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THE HEADLINES :-

- President Murmu calls upon citizens to dedicate themselves to national goal of transforming an independent India into a developed India.
- Governor Nand Kishore Yadav extends Independence Day greetings, urges commitment to democratic values
- Nation to celebrate 80th Independence Day tomorrow.
- and, Chief Minister Rio holds debriefing with Central Inter-Ministerial Team on impact of monsoon in Nagaland.

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President Droupadi Murmu on Friday called upon citizens to dedicate themselves to the national goal of transforming an independent India into a developed India, saying the development and well-being of every citizen was at the heart of building Viksit Bharat. In her address to the nation on the eve of the 80th Independence Day, Ms Murmu extended greetings to citizens in India and abroad, describing Independence Day as a national festival celebrated with joy and pride.

She said the Tricolour remained a symbol of the country's freedom and recalled August 15, 1947, when India was liberated from colonial rule and citizens

became “architects of the destiny of Independent India”. The President said the development and well-being of every Indian was the real objective of building Viksit Bharat. Calling for an inclusive spirit of patriotism, Ms Murmu urged citizens to dedicate themselves to the national objective of transforming Swatantra Bharat into Viksit Bharat.

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Governor Nand Kishore Yadav has extended warm greetings and best wishes to the people of Nagaland on the eve of the 80th India's Independence Day. In his customary address to the people of the State, the Governor paid homage to the freedom fighters, and patriots who sacrifices secured India's Freedom and called upon citizens to renew their commitment to the values of justice, equality and democracy. Highlighting India’s progress and the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, Governor Yadav said Nagaland too has an important role in the nation’s development. He called for greater opportunities for youth, empowerment of women, support for farmers, environmental protection and stronger community participation. The Governor also urged people to rise above differences and work together for a peaceful, progressive and prosperous Nagaland.

S/B GOV: The future of Nagaland and India depends on our ability to work together beyond differences of tribe, region, language, religion or political affiliation. The strength of our democracy lies in our diversity and our progress depends upon our unity. Let us foster a spirit of understanding, tolerance and cooperation, recognising that we are all partners in the shared task of nation-building. As we commemorate eighty years of Independence, let us reaffirm our commitment to building a peaceful, progressive and prosperous Nagaland.

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The nation will celebrate the 80th Independence Day tomorrow. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lead the celebrations from the iconic Red Fort in Delhi. Flower petals will be showered at the venue by two Mi-17 helicopters of the Indian Air Force. The unfurling of the National Flag will be synchronised with the 21 Gun Salute. After the showering of flower petals, the Prime Minister will

address the Nation from the ramparts of the Red fort. More from our correspondent.

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Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio today held a debriefing with the Central Inter-Ministerial Team on the impact of the monsoon in Nagaland. Mr Rio expressed gratitude to the Central team for its extensive field visits and firsthand assessment of the situation across the State. He stressed that, with the monsoon still underway, continued vigilance and preparedness at every level remain essential. During the meeting, line departments presented their damage assessments and ground reports, while the Central team shared findings from its field visits, noting extensive damage caused by the monsoon.

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Two Police officers from Nagaland have been conferred with the President's Medal for Distinguished Service and Medal for Meritorious Service. The Ministry of Home Affairs today released the list of 301 Medals for Gallantry including 272 for Police personnel and 29 for Fire Service personnel on the occasion of Independence Day 2026. Inspector General of Police (Admin) Videlalie Zashumo has been awarded the President's Medal for Distinguished Service, while Inspector General of Police, and Special Secretary Home Limasunep Jamir, has been awarded the Medal for Meritorious Service. The President's Medal for Distinguished Service is awarded for a special distinguished record in service, while the Medal for Meritorious Service recognises valuable service characterised by resourcefulness and devotion to duty.

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Guru Veswuzo Phesao returned to Dimapur today after receiving the Sangeet Natak Akademi Puraskar 2024 for his lifelong contribution to Folk and Tribal Music. He was warmly welcomed by family, friends, well-wishers and members of the Western Chakhesang Hoho. Phesao expressed gratitude to God and thanked the Directorate of Art and Culture, Government of Nagaland, NEZCC, and Sangeet Natak Akademi for their support. Reflecting on his journey, he

credited his father for introducing him to Naga culture and folk songs during childhood.

Guru Phesao stressed that traditional songs preserve the history, identity and values of the Naga people and urged younger generations to learn, preserve and pass on the community's rich musical heritage.

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Minister for Higher Education and Tourism, Temjen Imna Along today inaugurated the new academic building of Mokokchung College of Teacher Education (MCTE). Addressing the gathering, Mr Along termed the new facility a major achievement for the State, noting that students from Nagaland and beyond would have an opportunity to pursue quality teacher education at the institution. He announced upcoming Higher Education Department projects, including a 40-bed girls' hostel at MCTE under the PM-USHA scheme and a new Model College at Mangkolemba, besides other projects across the State. The Minister also called for unity among the Naga tribes, urging them to work together on a common agenda for the State's development. He paid tribute to teachers, describing them as "soldiers" who sacrifice their time and effort to shape students and build the future of society.

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Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh today paid homage to all those who lost their lives in the partition and to those who struggled against the atrocities on Partition Horrors Remembrance Day. In a social media post, Mr Shah recalled the immense loss of life, displacement and suffering, saying the day's memories must be preserved to prevent divisive forces from succeeding again. Mr Singh highlighted the tragedy faced by millions and honoured their courage, sacrifice and resilience in rebuilding their lives.

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The office of the Registrar General of India under the Ministry of Home Affairs has notified the questionnaire for the Household Schedule for the Census 2027. The questionnaire has a list of 40 questions. This includes parents' details, Aadhaar, mobile number, total number of bank accounts, Travel to place of work, Religion and caste. The Census remains a vital tool for governance, providing foundation for India's development planning for the next decade. The last Census was conducted in 2011.

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