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Op Sindoor

Kargil Vijay Diwas. Earlier, on the 7th of May, we commemorated the completion of one year since the launch of Operation Sindoor. We remember the unmatched valour of our Armed Forces. That historic operation against terrorism demonstrated the capability of the Indian Armed Forces to act with precision," the President said.

She said that the operation delivered an unequivocal warning. "It sent a clear and firm message to terrorists and those who support them, that no matter where they hide, they will have to face the consequences of their actions."

India launched an air strike deep inside Pakistan and its occupied Jammu and Kashmir targeting bases of banned Jaish-e-Mohammed and Lashkar-e-Taiba terror groups in May last year.

This was in retaliation to the killing of 26 people, mainly tourists, in Pahalgam. During Operation Sindoor, India destroyed several bases of terrorist groups.

The President highlighted the strategic measures accompanying the counter-terror posture, describing the decision to suspend the Indus Waters Treaty with the nation harbouring terror networks as a 'decisive step in the interest of our nation, especially the farmers.'

Referring to internal security, the President termed the eradication of Naxalism a monumental achievement for the country after decades of struggle.

"For decades, Naxalism posed a serious challenge to the nation. Making India Naxal free is a major achievement. Today, enthusiasm prevails in the areas once affected by Naxalism," she said, pointing to all-inclusive development efforts and active local participation in initiatives like the Bastar Olympics and the Bastar Pandum festival.

Highlighting India's economic resilience, President Droupadi Murmu said the country continues to move ahead as the world's fastest-growing major economy, with its growth rate projected to be more than double the global average.

Addressing the nation on the eve of the 80th Independence Day, President Murmu noted that warfare and instability prevailing in several parts of the world are affecting every country.

She emphasised that despite such trying circumstances, initiatives like 'Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan' (Self-Reliant India initiative) have further strengthened the bedrock of the country's economic progress and national security.

The President's remarks on global turmoil come at a time when the crisis in the Middle East, marked by expanding regional conflicts, military instability, and heightened maritime security risks across crucial shipping corridors, continues to disrupt global energy supply chains and inflate trade costs worldwide.

Highlighting India's commitment to sustainable growth, she said that while advancing on the path of modern development, the country is playing a leading role at the global level in protecting the environment.

She added that India has achieved several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) targeted for 2030 ahead of schedule, with the development of renewable energy gaining unprecedented momentum over the past few years.

Highlighting the country's technological and physical transformation, the President said India has developed the world's largest and most advanced digital infrastructure, with digital payments now becoming commonplace even among street vendors and in small rural shops.

She said that India currently accounts for more than half of the world's real-time digital transactions, adding that the collective efforts of the people and the government have presented a model digital revolution to the global community.

Technology, she said, has enabled the government to deliver the benefits of welfare schemes directly to citizens in a transparent manner.

The President also spoke about an unprecedented expansion across highways, waterways, railways, and airways over recent years and said this rapid development is creating new business opportunities, generating employment, and significantly boosting investor confidence across the country.

Underlining that students are the "architects of India's future," President Droupadi Murmu on Friday said the government is taking comprehensive steps to reform public examinations to completely curb paper leaks and unfair means, making the system transparent, secure, and trustworthy.

In her address to the nation on the eve of the country's 80th Independence Day, the president stressed that just as government and society remain united to ensure national security, everyone must contribute through joint and concerted efforts to safeguard the present and future of students.

"Public examinations become gateways to opportunities for our students. The government is undertaking comprehensive steps to reform these examinations. The objectives of these reforms are to completely curb the use of unfair means in public examinations, make the examination system more transparent, more secure, and more trustworthy for the youth," she said.

Her remarks assume significance in the backdrop of recent nationwide Gen Z and student-led protests demanding systemic overhauls, fast-track investigations, and stringent legal action following high-profile paper leak irregularities in competitive examinations.

Highlighting the spirit of enterprise among young citizens, she said youths are increasingly embracing a culture of job creation rather than job seeking.

"Many of our youth are embracing the culture of job creation as they pursue the path of self-employment. The participation of young entrepreneurs has led to the creation of a strong start-up ecosystem in our country. Major global enterprises are impressed by the talent and dedication of Indian youth and entrust them with leadership roles," she added.

