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**NEC Celebrates 75<sup>th</sup> Republic Day**

Along with the rest of the country, the 75<sup>th</sup> Republic Day was celebrated here today in the campus of the North Eastern Council Secretariat, Shillong with traditional fervor, joy, gaiety and exhilaration. Secretary K Moses Chalai unfurled the national tri-color flag in the presence of all senior officers and staff.

Addressing the gathering present on the occasion, the Secretary congratulated the countrymen and said that India, also known as Bharat, is a Union of States. He said that India is a Sovereign Socialist Secular Democratic Republic with a parliamentary system of government. The Republic is governed in terms of the Constitution of India which was adopted by the Constituent Assembly on 26th November, 1949 and came into force on 26th January, 1950. “Republic Day marks the adoption of India's constitution and the country's transition to a republic on January 26, 1950”, he said. Today, we are blessed to breathe in an independent country. We have done and achieved a lot, we are doing a lot and a lot is yet to done. He paid a tribute to all freedom fighters who participated in the Indian Independence struggle.

Elaborating the role of NEC, K Moses Chalai said that the North Eastern Council is an agency for the economic and social development of the North Eastern Region which consists of the eight States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura. The North Eastern Council was constituted in 1971 by an Act of Parliament. NEC has been instrumental in setting in motion a new economic endeavour aimed at removing the basic handicaps that stood in the way of normal development of the region and has ushered in an era of new hope in this backward area full of great potentialities. The main objective of the Council is to ensure the balanced and integrated economic development of the North Eastern parts of the country.

Planning Adviser and Financial Adviser, also, addressed the gathering.

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