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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today led the Independence Day celebrations from Red Fort in Delhi and hoisted the National Flag. Addressing the nation, Mr Modi saluted the brave soldiers of Operation Sindoor, saying that the Operation is a powerful testament to the valour and precision of the country's armed forces. He said the government gave the Armed Forces a free hand, allowing them to strategize, set the target, and decide the timing. The Prime Minister stressed that India will no longer tolerate nuclear blackmail. Prime Minister Modi said that India will launch Mission Sudarshan Chakra to create a powerful weapon system to thwart any attempt by enemies. He also announced the roll out of Prime Minister Viksit Bharat Rozgar Yojana with an outlay of around one lakh crore rupees for the youth of the country. Under the scheme, new employment opportunities will be created for three crore 50 lakh youth.

Joining the rest of the nation, Arunachal Pradesh celebrated the 79th Independence Day today with patriotic fervour. The main state-level function was held at IG Park, Itanagar, where Chief Minister Pema Khandu hoisted the National Flag and took the salute from an impressive parade. The ceremonial march past featured various uniformed contingents, NCC cadets, Scouts and Guides, and schoolchildren.

In his address, the Chief Minister said that today Arunachal Pradesh's per capita income has more than doubled by 105 percent proving that development is reaching the people and lives are improving across the state. He said that the state government has declared 2025-2035 as the Decade of Hydropower. Mr Khandu said that the 2000 MW Subansiri Lower Project will be ready by May 2026. He said the 2880 MW Dibang Multipurpose Project is on track for completion by 2032. He announced that in the next three years alone the government will kick off new hydropower projects worth Rs.2 Lakh Crore adding another 19 GW of capacity in the state.

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On the occasion, state's Chief Secretary Manish Gupta announced the names of the State Award recipients. The celebrations also featured spectacular and vibrant cultural

performances by various artists. Governor Lt. Gen. K.T. Parnaik (Retd.) hoisted the National Flag at Raj Bhawan, Itanagar. Speaking on the occasion, the Governor said that Arunachal Pradesh stands in an era of rapid change and immense opportunity. He said that Arunachal Pradesh, guided by the vision of Viksit Bharat, must aspire for a self-reliant India and ensure opportunities in every village, town, and city. Two officers from Arunachal Pradesh have been awarded the President's Medal on the occasion of 79th Independence Day. Inspector General of Police, Arunachal Pradesh Police, Takhe Ringu has been awarded the President's Medal for Distinguished Service while Inspector, Khiksi Yangfo has been awarded the Medal for Meritorious Service.

Deputy Chief Minister, Chowna Mein launched the handloom unit for The Prodigal Daughters Sisterhood Rehabilitation Centre at Chongkham today. In a social media post, Mein emphasised that this initiative will help women rebuild their lives with dignity and purpose, creating new opportunities for self-reliance. He extended his appreciation to ZPM Chongkham, Chau Jenia Namchoom for funding the project.

Indian Army celebrated the 79th Independence Day in remote border villages and schools of Arunachal Pradesh today, reinforcing civil-military ties and national unity. Events included flag hoisting, Join Indian Army Campaign to inspire youth to join the armed forces, tree plantation drives, medical camp and others. In West Siang District, India Army organized a Cycle rally on the occasion. In Tawang District, the Gajraj Corps led a Tiranga March in Chuna's forward areas at 14000 feet to mark the 79th Independence Day. The Spear Corps of the Indian Army hoisted the tricolour at the eastern most frontier of India in the villages of Kaho and Kibithu. A Tiranga March was organized on the occasion.

In a major healthcare milestone in the state, Minister for Rural Development & Panchayati Raj Ojing Tasing along with Lok Sabha MP Tapir Gao convened a consultative meeting yesterday with MLAs, members of Civil Society to seek their suggestions for establishment of proposed New Medical College at Bakin Pertin General Hospital, Pasighat. The project is estimated at a cost of Rs.1063.94 Crs. The objective of the meeting was to bring together stakeholders for a preliminary review of the infrastructure design/masterplan of the proposed Medical College and hospital building prepared by the Consultants and get feedbacks and discuss scope for future expansion.