The president said such achievers have enhanced the reputation of India's youth power globally and reaffirmed her faith in the country's bright future.

Turning to holistic development, the president said that the physical and mental well-being of the youth forms the cornerstone of the nation's future, adding that families and society share the collective responsibility to motivate them.

She highlighted sports as a key vehicle for youth development and nation-building under the flagship 'Khelo India' programme.

"Under the Khelo India programme, a sports ecosystem is being developed across the country, from the grassroots to the national level. The government is making unprecedented investments to promote sports, yielding remarkable leaps in the achievements of our sportspersons in international tournaments," she said.

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Highlighting the nation's civilisational heritage, the President said that Sarnath, the site of Lord Buddha's first sermon, was included in the UNESCO World Heritage List this year, following the listing of 12 Maratha military forts last year.

She stated that India proudly balances monuments of deep spirituality with historic symbols of military strength and resilience.

Addressing foreign policy, she reiterated that peace, dialogue, cooperation, and the ideal of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' (the world is one family) remain the bedrock of India's international relations.

"We believe in a rules-based international order. Our endeavour is to ensure that the global community receives appropriate representation in the United Nations and other multilateral organisations," she stated, noting India's growing stature among Global South nations.

The President also touched upon senior care, pointing out that alongside the world's largest young population, India is also seeing a rise in senior citizens and noted that about six crore senior citizens aged 70 and above can now avail of free healthcare services up to Rs 5 lakh per year under government initiatives, urging society to remain sensitive and uphold their dignity.

She said the country is moving steadily towards building a 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047, driven by economic resilience, massive digital infrastructure, and empowered youth and women.

She stressed that guided by the spirit of 'Antyodaya', the core resolve of the nation remains ensuring the fruits of development reach every individual, even as global warfare and instability present severe economic headwinds worldwide.

"Even in such trying circumstances, our economy is moving ahead as the fastest growing major economy in the world. According to economic projections, the growth rate of the Indian economy is expected to be more than twice the average global growth rate.

"Atmanirbhar Bharat Abhiyan' has further strengthened the foundation of our economic progress and national security," she said.

Highlighting internal welfare milestones over the past decade, the President said that more than 25 crore people have been lifted out of poverty and added that nearly 59 crore account holders have joined the banking system under the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana, with over 32 crore of these account holders being women, while food security has been ensured for over 80 crore people through free rations.

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Highlighting the demographic dividend, the President said that 65 per cent of the country's population is below the age of 35, describing the youth as India's 'most valuable asset.'

She commended young entrepreneurs for driving a robust startup ecosystem and lauded young innovators, citing a recent space exploration milestone led by a team with an average age of just 28 years.

Women's empowerment remained a central theme of her address. Celebrating achievements ranging from rural self-help groups to high-altitude defence, she said that the initial target of creating three crore 'Lakhpati Didis' has been achieved, with the government now pushing towards a goal of creating three crore more.

"Our girls are performing exceptionally well in education and diverse sectors, from the Drone Didi enhancing agricultural productivity to the Fighter Combat Leader in the Air Force. In the recently concluded Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, women won 8 out of India's total tally of 13 gold medals," she said.

The President also highlighted political inclusion, pointing out that the enactment of the 'Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam' in 2023, which reserves 33 per cent of seats for women in the Lok Sabha and Legislative Assemblies, will make Indian democracy more inclusive.

Speaking on sustainable development, she asserted that India is playing a leading role globally in protecting the environment, having achieved several Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for 2030 ahead of schedule.

Reciting a Santali language poem penned by Pandit Raghunath Murmu, she urged citizens to remain committed to preserving nature and human values, linking individual action to national initiatives such as 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' and 'Lifestyle for Environment' (LIFE).

The President also paid homage to freedom fighters, Mahatma Gandhi, B R Ambedkar and Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel for integrating over 550 princely states. She also solemnly remembered those who lost their lives or faced displacement during partition, observed on August 14 as 'Vibhajan Vibheshika Smriti Divas'.

She invoked Telugu writer Gajajada Apparao's lines, "A nation is not just its land, a nation is all its people", urging every citizen to contribute wholeheartedly to transforming independent India into a fully developed nation by 2047.

