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1. Meghalaya joins nation in celebrating India's 80th Independence Day, with Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma hoisting the National Flag at Polo Ground, Shillong.
2. Manipur celebrates Independence Day with Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh hoisting the national flag at 1st Manipur Rifles Parade Ground in Imphal West.
3. Tripura celebrates Independence Day with chief minister Manik Saha hoisting national flag in Agartala.
4. Nagaland celebrates Independence Day with patriotic fervour and call for peace, unity and development.
5. Assam celebrates Independence Day with Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma hoisting the National Flag at Khanapara, Guwahati.
6. Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma stresses on Zoram People's Movement government's vision to usher in development and build self-reliant economy.
7. Sikkim celebrates Independence Day with chief minister Prem Singh Tamang hoisting national flag in Gangtok.
8. Arunachal Pradesh celebrates Independence Day with state-level function at Indira Gandhi Park in Itanagar.
9. Lok Bhavan Shillong to remain open to public today.

MEGHALAYA

Meghalaya joined the nation in celebrating India's 80th Independence Day, with Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma hoisting the National Flag at Polo Ground, Shillong. The celebrations featured a ceremonial parade, cultural performances and recognition of distinguished citizens. Chief Minister Sangma highlighted progress in education, sports, healthcare, agriculture, tourism and youth employment. He thanked Prime Minister Narendra Modi for supporting Meghalaya's development. The chief minister said Meghalaya has brought 63,000 hectares of natural forest under conservation and mapped over 60,000 springs. He also announced the 'Tracing the Roots' programme for 75 scholars and urged youth to pursue sports and skills. With preparations underway for the 39th National Games to be held next year, Mr Sangma said Meghalaya was ready to welcome athletes from across the country.

MANIPUR

Manipur celebrated the nation's 80th Independence Day with the state level function held at the 1st Manipur Rifles Parade Ground in Imphal West. Chief Minister Yumnam Khemchand Singh hoisted the National Flag and took salute from 23 march past contingents led by Parade Commander Haobam Sanghamita, Commandant 19th IRB. Addressing the citizens, the chief minister strongly condemned the incident on Friday in Kangpokpi District where two civilians were killed and two sustained injuries. Acknowledging the Central Government's support in restoring normalcy he emphasised that lasting stability and development can only be achieved through mutual trust, justice, and the participation of all communities. Mr Khemchand stated that healthcare services are being expanded in remote hill areas and rural livelihood schemes have increased guaranteed employment to 125 days. The Manipur Government has also provided financial assistance to Internally Displaced Persons suffering from chronic illness and launched an integrated scheme for timely pension delivery.

TRIPURA

Tripura joined the nation in celebrating the 80th Independence Day with various programmes across the state. The main state-level function was held at Assam Rifles Ground in Agartala, where Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha hoisted the national flag and inspected the ceremonial parade by various forces. Addressing the people, Chief Minister Dr Saha said the occasion symbolises the resolve to build a self-reliant and developed India. He paid tributes to the martyrs of the freedom struggle and the nation's builders. The Chief Minister said various central schemes are being successfully implemented in Tripura for the welfare and empowerment of the poor, farmers, women and youth. The state government is working to improve economic opportunities and overall living standards for its 40 lakh citizens.

NAGALAND

Nagaland joined the nation in celebrating the 80th Independence Day with patriotic fervour and a renewed call for peace, unity and development. The state-level celebration was held at the Nagaland Secretariat Plaza, Kohima, where Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio hoisted the National Flag and took the Rashtriya Salute from 14 parade contingents. For the first time, Vande Mataram was rendered during the state-level Independence Day celebration, adding to the patriotic spirit of the occasion. Addressing the gathering, Chief Minister Rio said India has made significant progress towards becoming a democratic, strong, prosperous and progressive nation, and called for collective efforts to build a more developed, self-reliant and prosperous Nagaland. On the Naga political issue, Mr Rio said the people continue to yearn for an early solution. He said the State Government reiterated its demand during its meeting with Union Home Minister Amit Shah in February this year.

