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- Prime Minister Narendra Modi leads the nation in 79th Independence Day celebrations.
- Nagaland joins nation in celebrating 79th Independence Day with vibrant display of cultural performances.
- 3. Chief Minister of Nagaland Dr. Neiphiu Rio announces various state government projects on Independence Day. And,
- Two Nagaland Police senior officers awarded with prestigious Medal for Meritorious Service.



The Nation celebrates its 79th Independence Day today. Prime Minister Narendra Modi lead the Independence Day celebrations from the iconic Red Fort in Delhi and hoisted the National Flag. Mr. Modi said, this occasion is about the resolve of 140 crore Indians and the pride of country's shared achievements. He said, for the past 75 years, the Constitution of India has been a beacon of light and guiding the people on their path. Mr. Modi highlighted the sacrifices of India's freedom fighters, reminding citizens of the struggles that shaped the nation. He said the success of Operation Sindoor symbolizes India's preparedness to handle strategic challenges and underlines the government's focus on modernizing the armed forces.

Prime Minister Modi emphasized the nation's leap in technological innovation, particularly in semiconductors, which are crucial for electronics, defence, and communication. He said, India will launch Made in India semiconductor chips by the end of this year, reflecting the nation's growing strength in critical technology sectors.

Mr. Modi highlighted India's space achievements, like Mangalyaan, and the rise of over 300 space startups, reflecting a vibrant ecosystem in space technology, satellite development, and research.

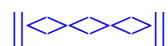


Nagaland joined the nation in celebrating the 79th Independence Day today with a vibrant display of cultural performances. A state-level programme was held at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza in Kohima, where Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio hoisting the National Flag and took the Rashtriya Salute from the parade contingents. Addressing the citizens of Nagaland, Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio paid tribute to the freedom fighters and brave martyrs who secured the country's freedom and safeguarded its future. He said their courage, sacrifice, and selfless service will forever inspire generations to come. Dr. Rio said, that his government is working in line with the spirit enshrined in the Constitution to meet the democratic aspirations of the people.

The Chief Minister emphasized that resolving the Naga Political issue remains a top priority for his government. He said the ongoing Naga Peace Process is a symbol of hope for a lasting solution that fulfills the aspirations of the Naga people.

The Chief Minister also reaffirmed his government's strong commitment to addressing the concerns and issues of the people of Eastern Nagaland.

On the occasion, Chief Minister Rio also commissioned 41 Hydraulic Waste Collection and Transportation Vehicles to 20 Town Councils under the Swachh Bharat Kosh initiative. He also virtually inaugurated Bio-Fertilizer Production Units.



Governor of Nagaland, La Ganesan passed away this evening in Chennai. He was 80. La Ganesan has been undergoing treatment in the Intensive Care Unit of Apollo Hospital in Chennai for the past week. According to sources, he was admitted after sustaining a head injury in a fall at his residence in T. Nagar on August 8 and was found unconscious. Despite intensive medical care, his condition did not improve. He passed away at 6:23 this evening. La Ganesan was appointed as Governor of Nagaland in February 2023 and was holding the position upto his death. He had earlier served as the Governor of Manipur and

held additional charge of West Bengal for a brief period. A veteran politician, La Ganesan held several key positions in the BJP during his long career, including serving as Tamil Nadu BJP President.



Chief Minister of Nagaland, Dr. Neiphiu Rio has announced that the state government is setting up a Skill Centre for construction workers with a budget of 300 lakh rupees. The Chief Minister said this while highlighting the several developmental activities of the state during his Independence Day address in Kohima today. He also informed the launch of a programme to provide access to core employability skills for rural youth, using a mobile Morung Skill Van, with a budget outlay of 100 lakh rupees. Further, the Chief Minister announced that the Nagaland State Transport Department will be establishing 10 new helipads and upgrading four existing ones to enhance helicopter connectivity in the state. Dr. Rio also shared plans for the construction of an Inter-State Truck Terminus along NH-29 at Chümoukedima under the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region.



In a proud moment for Nagaland Police, two of its senior officers, Kevithuto Sophie and Aboli Metha have been awarded the prestigious Medal for Meritorious Service in recognition of their dedication, professional excellence, and outstanding service to the people of Nagaland. In a social media post X, Deputy Chief Minister Y. Patton who is also the Minister in-charge of Home & Border Affairs, extended his heartiest congratulations to both officers, stating that the award is a fitting recognition of their service to the state and its people. The Medal for Meritorious Service is awarded to police personnel from across the country who have shown consistent dedication and professionalism in the line of duty.



In a spectacular display of sportsmanship and unity, thousands of football fans from across Nagaland gathered at the jam-packed Indira Gandhi Stadium in Kohima to witness the electrifying final match of the 24th Dr. T. Ao Trophy 2025 between Mon and Niuland districts. Despite the rain, the match kicked off with high energy as both teams showcased their exceptional skills and determination. At the time of filing of this report, the battle between Mon and Niuland rages on, with both sides deadlocked at 1-1 in a thrilling showdown. Earlier in the evening, Chief Minister Dr. Neiphiu Rio addressed the crowd, marking the dual

significance of the occasion- India's 79th Independence Day and the finale of the prestigious tournament.

Paying tribute to the legendary Dr. T. Ao, who led independent India at the 1948 London Olympics, the Chief Minister praised his legacy as a role model of discipline, humility, and excellence.

Dr. Rio also emphasized the government's dedication to promoting sports and holistic development through education and training.