PM hails ...

Independence Day inspired the country to work with renewed determination for a 'Viksit Bharat'.

In a post on X, the PM said the President's thoughts "reflect the strength of our nation and the aspirations of every Indian".

Modi said the address was motivating and thoughtful.

"Her message inspires us all to work with renewed determination for a Viksit Bharat", the prime minister said.

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Gallantry Awards ...

armed police forces personnel on the eve of the 80th Independence Day.

The awards included nine Kirti Chakras, 19 Shaurya Chakras, five Bar to Sena Medals (Gallia) and 36 Sena Medals (Gallantry).

Kirti Chakra is India's second-highest peacetime gallantry award after Ashoka Chakra. Shaurya Chakra is the third-highest peacetime gallantry award.

The Kirti Chakra awardees are Lt Col Manoj Francis of 21 Para (Special Forces) and Major Jitendra Rathee of 2 Para (Special Forces). Seven other Kirti Chakras were conferred posthumously.

The armed forces personnel granted the prestigious awards posthumously included Havildar Gajendra Singh of 2 Para (Special Forces); Head Constables Jagbir Singh and Bashir Ahmad; Constables Jaswant Singh, Balvinder Singh and Tariq Hussain; and Inspector Sunil Kumar.

The Shaurya Chakra awardees are Major Paramveer from 36 Rashtriya Rifles, Major Tarun Vasudevan from 57 Rashtriya Rifles, Major Keshav Kumar from 12 Dogra Regiment, Major Gaurav Singh Briwjal from 21 Grenadiers, Major Vipeen Kumar from 11 Rashtriya Rifles, Naib Subedar Shankar Ram from 9 Assam Rifles and Naib Subedar Dabbal Singh Bisht from 21 Para (Special Forces).

Other recipients of the award are Havildar Jagattar Singh from 4 Para (Special Forces), Lance Naik Narendra Sindhu from 9 Rashtriya Rifles (posthumous), Lance Naik Kapil Dev from 11 Rashtriya Rifles, Sepoy Jaswinder Singh from 7 Sikh Light Infantry, Lieutenant Commander Shivam Kumar from the Indian Navy, and Squadron Leader Sudhir Kumar of the Indian Air Force.

The remaining Shaurya Chakra awardees are: Deputy Superintendent Dheeraj Singh Katoch, Inspector Ajay Singh Chib, Deputy Superintendent Sukhvir Singh, Assistant Sub-Inspector Niyaz Ahmad, Deputy Comman-

dant Anjani Kumar, and Constable Deepak Sah.

Partition wounds ...

construct a Viksit Bharat that is inclusive," he said.

The event was marked by collective remembrance and a reaffirmation of national unity.

Sinha paid heartfelt tribute to citizens who endured unimaginable suffering during the Partition of 1947, saying their sacrifices continued to inspire generations.

He said the wound of Partition continued to exist as a pain in the collective consciousness of every Indian.

"Decades after the partition, their sacrifice reminds us that the wound remains unhealed, lingering as a generational pain in India's collective soul. On Partition Horrors Remembrance Day, we are not merely recalling the past but we are giving voice to those millions whose voices were taken away from them. I wish to reiterate with firm resolve that we will not allow their pain to be buried in the dust of history," he said.

Remembering those who suffered during Partition was a duty towards humanity, he said, stressing the need to preserve their memories with "complete truthfulness, honesty, and utmost sensitivity".

"I believe that their stories are an indelible chapter of our national consciousness, and their sacrifice will forever remain alive in the soul of Mother India," Sinha said.

The LG urged the people of JK to treat the occasion as a day of introspection and national resolve, and called upon youth, farmers, workers and women to rise with courage and determination and turn the pace of time towards progress and harmony.

He said people who rebuilt their lives after Partition with courage and resilience have enriched India's social fabric and cultural heritage with their historic traditions and values.

"Today's occasion is an opportunity to acknowledge the pain of the past and strengthen our unwavering commitment to peace, harmony and national unity. This day reminds us that only the lessons of history can make the future secure and humane," he said.

Sinha noted that Partition divided families and displaced communities from Pakistan-occupied Jammu Kashmir and Chhamb.

