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President **Droupadi Murmu** addressed the nation on the eve of India's **80th Independence Day** on **August 14, 2026**, at 1900 hrs IST, broadcast via Doordarshan and Akashvani.

What the Address Covered

The address covered **Operation Sindoor** and anti-terror action, the **suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty**, progress toward a Naxal-free India, the **Viksit Bharat @2047** vision, women- and youth-led development, and financial inclusion and digital transformation. For the first time in this ceremony's history, the full version of **Vande Mataram**, not just its first stanza, was played before the address.

Background

The President's address on the eve of Independence Day and Republic Day is a settled ceremonial convention, not an explicit constitutional [mandate](#), and reflects the President's role as the ceremonial head of state under India's parliamentary system, where real executive power is exercised by the Council of Ministers under Article 74.

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PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS, AUGUST 14, 2026:

Delivered by: President Droupadi Murmu, 1900 hrs IST, August 14, 2026

Broadcast: Doordarshan, Akashvani

Topics: Operation Sindoor, Indus Waters Treaty suspension, Naxal-free India progress, Viksit Bharat @2047, financial inclusion, digital transformation

First-time element: full Vande Mataram (not just the first stanza) played before the address

Constitutional context: ceremonial convention; real executive power rests with the Council of Ministers under Article 74

Sources: *President's Secretariat, PIB*

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