, Sanjay Jaju, took stock of the arrangements made by Akashvani and Doordarshan for the live coverage. He lauded the efforts of Akashvani and Doordarshan teams.

#### **JAJU BYTE :**

Prasar Bharati CEO, Gaurav Dwivedi, said that this time, 4 thousand cameras have been deployed to ensure high-quality picture resolution, which is eight times better than before. He also mentioned that the parade will be broadcast on the WAVES OTT platform.

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Chief Secretary, Dr. J. Alam has emphasized the importance of collaborative approach in addressing traffic woes while observing that traffic congestion has become a critical issue in Dimapur. He was chairing a high-level meeting in Dimapur yesterday to deliberate on strategies for decongesting urban traffic in the city. Dr. Alam suggested the need to adopt innovative solutions and ensure coordinated efforts among all departments to create a sustainable urban transport system. Recommendations from the meeting included widening key roads, creating alternate routes, implementing strict parking regulations, and exploring public transport enhancements. Plans for a detailed traffic management study and the introduction of smart traffic systems were also discussed. A review presentation was showcased by National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation. The Chief Secretary also inspected the proposal of Dimapur bypass to Kohima near new field check gate, Dimapur.

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On the second day of the Ranji Trophy Plate Final 2024-25 at Nagaland Cricket Stadium, Sovima, Goa and Nagaland saw competitive battle unfold. Goa resumed at 258 by 7 and was bowled out for 276 in 104.2 overs. Nagaland ended the day at 208 by 8 in 62 overs. Nagaland is trailing by 71 runs. On the third day, Nagaland will aim to add crucial runs to their first-innings while Goa will look to wrap up innings quickly and extend their lead.

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