

THE HEADLINES :-

- **Republic Day Parade at Kartavya Path highlights unique blend of India's cultural diversity and military prowess.**
- **Nagaland showcases Hornbill Festival at Republic Day celebrations.**
- **Nagaland joins rest of the country in celebrating the 77th Republic Day.**
- **Padma Shri awardee Guru Pongener emphasizes importance of learning and preserving indigenous heritage.**



The Nation is celebrating the 77th Republic Day today. President Droupadi Murmu led the Nation in celebrating the Republic Day from Kartavya Path in New Delhi. The ceremony commenced with the visit of Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the National War Memorial, where he led the nation in paying tributes to the fallen heroes by laying a wreath. President Droupadi Murmu arrived at Kartavya Path in a ceremonial buggy with the chief guests of the parade, the President of the European Council, Antonio Costa and the President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen. The National Flag was unfurled, followed by the national anthem with a 21-gun salute using 105 mm Light Field Guns.

S/B R-DAY: Vice President C P Radhakrishnan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah and other Union minister have extended greetings to citizens in India and abroad on the occasion. In a social media post, Mr Modi wished that the occasion renew energy and enthusiasm in the citizens of the nation to build a Developed Nation.



Nagaland showcased the Hornbill Festival at the 77th Republic Day celebrations at Kartavya Path in Delhi today. Nagaland's tableau presented "The Hornbill Festival – Celebrating Culture, Tourism and Self-Reliance," highlights the State's cultural heritage, its globally recognised festival, and the growing focus on tourism-led development in line with the national vision of Atmanirbhar Bharat.



Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio said it was a proud moment as Nagaland's tableau, themed "The Hornbill Festival – Celebrating Culture, Tourism and Self-Reliance," featured in the Republic Day 2026 Parade in New Delhi. Mr Rio conveyed his appreciation to the artistes and creative teams for their dedication in beautifully showcasing Nagaland's rich cultural heritage.



Here is an announcement..... The Government of Nagaland through IDAN is organising Nagaland–Japan Connect on 28th January 2026 at the Integrated Business

Hub and Innovation Centre, Forest Colony, Dimapur. The event highlights include awareness on job opportunities in Japan and interaction with Japanese companies. Interested candidates can call 8257932918 for further information.



Nagaland today joined the rest of the country in celebrating the 77th Republic Day. At the state-level function held at the Civil Secretariat Plaza in Kohima, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio unfurled the National Flag and took the Rashtriya Salute. Addressing the gathering, the Chief Minister reaffirmed his government's commitment to an early and inclusive solution to the Naga political issue. Noting that the Political Affairs Committee plans to intensify its efforts as an active facilitator in the process, he appealed to all stakeholders to work together in unity and understanding.

BYTE RIO 1: Acknowledging development gaps, particularly in Eastern Nagaland, Mr Rio reiterated the government's commitment to addressing disparities, including ongoing consultations with the ENPO on the proposed Frontier Nagaland Territorial Authority. Highlighting the vision of Viksit Bharat at 2047, Mr Rio stressed the need for Nagaland also to move forward in development.

S/B RIO 2: On the occasion, the Chief Minister presented the Governor's Gold Medal and Commendation Certificates, and Police Medals. He also launched the MARCOFED e-commerce platform "Nagabazaar," inaugurated the Drone School-Drone Centre of Excellence, Nagaland, and opened exhibition stalls. The celebrations also featured a rendition of Vande Mataram by seven-year-old Nurile Chizo besides colourful cultural performances.



Renowned Ao-Naga folk artist Guru Sangyusang S. Pongener has been conferred the Padma Shri Award 2026, the country's fourth-highest civilian honours, in recognition of his exceptional contribution to Ao-Naga folk arts. The Padma Shri Awards were announced yesterday. An 81-year-old cultural icon from Ungma Village in Mokokchung District, Guru Sangyusang Pongener has dedicated his life to the preservation and promotion of indigenous Naga culture. Speaking exclusively to Akashvani News Kohima, Guru Pongener shared that from a young age, he showed deep interest in traditional arts and learned extensively from elders and his grandfather, mastering indigenous folk songs and dances. The Padma Shri awardee acknowledged the support of the Government, the State Department of Art and Culture, District Administration, Ao Senden Ungma Village Council, and the people who stood by him throughout his journey.

S/B PONGENER 1: Stressing the importance of learning and preserving indigenous heritage, Guru Pongener urged the youth to understand their identity and actively learn and preserve their cultural heritage, stating that his doors remain open to anyone willing to learn.

S/B PONGENER 2:

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio has congratulated Sangyusang S Pongener on being conferred with the Padma Shri Award 2026 in the field of Art. Chief Minister Rio said the recognition honours Mr Pongener's commitment to the promotion and preservation of Ao-Naga folk arts and wished him continued success in all his endeavours.

