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Press Note

NEC Celebrates 78th Independence Day with Pride and Reflection

Shillong, 15th August, 2024 — The North Eastern Council (NEC) celebrated the 78th Independence Day today at its Secretariat campus in Shillong, embracing the occasion with traditional fervor, joy, and pride. The event saw Secretary Sh. Angshuman Dey hoist the national tricolor flag, surrounded by senior officers and staff.

In his address to the gathering, Secretary Dey congratulated all citizens on this significant day. He reflected on the sacrifices made by the martyrs who fought for India's freedom, emphasizing the importance of remembering their courage and the principles they stood for. He acknowledged the numerous unsung heroes of the freedom struggle and reminded the attendees of the contributions of their parents and grandparents who lived through the British rule and played a role in the independence movement.

Secretary Dey highlighted the transformative changes the country has undergone since gaining independence, noting advancements in technology and infrastructure. He recognized the challenges faced, including those brought by the recent COVID-19 pandemic. Dey expressed pride in how the NEC and the North Eastern states collaborated to address these challenges, ensuring resilience through effective vaccine distribution, oxygen supply, and other developmental projects.

Addressing ongoing issues, Dey acknowledged that disputes and differences are natural in a growing society. He encouraged continued resilience and preparedness for future challenges, including those posed by climate change. He underscored the NEC's commitment to working with states to develop projects that address natural disasters and support growth.

In closing, Dey honored the freedom fighters from the North East, such as Rani Gaidinlu, U Tirot Singh, Maniram Dewan, Piyoli Phukan, and Kanaklata Barua, whose sacrifices have paved the way for the nation's progress. He reiterated the vision of a developed India by 2047, emphasizing that a developed North East is crucial for achieving this goal.

The event concluded with a renewed commitment to uphold the values of freedom and work towards a stronger, more resilient nation.

All senior officers and officials were present at the celebration.