

Morning News Script

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The Nation will celebrate the 77th Republic Day today. President Droupadi Murmu will lead the Nation in celebrating the Day from Kartavya Path in New Delhi. The Republic Day parade will commence at 10:30 AM. President of the European Commission, Ursula Von Der Leyen and President of the European Council Antonio Luis Santos da Costa will be the Chief Guests at the parade. Here's a highlight of the Republic Day Celebration:

On the occasion, Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio will unfurl the National Flag and take Rashtriya Salute at the Republic Day function in the Nagaland Civil Secretariat Plaza, Kohima. Similarly, Ministers, Advisors and the Deputy Speaker will unfurl and take Salute at all District headquarters. Meanwhile, National Flag were also unfurled in all Government Offices, Institutions/Public and Private Buildings of the state this morning.

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Nagaland will showcase the Hornbill Festival at the 77th Republic Day celebrations at Kartavya Path in New Delhi today. Nagaland's tableau, themed "The Hornbill Festival – Celebrating Culture, Tourism and Self-Reliance," will highlight 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. The State is among 17 States and Union Territories participating in this year's Republic Day parade. A total of 30 tableaux—17 from States and Union Territories and 13 from various Ministries, Departments and Services will roll down Kartavya Path during the 77th Republic Day parade.

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Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region and Communications, Jyotiraditya M. Scindia, yesterday launched two Bamboo Projects of the North Eastern Region worth 82.5 crore rupees in Guwahati. Speaking on the occasion, Mr Scindia said that the journey of the North Eastern region under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi turned from the frontier to the frontrunner of India. A traditional bamboo artisans cluster will be set up to train over 4,400 youths, and two units will come up at Karbi Anglong in Assam and at Mokokchung in Nagaland for the promotion of Engineered Bamboo Products. North East Cane and Bamboo Development Council signed three MoUs for market access and commerce partner with Amazon, Flipkart and All Time Plastics.

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Police personnel from Nagaland have been conferred President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service (PSM) and Police Medal for Meritorious Service (MSM) on the occasion of Republic Day 2026. The President's Police Medal for Distinguished Service has been awarded to Commandant Ben Longkumer. The Police Medal for Meritorious Service has been conferred on Assistant Commandant Lanuchuba Longchar, Inspector Mepu Konyak and Havildar I Akaho Sumi, all serving in Nagaland

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The Department of School Education has announced the launch of an upgraded version of the SMILE (Smart Attendance Management and Informative Leaves) App, now available on the Google Play Store and Apple App Store. Employees have been directed to update the app immediately. Implemented under the NECTAR Project, the SMILE App has entered its second year. The department said that initial technical issues caused by heavy user traffic have largely been resolved. Regular attendance monitoring through the app will begin from January 27th of this month. All employees must mark attendance via mobile phone or tablet. Non-compliance may lead to disciplinary action, including salary withholding and adverse APAR entries affecting promotions and service benefits. The app also supports offline attendance for up to 30 days, with mandatory data synchronisation once connectivity is restored. Heads of institutions have been instructed to ensure strict compliance by all staff.

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