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To

All Private Satellite TV Channels

In the past years, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has been getting requests from members of civil society to facilitate access to the people with hearing impairment to the telecast of the Independence Day Ceremony/ Commentary through sign language interpretation on TV channels so that every citizen can be part of this glorious ceremony on this important National Day.

2. Hon'ble President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu's message to the nation will be telecast live on the eve of Independence Day i.e. 14th August, 2024 (Wednesday) at 07:00 P.M. The Flag Hoisting Ceremony and address of the Hon'ble Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, from the Ramparts of the Red Fort on 15th August, 2024 (Thursday) will be telecast live from 06:30 A.M. onwards on the entire Doordarshan network. Private Satellite TV channels can carry the feed of the events free of cost. Further, DD Bharati channel will carry the sign language interpretation of the events to provide access to the people with hearing impairment.

3. All private satellite TV channels, interested in carrying the live telecast of the forthcoming Independence Day Ceremony/Commentary, may like to carry the signals of DD News, DD-National, and DD Bharati with sign language interpretation for the benefit of differently-abled persons and make the event accessible to them.

  
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