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72ND INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATED WITH SPLENDOUR

CCPUR, August 15 (DIO): The 72nd Independence Day was celebrated under the auspices of District Administration, Churachandpur with grandeur at Peace Ground, Tuibong, Churachandpur today.

Shri V. Hangkhanlian, Hon'ble Minister (Agri, Vety& AH) hoisted the National Tri-Colour and took salute of record number of 74 Parade contingents – led by Shri Johny Sharma, MPS, SDPO/Churachandpur– comprising of CRPF, BSF, Ex-Servicemen, Civil Police, VDF, NCC units, and School Students.

Hoisting the National Flag, Agriculture Minister Shri V. Hangkhanlian, who was the Chief Guest of the celebration function, said that the State Government is quite concerned and is ever committed to bring equitable development in the State with sustainable livelihood generation through agriculture and allied sectors. The Minister stressed on the need to focus on alternate means for gainful employment for which entrepreneur is the need of the hour.

“As the State Govt is trying its best for overall development of the State in general and Churachandpur in particular, it is incumbent on the people of the district to extend their full cooperation by fostering communal harmony and common brotherhood,” Shri V. Hangkhanlian asserted.

He said that during these 72 years of India's Independence from colonial rule, there are many dramatic changes in all areas. In 1947, India got Independence after a unique freedom struggle and gave the world the philosophy of non-violence. Over these years, there have been many things to be proud of but perhaps at present India has taken upon itself one of the biggest challenges of modern time i.e. economic independence through peaceful and non-violence methods. The aim-set is to conquer hunger and unemployment by the process of bold liberalization of democracy in India. The success of democracy in India depends upon the removal of poverty.

Lauding Chief Minister N. Biren as 'People's Chief Minister' who is always committed towards reaching out to the people through his noble initiatives like Khungang Chatse, Meeyamgi Numit, Hill Leaders' Day, CMST, CMHT, the Minister also exuded strong confidence that the dream of New India through 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikaas' can be realised under the visionary and valuable leadership of Prime Minister

Narendra Modi. He also said that 60 percent of GTV's target has already been achieved at present and will continue doing so for the development of each and every village.

Asserting that there is no dearth of talents in the district, the Shri V. Hangkhanlian said that what is needed here is to provide support system and handholding to enable the youth in their formative years of their career.

He said that the ideals of the great Nation builders keep inspiring and take the people and the nation this far. The Minister also wished that the Almighty shower upon the people wisdom and peace prevail and all communities live in perfect harmony.

Presentation of Special Recognition Awards to officials and staff of various Govt depts including police personnel and individuals; cultural shows, soulful rendition of the National Anthem by local artistes, etc marked the celebration function. Independence Day special issue of '**Churachandpur Reporter,**' a bi-annual publication of the District Information Office (DIO), Churachandpur was also released on the occasion. Stalls were also opened by different departments.

The celebration programme was attended by Shri Clay Khongsai, IPS, IGP (Zone-1); Smt. Achin Haokip, IPS, DIG (Range-III), Shri Shyam Lal Poonia, IAS, DC/CCP; Shri Kabib K, IPS, Sr SP/CCP; MDCs; DLOs; Village Chiefs, amongst others.

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