He also paid tribute to those who faced decades-long discrimination within the Union Territory due to Article 370, saying Prime Minister Narendra Modi ended their suffering and granted them equal rights like any other citizen of the country.

The LG also paid tribute to countless families who sacrificed during the tribal invasion in the months following Partition.

"Within a few months of partition, enemies of the nation carried out terror attack under the cover of tribal invasions. Indian army and people fought bravely. The struggle and sacrifice of countless families are an integral part of the collective memory of Jammu Kashmir. Today, I humbly pay tribute to the patience, hard work, and unbroken patriotism of all those families," he said.

Sinha reminded the gathering that India's strength lay in its diversity.

From Kashmir to Kanyakumari, Gujarat to Goa and Assam to Arunachal Pradesh, India is a confluence of languages, cultures, traditions and beliefs, he said.

"Through partition, enemies of the nation tried to destroy this spirit of unity in diversity, but India has continuously moved forward with pride and confidence. We must take a pledge to acquaint future generations with the pain of partition, to strengthen peace and harmony, and to ensure that such a tragedy is never repeated.

"Building a self-reliant Jammu Kashmir is a shared duty and national unity remains the bedrock of our strength, security and collective progress," the LG added.

Sinha also visited a photo exhibition organised on Partition Horrors Remembrance Day. A two-minute silence was observed in memory of those who lost their lives during the Partition of India.

The event also featured a theatrical performance by artists depicting the trauma, hardship and displacement experienced by millions during Partition.

LG's message ...

occasion, I want to express my deepest gratitude to our Armed Forces, Paramilitary Forces, State Police, and all other agencies working tirelessly to protect the nation's sovereignty and integrity. We honor the supreme sacrifice of the brave hearts who laid down their lives in the line of duty. Warmest felicitations to the hardworking farmers, diligent workers, business community, scientists, teachers, innovators, craftsmen, civil society groups, Nari Shakti and Yuva Shakti of Jammu Kashmir. You have all played a vital role in raising the stature of our Union Territory and we couldn't be prouder of your contributions. Let us cherish the diversity behind our strength, while fiercely protecting our national unity and integrity at any cost. This is the core message of Independence Day.

Jammu Kashmir has firmly set out on a path of rapid socio-economic growth, witnessing remarkable progress over the past few years. The Union Territory has received a powerful developmental boost, with numerous mega projects nearing completion. Work on key infrastructure initiatives is also advancing at a swift pace, ensuring that the benefits of development reach every corner of the region. I am confident that we will scale new heights of prosperity in the near future.

On this joyous occasion, let us renew our commitment to moving forward together and building a strong, self-reliant, and developed Jammu Kashmir. I urge all citizens of the Union Territory to join hands in safeguarding peace and prosperity. The day is fast approaching when our beloved Jammu Kashmir will emerge as one of the leading developed regions in the country, significantly contributing to the vision of a developed India.

Once again, I wish you all a very Happy Independence Day. Jai Hind!

J-K gets ...

who served in the Left Wing Extremism region, the government said in a statement.

In all, 1057 personnel of Police, Fire, Home Guard & Civil Defence (HG&CD) and Correctional Services have been felicitated with Gallantry and Service Medals this Independence Day.

"The Gallantry medal is awarded on the ground of Conspicuous act of Gallantry in saving life and property, or in preventing crime or arresting criminals, the risk incurred being estimated with due regard to the obligations and duties of the officer concerned," the statement read.

Among the recipients of the Gallantry Medal, 272 are police personnel and 29 are fire service personnel, it said.

"Among the majority of the 301 Gallantry Awards, 197 personnel from Left Wing Extremism affected areas, 51 personnel from Jammu & Kashmir region, 12 personnel from North-East and 41 personnel from other regions are being awarded for their gallant action," it said.

Srinagar, Aug 14: As many as 51 Jammu and Kashmir Police personnel have been selected for gallantry and meritorious service medals on the occasion of Independence Day 2026, according to the official honours list.

As per the details, the awardees include 38 recipients of the Medal

for Gallantry (GM) and 13 recipients of the Medal for Meritorious Service (MSM). Besides, one J&K Home Guard and Civil Defence personnel has also been selected for the MSM.

