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Prime Minister Narendra Modi today inaugurated the year-long commemoration of 150 years of the National Song 'Vande Mataram' in New Delhi. The Prime Minister also released a Commemorative Stamp and Coin. He also launched the portal vandemataram150.in, where citizens can upload their videos of singing the national song and earn a certificate. Addressing the event, the Prime Minister said that Vande Mataram is a mantra, an energy, a dream and a resolution. He hailed it as a devotion and adoration of Mother India which takes one back to history, fills the present with self-confidence, and instills renewed courage to the future that there is no goal that cannot be achieved.

Mr Modi said Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay started a clarion call for an independent, united and prosperous India through the song.



Akashvani Kohima also joined in commemorating the 150 years of India's National Song, 'Vande Mataram' today. Director General Akashvani Rajeev Kumar Jain along with the staff of Akashvani Kohima participated in the mass singing of Vande Mataram at the Akashvani office premises.



Director General (DG) of Akashvani Rajeev Kumar Jain has lauded Akashvani Kohima for its unique contribution to public broadcasting. Speaking during an interaction with staff today, Mr Jain said the station is among the few in the country that regularly airs news and programmes in multiple dialects. He said, this multilingual outreach of Akashvani Kohima preserves linguistic diversity and strengthens the connection with communities.

Noting that Akashvani's strength lies in its talent pool of skilled presenters, he highlighted the importance of continuously integrating fresh talent while retaining experienced voices. Mr Jain also reaffirmed Akashvani's commitment to public service broadcasting and cultural preservation.

Encouraging staff to create unique content, the DG urged broadcasters to explore untold local stories that reflect the region's rich culture. He also held a review meeting of sections including Program, News and Engineering. The DG also visited the Doordarshan Kohima, where he inspected the studios and interacted with staff.



Earlier in the day, Akashvani DG Rajeev Kumar Jain, called on the Chief Secretary of Nagaland, Sentianger Imchen, at the Chief Secretary's Office, New Secretariat in Kohima, today. The DG was accompanied by officials of Akashvani Kohima. During the meeting, Mr Jain apprised the Chief Secretary of the functioning of the Akashvani network and briefed him on the various programmes and news broadcasts of Akashvani Kohima. The DG also emphasised the importance of strengthening convergence between Akashvani Kohima and State Government departments for effective dissemination of government schemes and public service information.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today called for unity among all Naga tribes, stating that collective strength is vital for overcoming challenges and ensuring a shared future of progress. He was addressing the Golden Jubilee celebration of the Kohima Lotha Hoho held at the NBCC Convention Centre, Kohima. Mr Rio expressed hope for continued peace in Nagaland, urging communities to channel their time and resources towards development.

Extending greetings to the Lotha community on its 50th anniversary and Tokhu Emong festival, Mr Rio acknowledged the role of the elders in preserving the culture and traditions while connecting with urban life, and urged the present generation to uphold their legacy and strengthen inter-community relations. He noted that Wokha records the highest per capita income in the state, and commended the community's innovative farming practices and value addition efforts. Stressing the importance of cultural preservation, Mr Rio lauded recent initiatives to document traditional attires and patterns, and urged all tribes to pursue similar documentation and GI tags. Meanwhile, Deputy Chief Minister Y. Patton urged the Lotha community to uphold

ancestral values, and encouraged youth to strive for excellence through discipline and wise use of technology.



The Tokhü Emong Mini Hornbill Festival concluded today in Wokha with vibrant cultural performances. Addressing the event earlier in the day, MLA Dr. Neisatuo Mero emphasized the importance of preserving tribal rituals and oral traditions for future generations. Stressing the importance of dignity of labour, Dr. Mero urged the youth to have discipline and respect for all forms of work.

Highlighting the abundant agri and horticultural produce that boost the local economy, he encouraged the community to also explore untapped oil reserves for broader development. The MLA further called for unity among Naga tribes, challenging young people to overcome tribalism and build a peaceful, inclusive future. Lotha communities across parts of the state, including Diphupar in Dimapur and Bhandari Town, also celebrated the festival with great traditional fervor.



Deputy Chief Minister and minister in charge of National Highways TR Zeliang conducted a review meeting of all ongoing projects under National Highways and Infrastructure Development Corporation Limited and NPWD (NH). During the meeting yesterday, Mr Zeliang directed all contractors and engineers to immediately switch to a war footing mode of execution, so as to make full use of the state's limited working season. Emphasizing that the next 4 to 5 months are critical, he urged all teams to double their efforts and expedite construction activities. The Minister stressed on the need to achieve maximum physical progress during the period and to ensure that all projects meet their contractual milestones within schedule.



And, An exhibition hockey match between Sports Minister's eleven and Hockey India's eleven was played in New Delhi today to mark the centenary celebrations of Indian Hockey. The match included participation from Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Mansukh Mandaviya, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju and other dignitaries. The match was won by the Sports Minister's eleven 3-1. Indian Hockey Federation was incorporated on 7th November, 1925 and was later replaced by Hockey India in 2009.

