

Evening News Script

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THE HEADLINES :-

- President Draupadi Murmu greets citizens on eve of Independence Day
- Over 1000 Police personnel, including two from Nagaland awarded Police Medals
- India observes six years of Jal Jeevan Mission today
- Kohima Press Club visits State Mental Health Hospital as part of year-long silver jubilee celebration

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President Draupadi Murmu has extended heartfelt greetings to the citizens on the 79th Independence Day. In her address to the nation on the eve of Independence Day, Ms Murmu paid tribute to the freedom fighters whose sacrifices led to independence and India becoming a proud democracy. Remembering the pain of Partition observed today, she honored those who suffered during the division. Ms Mumu emphasized the values enshrined in the Constitution, and said human dignity lies at the heart of these principles.

Ms Murmu the noted the progress made by the country since independence, including in economic growth, welfare reforms, and developments across various sectors. She lauded schemes like Ayushman Bharat and Jal Jeevan Mission, and highlighted India's leadership in digital payments and artificial intelligence.

The President acknowledged Operation Sindoor, hailing India's decisive response against terrorism and the strength of indigenous defence capabilities. She also addressed environmental concerns, and urged citizens to adopt sustainable habits to tackle climate change. President Murmu called upon all citizens to work collective to achieve a developed, self-reliant India by 2047.

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The Nation will celebrate the 79th Independence Day tomorrow with Prime Minister Narendra Modi leading the celebrations from the iconic Red Fort in Delhi. He will hoist the National Flag and address the nation from the ramparts of the iconic monument. As the nation is making giant strides towards realising the vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047, the theme of this year's celebrations is Naya Bharat. The celebrations will serve as a platform to commemorate the continuing rise of a prosperous, secure and bold Naya Bharat and provide renewed power to surge further ahead on the path to progress. The success of Operation Sindoor will be celebrated on the occasion. In Nagaland, the state-level celebration of the Independence Day will be held at the Civil Secretariat Plaza Kohima.

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A total of 1090 Personnel of Police, Fire, Home Guard, Civil Defence and Correctional Services have been awarded Gallantry and Service Medals on the occasion of Independence Day. From Nagaland, former Commissioner of Police Kevithuto Sophie and Commandant Aboli Metha will receive Medals for Meritorious Service.

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India is observing six years of the Jal Jeevan Mission today, a flagship initiative that has transformed millions of lives by ensuring access to safe and adequate drinking water through household tap connections. On the occasion, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said Jal Jeevan Mission has ensured better healthcare, especially for the Nari Shakti. In a social media post, Mr Modi said, it is a scheme that focuses on dignity and transforming lives.

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Nagaland Public Health Engineering Department, PHED, also marked the anniversary of Jal Jeevan Mission for its impact on rural lives. PHED Minister, Jacob Zhimomi in a post on X, said the mission has uplifted citizens' welfare, ensured dignity and boosted 'Ease of Living'. Mr Zhimomi said, with over 15 crore rural household beneficiaries, Jal Jeevan Mission is a silent revolution, powering the national vision of Viksit Bharat.

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As part of its year-long silver jubilee celebration, the Kohima Press Club (KPC) today carried out an Independence Day visitation to the State Mental Health Hospital in Kohima. Led by KPC General Secretary Rita Krocha, a total of 11 members participated in the visitation and interacted with the Senior Medical Officer (SMO) and staff. The KPC members were briefed on the hospital's functioning, ongoing activities, and the challenges faced by the institution. During the interaction, Ms. Krocha described the visit as very special.

SMO at the State Mental Health Institute, Dr. Nuvotso Khesoh, highlighted the activities and progress of the hospital, stating that despite facing numerous challenges, the institution has made significant contributions.

Dr. Khesoh said media support is essential in raising mental health awareness, breaking stigma, and promoting public acceptance. He appealed for continued media support in their journey of care and community participation. Clinical Psychologist with Tele-MANAS, Suyimtenla Jamir, stated that the Tele-MANAS offers 24x7 services where individuals can call the Tele-MANAS helpline number 14416 to speak to trained counsellors and receive professional mental health support. She added that by the end of the year, the hospital hopes to introduce video consultations. At present, the hospital has six patients undergoing treatment. It is also facilitating internships for students of psychology, social work, counselling, and nursing for their clinical posting. Further, it is collaborating with the Manipur Government and is expected to receive nursing students from an institution in Senapati for clinical training placements.

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Today is Partition Horrors Remembrance Day. The day commemorates the victims and sufferings of people during the Partition of India in 1947. Prime

Minister Narendra Modi paid tribute to those who lost their lives in the horror of the partition. He said this day reminds of the upheaval and pain endured by countless people during that tragic chapter of our history.

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Nagaland also joined the rest of the nation in observing the Partition Horrors Remembrance Day with several events across the state. In Dimapur, BJP organized a programme under the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign to mark the occasion. Addressing the gathering, former MLA Khekaho Assumi reflected on the 1947 partition, and underlined that the observance was not political but intended to ensure that such tragedies are not repeated.

Highlighting Nagaland's legacy of communal harmony, Mr. Assumi said the state has often been referred to as a "Mini India". Nagaland University also observed the Day with a symposium featuring academic discussions on the historical, economic, social, and cultural impacts of the Partition.

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