Among the 38 gallantry medal recipients are senior police officers, including Deputy Inspector General Shiv Kumar, IPS; SSP Shobhit D Saksena, IPS; SP Nasir Ahmad; SP Mushtaq Ahmad; DIG Pande Rajiv Omprakash, IPS; and SP Divya D, IPS.

Deputy Superintendent of Police Sarfaraz Bashir has been awarded the second bar to the Medal for Gallantry, while Head Constable Rayeesh Ahmad Reshi and Selection Grade Constable Ishtiaq Ahmed Khan have been awarded the first bar to the GM.

The other GM recipients are Waseem Mohi-Ud-Din Lone, Manzoor Ahmad, Mudasir Ahmad, Ashak Hussain P, Kishore Kumar, Javid Iqbal Jan, Mohinder Singh, Sheeraz Ahmad, Surinder Paul, Ishtiaq Ahmad Reshi, Tanveer Hussain Lone, Mudasir Ahmad Shah, Kalu Din, Adit Kumar Nad, Mohd Usman, Shabir Ahmad Malik, Manzoor Ahmad Ganie, Khurshid Ahmed Wani, Mushtaq Ahmad Shah, Ab Rashid Mir, Mohamad Shafi Bandy, Abdul Rashid, Zahoor Ahmad, Zahoor Ahmad, Dheeraj Kumar, Shakir Hassan, Vikram Nag, Mushtaq Ahmad Khan and Tariq Ahmad.

The 13 J&K Police personnel selected for the Medal for Meritorious Service are SP Sandeep Kumar, SP Amit Gupta, DSP Rajesh Sharma, DSP Muzaffar Ahmad Shah, DSP Kuljeet Singh, DSP Sharat Chander Singh, Inspector Shamim Ahmed, Inspector Vikram Singh, ASI Bodh Raj, Inspector Mumim Ahmad Rather, ASI Mushtaq Ahmed, Sub-Inspector Manzoor Ahmad Gada and Constable Ashraf Gull.

Separately, one J&K Home Guard and Civil Defence personnel has also been selected for the Medal for Meritorious Service.

The honours recognise personnel for acts of gallantry and distinguished and meritorious service in police and other uniformed services on the occasion of Independence Day.

In addition, the Centre has announced the felicitation of 92 police personnel with the President's Medal for Distinguished Service (PSM).

"Out of 92 PSM, 83 have been awarded to Police Service, 04 to Fire Service, 03 to Civil Defence & Home Guard Service and 02 to Correctional Service," the statement said.

The award is given for special distinguished record in Service, it said.

The Medal for Meritorious Service (MSM) is awarded for valuable service characterised by resource and devotion to duty, it said.

The government has awarded 664 Medals for Meritorious Service (MSM), of which 606 were given to Police, 28 to Fire Service, 18 to Civil Defence & Home Guard Service and 12 to Correctional Service.

Meanwhile, the Lieutenant Governor of the Jammu and Kashmir, Manoj Sinha has awarded six Police Officers, including Inspector General of Police Sarah Rizvi, DIG Rayees Mohammad Bhat, and SSP Manjit Kour with Jammu and Kashmir Police Medal for Meritorious Service on the occasion of 80th Independence Day.

Def exports ...

combat capabilities, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said on Friday.

In a message to the armed forces on the eve of Independence Day, Singh also said that India has emerged as a major power in global defence manufacturing, with exports of military hardware surging to Rs 38,424 crore in 2025-26 driven by a significant push toward indigenous production.

"The government, under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, is according the highest priority to the modernisation of the defence forces driven by a self-reliant and future-ready defence sector," Singh said.

Highlighting the "transformative shift" in the defence sector in the last 12 years, Singh asserted that India has become a nation which is effectively catering to its own security needs, while emerging as a global defence manufacturing hub and a net defence exporter.

"India is no longer just a country that meets only its own security needs; rather, we have become an emerging power in the field of global defence manufacturing and defence exports," he said.

"Our efforts have given a new direction to defence production. We have reduced our dependence on imports and provided unprecedented momentum to indigenous manufacturing," he said.

