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THE HEADLINES :-

- India to celebrate 78th Independence Day tomorrow; Prime Minister Narendra Modi to lead Nation in celebrations from Red Fort
- Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar recalls courage and sacrifice of builders of sovereign Bharat
- Deputy Superintendent of Police Bendangwati Ao sole officer from Nagaland to receive Medal for Meritorious Service on Independence Day
- Nation observes Partition Horror Remembrance Day today to commemorate victims of partition in 1947

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India will celebrate its 78th Independence Day tomorrow. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lead the Nation in the celebrations from the Red Fort in Delhi. He will unfurl the National Flag and address the nation from the ramparts of the iconic monument. The theme of this year's Independence Day is Viksit Bharat @ 2047. With the aim to increase Jan Bhagidari, around six thousand special guests have been invited to witness the celebrations at Red Fort. These people from different walks of life, categorised as youth, tribal community, farmers, women and other special guests, have excelled in various fields with the help of various government schemes and initiatives. The Indian contingent which took part in the recently-concluded Paris Olympics has also been invited to participate in the celebrations. Other invitees include nearly two thousand people from various States and Union Territories dressed in traditional attire, and three thousand winners of different online competitions, organised by Ministry of Defence in collaboration with MyGov and Akashvani.

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In Nagaland, the State Level celebration of the Independence Day will be held at the Civil Secretariat Plaza Kohima. Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio will hoist the national flag and take rashtriya salute from 19 parade contingents. The state is also set to launch the Chief Minister's Universal Life Insurance Scheme at tomorrow's event. The celebrations will further be marked by presentation of awards, cultural presentation and entertainment, and visit to institutions by charitable organizations.

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Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar has greeted the citizens on the eve of Independence Day. In a message, Dhankhar said the momentous day is a solemn reminder of the indomitable courage and selfless sacrifice of countless heroes that laid the foundation of sovereign Bharat. It is also a celebration of the ideals of justice, liberty, equality and fraternity that remain the bedrock of our vibrant democracy, he added. On the occasion, the Vice President appealed to everyone to commit to the values upheld by our freedom movement. Dhankhar also urged upon the citizens to work hard to realise the goal of 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047.

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Nagaland's lone Lok Sabha MP, S. Supongmeren Jamir, has extended greetings on India's 78th Independence Day. In a statement, Jamir paid tribute to the courage, sacrifices and vision of freedom fighters, and recalled India's remarkable achievements over the past 78 years. He said, the Nation's Spirit lies in its diversity, resilience, and unwavering commitment to democracy and justice. As India marches forward, the MP called upon all to renew the pledge to uphold the principles of Freedom, Equality, Fraternity and Secularism. Urging for unity, Jamir wished that this independence day be an inspiration to work towards a brighter and more inclusive future for all.

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Deputy Superintendent of Police Bendangwati Ao is the sole officer from Nagaland to be awarded the Medal for Meritorious Service on the occasion of Independence Day this year. The recognition is part of the broader national award in which a total of 1,037 personnel of Police, Fire, Home Guard and Civil Defence and Correctional Services have been awarded Gallantry and Service Medals. The President's Medal for Gallantry has been awarded to a Head Constable of Telangana Police, and Medal for Gallantry presented to 213 personnel. Further, the President's Medal for Distinguished Service has been

awarded to 94 personnel, while the Medal for Meritorious Service has been awarded to 729, including Bendangwati.

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Nagaland will see a sizeable representation at the Independence Day celebrations in New Delhi tomorrow with almost 30 individuals and their families being invited as special guests. Among the invitees are, three entrepreneurs from three districts of Nagaland under the Aspirational Block Programme, and W Manni, a young woman representative from Wangti village in Mon district. Others comprise students and teachers, including various individuals from Ekalavya Model Residential Schools in Tizit and Tuensang. Representatives have also been invited from Lakhpati Didi Scheme, Atal Innovation Mission, ASHA workers, ANMs, and Border Roads Organisation. Besides, 31 other Naga couples residing in Delhi have also been invited through Nagaland House, Delhi.

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Kohima Deputy Commissioner Office today observed the "Har Ghar Tiranga" campaign under "Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav". Addressing the event, Deputy Commissioner Kohima, Kumar Ramnikant, emphasized that holding the national flag is not merely symbolic, but a reaffirmation of duty and patriotism towards the country. The event concluded with the Tiranga Pledge and a Tiranga Canvas activity. Chümoukedima also conducted a Tiranga pledge-taking ceremony and rally as part of the celebrations. Around 400 representatives from police and fire departments, Indian Reserve battalions, and students from Government Higher Secondary School, Chümoukedima, joined the rally. A similar rally was also conducted at the Commissioner of Police office in Dimapur, which featured a 150-meter-long national flag carried by the 43rd Assam Rifles. In Mon, the tricolour was distributed to every household. Besides, women folk of NGO Konyak Nyupuh Sheko Khong also carried out cleanliness drive within Mon town.

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Today is Partition Horrors Remembrance Day. It commemorates the victims and sufferings of people during the Partition of India in 1947. In a social media post, Prime Minister Narendra Modi recalled the countless people who were impacted and greatly suffered due to the horrors of Partition. Modi said this is also a day to pay tribute to their courage, which illustrates the power of human resilience. Modi emphasized the nation's commitment to protect the bonds of unity and

brotherhood in the country. Paying his respects on the occasion, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said, only a nation that remembers its history can build its future and emerge as a powerful entity. Shah termed observing the day as a foundational exercise in the process of nation building.

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Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports Dr Mansukh Mandaviya said discipline and work with dedication and commitment are keys to achieving success in any field. He said this today while interacting with volunteers of National Service Scheme and MY Bharat who have been invited as Special guests to witness the 78th Independence Day Celebrations at Red Fort. Dr Mandaviya said, youth are the future of the country. He added that when the country will be developed by 2047, the biggest beneficiaries will be the youth of the country. The Union Minister appealed to everyone to work hard to realise the vision of Viksit Bharat.

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