

Good Morning everyone

It is a matter of great joy to wish everyone of you a very Happy Republic Day.

Today we are celebrating the 77th Republic Day with the theme 'Vande Mataram' and Aatmanirbhar Bharat emphasizing the importance of Independence and a sense of Patriotism.

Republic day is celebrated as a tribute to our Constitution which came into force on 26th January 1950. It teaches us equality, justice, liberty, and fraternity, the importance of remembering freedom fighters' sacrifices, celebrating India's unity in diversity, and inspiring citizens, especially youth, to uphold constitutional values and contribute to national progress for a better tomorrow. The world looks up at the miracle of India, home to the plurality of traditions and yet the biggest and most vibrant democracy.

India is now a leading economy and made a place in the world economy over these years under the leadership of our Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modiji. We are major exporters of pharmaceuticals, gems, precious stones, cotton, cereals, vehicles, sugar, iron and steel, fish, textiles, etc. Today many global companies are making in India and many Indian companies are making their marks globally. With PLI (Production Linked Incentive) scheme, a government of India initiative to provide financial incentives on incremental sales of products made in India is a step towards boosting domestic manufacturing, attract investment and reduce import dependence. The step towards manufacturing of semiconductor devices and 5G usage labs are a major boost to enhancing the manufacturing sector of the country.

India also has one of its strongest representations in this World Economic Forum 2026 at Davos with four Union ministers, five Chief Ministers, and more than 100 corporate leaders. The World Bank has also projected India as one of the fastest growing major economy despite global headwinds like US tariffs, and other major economies like US and China facing challenges of mature economy. India will surpass major economies and will be the third largest economy of the world by 2047 when we are at 100 years of independence and will become Aatmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliant India) and Viksit Bharat (developed India).

I am particularly proud to note the transformative momentum in the Northeast. The Rising Northeast Investors Summit 2025 had attracted unprecedented commitments from Reliance in AI and digital connectivity, from Adani in green energy and infrastructure, and from Vedanta for regional development, alongside renewable energy projects. The total investment from these projects will accumulate more than 1 Lakh Crore Rupees. These achievements, from the nation's heartland to our Northeastern states, are proof that India's growth story is reaching every corner of our land.

Now coming to educational institutes like our NIT, we have a major role to play in making our country proud. There is a major change coming in terms of rules that govern national importance institutes like our NIT Mizoram. This has been the key agenda during the NITSER Council Meeting held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi with the Hon'ble Minister of Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan ji on 13th January 2026. Our teaching will be now research based and Ph D research will be now product based. In line with National Education Policy 2020, our education system will now focus on Indian knowledge system, multidisciplinary learning, equity and quality and integrating vocational training. There will be curricula revision at NIT Mizoram to integrate artificial intelligence, machine learning, semiconductor fabrication, and Indian Knowledge System and local language development.

I would like to emphasize once again that, as we mark our 77th Republic Day, each one of us has a task before us to contribute to our nation building and make our country proud. To my dear students, you all are the future pillars of our country. Each one of you should think and work for the progress of the country and contribute in any way you can for the betterment of our country.

I once again congratulate all of you, on India's 77th Republic Day.

Let us pledge that the freedom earned by the sweat and sacrifice of our forefathers will be honored through our actions, our innovations, and our unity. Together, let us dream bigger, work harder, and keep the tricolor flying high in every heart. Jai Hind!

Once again, my best wishes to all of you!

Jai Hind

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