

## Morning News Script

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Nagaland is celebrating its 63rd Statehood Day today, marking the day when the state officially became the 16th state of India on this date in 1963. The state-level celebration will take place at the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza in Kohima. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio will address the gathering. On the occasion, Mr. Rio will inaugurate and launch a number of projects and publications.

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Governor of Nagaland, Ajay Kumar Bhalla has extended greetings to people of the state on the occasion of the 63rd Statehood Day. In his address the people of Nagaland on Statehood Day, the Governor said Statehood Day is a moment of profound reflection. He said, over the past decades, Nagaland has made noteworthy advancements in governance, infrastructure, education, healthcare, and cultural preservation. Mr. Bhalla said, the youth are excelling across diverse fields—academics, sports, entrepreneurship, and the creative arts—bringing honour and recognition to the State. He said farmers, artisans, and community leaders remain the custodians of the core values of hard work, harmony, and social responsibility, which have long strengthened the fabric of Naga society.

He added that the strength of Nagaland lies in the harmony and mutual respect that unite its many tribes. On the occasion, the Governor called on the people to reaffirm their pledge to work in unity for a peaceful, progressive and vibrant Nagaland.

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Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has extend greetings to the people on the 63rd Statehood Day. In a social media post, Mr. Rio honour the leaders who safeguarded our rights and identity, and the visionaries who shaped our future. On the occasion, the Chief Minister urged the people to work together for a prosperous, inclusive, and sustainable Nagaland, reaffirming their commitment to its progress & well-being.

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The 26th edition of the Hornbill Festival, the 'festival of festivals' will kick off today at the Naga Heritage Village in Kisama, Kohima. Coinciding with Nagaland's Statehood Day, the ten-day festival will bring together all major Naga tribes under one roof, celebrating tradition, folklore, music, craft and cuisine.

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Along with the rest of the world, Nagaland will observed World AIDS Day 2025 today under the theme, "Overcoming disruption, transforming the AIDS response". The day is observed on 1st December every year to raise awareness about HIV/AIDS and to show support for people living with HIV. Meanwhile,

Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare Jagat Prakash Nadda will lead the national-level observance of World AIDS Day 2025. The aim of this day is to reaffirm the Government's unwavering commitment to advancing the national response to HIV prevention, treatment, care, and stigma elimination. During the event, a new campaign video series under NACO's national multimedia initiative will be launched.

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