Along with modernisation of the armed forces, strengthening border areas is also the government's topmost priority, Singh said.

"In the defence sector, the most impressive proof of India's self-reliance is our defence exports. From a mere Rs 686 crore in defence exports in the year 2013-14, it has now reached Rs 38,424 crore in the financial year 2025-26," he said.

"That means, in about a decade, our defence exports have taken a leap of more than 5,500 per cent," he added.

Singh also said that the Defence Acquisition Council (DAC) has granted approval to projects worth more than Rs 8.75 lakh crore in the last one year as the government is determined to modernise the military.

He listed the "fundamental reforms" undertaken in defence procurement to accelerate the modernisation process, including a two-fold increase in financial ceiling for field commanders to strengthen operational efficiency, and facilitation of procurement worth more than Rs 1.25 lakh crore through the revenue route to boost indigenisation.

Singh emphasised that the domestic defence production, which stood at just Rs 46,000 crore in 2014, has increased to a record Rs 1.78 lakh crore in the 2025-26.

This achievement, he said, is a testament to the structural changes that have taken place in the defence sector.

The defence minister pointed out that Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) and other public sector entities accounted for approximately 76 per cent of the total defence production, with the private sector contributing 24 per cent, up from 22 per cent in the previous fiscal.

This growing participation of the private sector signals a continuously improving business environment within the defence sector, he said.

Singh asserted that the DRDO and the defence forces are positioning India at the forefront of technologies for future warfare amidst the evolving defence landscape.

He made special mention of the successful test of the first Tactical Advanced Range Augmentation system, which has the capability to transform conventional weapons into precision-guided munitions.

VDG member ...

and Kashmir's Udhampur on Friday, officials said.

The incident took place in remote Pancheri area when the VDG members were heading for Damnot police post, the officials said.

They said Surjeet Singh, a resident of Sasri Damnot, fired on his colleagues in a fit of rage, killing Baldev Singh and critically injuring Romesh Singh.

The injured person was shifted to hospital, while a police party rushed to the scene immediately after getting the information.

The efforts are on to arrest the accused, the officials said, adding the exact cause of the altercation and the sequence of events leading to the firing were yet to be established.

Independence Day Celebrations Held at Islamic Model High School, Gujjar Nagar, Jammu



JAMMU: Islamic Model High School, Gujjar Nagar, Jammu, celebrated Independence Day with great patriotic spirit and enthusiasm. The programme was organised under the guidance of Principal Abdul Majeed Rather, with the participation of school staff members, students and distinguished guests.

The National Flag was hoisted by the Chief Guest, Sub Inspector Waseem Bhatti, Incharge Police Chowki Gujjar Nagar, Jammu, in the presence of Ex-Corporator Mohiuddin Choudhary, the

Principal, staff members, students and members of the local community. The flag hoisting was followed by the National Anthem, creating an atmosphere of pride and patriotism.

The school children presented a colourful and inspiring programme dedicated to the freedom fighters and the glorious history of India's independence. Students delivered speeches and patriotic slogans highlighting the sacrifices and contributions of the great freedom fighters who laid down their lives for the freedom of the country.

The students also participated enthusiastically in patriotic painting activities, slogan presentations and other cultural programmes. Through their performances and creative work, the children conveyed messages of unity, peace, patriotism and national responsibility.

Speaking on the occasion, Sub Inspector Waseem Bhatti appreciated the efforts of the school management, Principal, teachers and students for organising the Independence Day programme. He encouraged the students to

respect the sacrifices of the freedom fighters, remain committed to education and become responsible citizens who contribute positively to society and the nation.

Ex-Corporator Mohiuddin Choudhary also appreciated the participation of the students and the efforts of the school staff in promoting patriotism and awareness among the younger generation. Principal Abdul Majeed Rather thanked the Chief Guest, Ex-Corporator, staff members, students and all those present for

making the celebration successful. He emphasised the importance of remembering the sacrifices of the freedom fighters and nurturing the values of unity, discipline, brotherhood and service among students.

The programme concluded with a renewed pledge to uphold the values of freedom, unity and national integrity, with everyone joining together in the spirit of patriotism and celebrating the proud occasion of Independence Day.

