

## Morning News Script

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The nation is celebrating the 79th Independence Day today with Prime Minister Narendra Modi leading the celebrations from the iconic Red Fort in Delhi. The Prime Minister will hoist the National Flag and address the nation from the ramparts of the iconic monument. As the nation is making giant strides towards realizing the Government's vision of Viksit Bharat by 2047, the theme of this year's celebrations is Naya Bharat. In Nagaland, the state-level celebration of the Independence Day will be held at the Civil Secretariat Plaza Kohima at 9 AM. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio will unfurl the tricolour and lead the state level celebration .

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Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio hoisted the national flag at the Chief Minister's Residential Complex today morning in celebration of the 79th Independence Day. On the occasion, he extended warm greetings to the citizens on the occasion. Deputy Chief Minister Y. Patton also extended greetings to the people on the occasion. In his message, Mr Patton paid tribute to the courage and sacrifices of the freedom fighters and the generations who carried forward their legacy. Mr Patton urged citizens to stand united with pride and determination to build a better future for the country.

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Akashvani Kohima celebrated Independence Day at its office premises this morning. During the programme, Head of Engineering, D Adapro, hoisted the national flag. Officers, staff and security personnel participated in the celebration.

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Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has said that Operation Sindoor carried out by the Armed Forces has emerged as a balanced military response amidst the asymmetric warfare being witnessed across the globe. In his 'Sandesh to Soldiers' aired from Akashvani on the eve of 79th Independence Day, Mr Singh termed India's actions during the operation as a shining example of a precise and successful military strategy, and a glimpse of a new vision, technological advancements and self-reliance.

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Nagaland Pradesh Congress Committee, NPCC along with its subordinate units yesterday held a Candlelight March at Congress Bhavan, Kohima, as well as in all the District Congress Committee Bhavans across the State. NPCC Communications Department said the event was held in unison with Congress units and party workers all over India to express strong condemnation of the Special Intensive Revision, SIR of electoral rolls currently being carried out in Bihar under the direction of the Election Commission of India, ECI. NPCC said the move to implement SIR at this juncture raises serious concerns and undermines the democratic principles of free, fair, and inclusive elections. It said the SIR in Bihar is politically motivated, designed to manipulate and distort the voter lists, thereby disenfranchising legitimate voters while favoring vested political interests. NPCC called upon the Election Commission of India to immediately halt the SIR in Bihar.

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Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio expressed deep sorrow over the tragic cloudburst in Chashoti, Kishtwar district of Jammu and Kashmir. He extended his heartfelt condolences to the bereaved families and offered prayers for the swift recovery of the injured. The cloudburst caused multiple casualties with report stating that over 75 people have been injured and many still missing.

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Nagaland will experience moderate to heavy rainfall with thunderstorms from August 16 to 19. Deputy Commissioner and District Disaster Management Authority, Dimapur, Tinojongshi Chang said that high precipitation in the hill sector, possess risk of water logging, flash floods and riverbank overflow in lowland and foothill districts including Dimapur. He said, Dimapur is expected to receive heavy rain on August 17 and also light to moderate rain is likely on other days but may intensity. Residents have been advised to stay away from rivers, streams and flood prone areas as water levels can rise suddenly and pose life-threatening danger.

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The final match of Dr. T Ao Trophy, 24th Inter-district Football Championship 2025, will be played between Mon and Niuland at 5 PM today at Indira Gandhi Stadium, Kohima. Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio will grace the event as special guest. Ahead of the final match, a friendly exhibition match was held yesterday where Nagaland Football Association, NFA Officials overcame the Organizing Committee 2–1. The match was played in a festive spirit, highlighting the unity of the football fraternity.

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