ASSAM

Assam celebrated the 80th Independence Day with Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma hoisting the National Flag at Khanapara in Guwahati. He took the salute of the Assam Police and paramilitary forces parade. Addressing the people, Mr. Sarma announced a series of major welfare, infrastructure and governance initiatives by the state government. He said Assam will invest 50,000

crore rupees from its own resources over the next four years for roads, schools, urban development and rural infrastructure. The state aims to secure an additional one lakh crore rupees from the Central Government over the next five years. The Chief Minister also assured extensive rehabilitation measures for the flood-affected districts of Sivasagar, Charaideo, Jorhat and Golaghat.

MIZORAM

Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma yesterday said that a people's government with new approach or system of governance remains the centre of the present Zoram People's Movement government's vision to usher in development and build a self-reliant economy. Addressing the Independence Day celebrations at Lammual in Aizawl, Lalduhoma said achieving self-sufficiency in food and other essential sectors was a key objective of his government, alongside improving livelihoods and ensuring balanced development across Mizoram. He described the state's flagship programme 'Bana Kaih' or Handholding scheme as the government's most important initiative for transforming the Mizoram economy. The scheme aims at going beyond financial assistance by enhancing skills, creating livelihood opportunities and supporting the economic development of individuals, families and the state.

SIKKIM

Sikkim joined the Nation celebrating 80th Independence Day yesterday at the Palzor Stadium in Gangtok. Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang hoisted the National Flag and participated in the mass singing of the national song 'Vande Mataram'. Chief Secretary Ravindra Telang, Director General of Police Akshay Sachdeva and others were also present. Awards and medals were presented to several individuals in recognition of their distinguished service and meritorious contributions across diverse fields. The Chief Minister paid tributes to the freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for India's independence. Highlighting Sikkim's strategic importance as a sensitive border state, he said national security remained a priority for the State Government. Emphasising the importance of border development, the Chief Minister said that infrastructure development was being undertaken in 46 border villages in Sikkim under the Vibrant Villages Programme.

ARUNACHAL

Arunachal Pradesh celebrated Independence Day with state-level function at Indira Gandhi Park in Itanagar. Chief Minister Pema Khandu unfurled the National Flag, while Governor K.T. Parnaik inaugurated the new Chief Minister's Office and residence at Niti Vihar.

PUBLIC

The Lok Bhavan Shillong will open its doors to the public today, the 16th of August, as part of the Independence Day celebrations. The iconic Governor's House in Shillong city will be opened from 11 am to 8 pm. Entry will be free, with exhibitions showcasing agriculture, floriculture, horticulture, traditional artefacts, handicrafts, manuscripts and art, besides stalls serving local cuisine.

GARO

Meghalaya marked the 80th Independence Day with celebrations across the Khasi-Jaintia and Garo hills districts, featuring flag hoisting, parades, cultural programmes and public recognition. In Tura, Education Minister Lahkmen Rymbui honoured academic toppers and visited a blood donation camp. Deputy Chief Ministers Sniawbhalang Dhar and Prestone Tynsong led the celebrations at Williamnagar and Resubelpara respectively. In West Jaintia Hills, Meghalaya Assembly Speaker Thomas A. Sangma unfurled the National Flag at Jerisalein Chutwakhu Ground and took the salute from 35 contingents. In East Jaintia Hills, Minister Wailadmiki Shylla hoisted the flag at Holy Family Parish Ground, Khliehriat, where 36 contingents participated.

IIM

IIM Shillong marked the 80th anniversary of India’s independence from colonial British rule, honouring the courage and sacrifice of the nation’s freedom fighters. The celebrations commenced with the hoisting of the National Tricolour, soaring at 100 feet, by Professor Arun Mohan Sherry, Director, IIM Shillong. The entire IIM Shillong fraternity joined in singing the national anthem, reaffirming their shared pride and unity. Speaking about the distinctive location of IIM Shillong, the director said that being situated in the Northeast, gives the institution a special responsibility towards the region. The Northeast is not simply a geographical frontier. It is an important part of India’s economic, cultural, and strategic future, he observed. Professor Sherry called for stronger ties with local communities, entrepreneurs and governments.
