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### NORTH EASTERN COUNCIL OBSERVES 79<sup>TH</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY

Shillong, August 15, 2025:

The North Eastern Council (NEC) Secretariat marked the 79<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of India at its headquarters in Shillong with grace, passion, and an abiding sense of national pride.



The programme started with a Tiranga March from NEC Secretariat Complex- Gate No. 2 – upwards towards the National Academy of Customs, Indirect Taxes & Narcotics (NACIN) – and then return to the NEC headquarters through Gate No. 1.



This was followed by formal hoisting of the National Flag by Sri Satinder Kumar Bhalla, Secretary, NEC representing the country's unity and sovereignty. This was followed by the solemn and heartfelt rendition of the National Anthem, with all attendees standing in unison as a mark of respect and patriotism. The gathering reflected a shared sense of reverence for the nation's journey and a collective commitment to its ideals. The flag hoisting ceremony served as a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made by countless individuals in securing the country's freedom and the responsibility each citizen bears in upholding democratic values.



During the Independence Day address, the Secretary, NEC looked back at India's great journey after achieving independence in 1947 and emphasized the NEC's important role in the development and progress of the North Eastern Region. The address offered tribute to the freedom fighters' sacrifices and called upon all to work for a stronger and more self-dependent India.





Thereafter, a cultural event followed with patriotic and soulful performances from various artists.





NEC officials and staff with their families graced the event with their presence, bringing patriotic fervour to the air. The event served as a reminder that freedom is a constant obligation to be valued via dedication and sacrifice, in addition to being a hard-won legacy.

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