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Tight security in Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh ahead of I-Day celebrations

Chandigarh: Ahead of the Independence Day celebrations in the region, security has been beefed up in Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh with CCTV cameras installed near vital installations and vehicles being extensively checked on State borders.

A strict security blanket has been thrown around the State borders. Security has been extensively checked on CCTV cameras installed near Haryana and Chandigarh with Independence Day celebrations.

Ambala, besides inter-state bus stands in Ludhiana, Amritsar, Panipat, they said. Security has been tightened around important railway stations, they added.

The authorities said thorough checks of vehicles in the two States and police and security personnel have also been made in the border areas, they added.

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DILUTION OF ARTICLE 370
Will strengthen unity, integrity of country: V-P

Suggests revisiting 10th Schedule to tighten loopholes in anti defection law

President also praised Punjab administration, speed up development of the state. Recently a government under 7-Star Rainbow scheme has provided help to the community in pur- suing its election campaign from August 10 to 20.

Union Home Minister and senior BJP leader Amit Shah will address a rally in Haryana on August 18. Besides helping in filing of review petitions, the Vice President said, “I am also happy to inform you that the Supreme Court’s demolition of Babri Masjid has been upheld by the highest court of the land if the Centre agrees to make a submission in the review petition for review in the Supreme Court.”

Chief Minister of Haryana, who has also suggested revisiting the 10th Schedule of the Constitution, containing anti defection provisions, and he added, “I am very happy about this. This is the time when we should learn to be neutral and Punjab CM has done a good example of it.”

Calling for a need to tone up administrative, judicial reforms and providing healthy, constructive and meaningful debates in legisla- ture and Parliament, the Vice President, said, “Discourse, debate and discussion. Accusations and delivery should become the agenda and the way forward for political parties.”

He also called upon political parties to adopt a code of conduct for people representatives including MPs and MLAs to effectively functioning of Parliament and State Assemblies.

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Himachal on the Path of Inclusive Growth and Self-reliance

Jail Ram Thakur
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Himachal Pradesh has been known for its rich cultural and historical heritage, nestled amidst the snow-capped Himalayan ranges. The state is a haven for nature lovers and adventure enthusiasts, offering a wide array of scenic beauty and natural landscapes. With a population of around 7 million, Himachal Pradesh has a vibrant culture, rich traditions, and a unique identity.

The state has been instrumental in promoting sustainable development and inclusive growth, focusing on the overall well-being of its citizens. The government has been actively working towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the United Nations.

One of the key initiatives undertaken by the state government is the development of infrastructure and social services. The government has been focusing on the provision of quality education, healthcare, and basic amenities to ensure a better quality of life for its residents.

Himachal Pradesh has been a leader in promoting renewable energy sources, with a significant focus on solar and wind energy. The state has set ambitious targets to achieve 100% solar power by 2024 and has already made significant strides in this direction.

The government has been actively involved in promoting tourism, which is a major contributor to the state's economy. Himachal Pradesh is known for its picturesque beauty and a wide range of tourist attractions, offering a unique blend of natural and cultural experiences.

Infrastructure development, including roads, bridges, and water supply schemes, has been a priority for the state government. The Himachal Pradesh Khadi and Village Industries Corporation (HPKVIC) has been instrumental in promoting the growth of the cottage and small industries sector, providing livelihood opportunities to the rural population.

In conclusion, Himachal Pradesh has made significant strides in promoting inclusive growth and self-reliance, focusing on the overall development and well-being of its citizens. The state government continues to strive towards achieving its Sustainable Development Goals, ensuring a brighter future for its residents.
Two SDF MLAs cross over to ruling SKM, ex-CM Chamling denies leadership agenda

Gangtok: A day after 10 SDF MLAs joined the ruling Sikkim Democratic Front (SDF) on Tuesday, 10 SDF MLAs joined the Sikkim Krantikari Morcha (SKM) on Wednesday. SDF leader and the face of the movement, Bhim Singh said, "The SDF which ruled Sikkim for nearly 25 years, is now left with just one MLA. Pawan Kumar Chamling who has also been the party supremo since it was formed 24 years ago has also been the party supremo for nearly 25 years. The SDF has been in power for nearly 25 years. It is a big challenge for the SKM to rule Sikkim for nearly 25 years."

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Kolkata: Urban Police have issued directives banning public namaz, aarti on roads and generation of noise in any form starting from Friday. The directive will apply on roads of the national capital. The ban will only be applicable on roads where there is no alternate road available and where the public will be present in large numbers. The ban will be implemented in a harmonious manner. The city police have also issued directives banning the use of loudspeakers and other noise-generating devices. The directives will be enforced in a harmonious manner.

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THREE SEVENTEEN

GIVE DEVELOPMENT A CHANCE

With the Modi Government completing 75 days of governance today, the Prime Minister speaks about the way forward and touches upon key issues under J&K and the importance of education.

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hen Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi today

said, “Give development a chance”, he

was touching upon the need for a robust

base that could be built in the Jammu and Kashmir region in the next five years. That would require a

careful understanding of the needs and aspirations of the people. The first section of this interview had been published in May 2019. Since this is a momentous initiative, the Jammu and Kashmir region will be at the heart of your current vision.

The State of Jammu and Kashmir has always been haunted by the idea that every step towards development was taken with a hidden agenda or purpose and implementation and rehabilitation was not always been the case.

What is your message for the people of Jammu and Kashmir? Do you see a new paradigm whereby a better life can be made?

In this context, the status of the JK region seems to be that of a forgotten region. The government has not been able to focus on the region.

During the 2019 elections, a lot of emphasis was laid on the development of the region. What has been the government’s focus in the last six months?

What is your message to your critics that say that you are more interested in the development of the region and not in the resolution of the political issue?

Some of my closest and warmest interactions across the world is there for everyone to see. The best now in the last seven decades. Some of the best leadership that has come to the country. I am confident that with var-

ious initiatives taken in health care, education, connectivity and safety we will see this positive trend in future and the development of human capital.

Education is not just critical but the most important component in the overall spectrum of skills and human resources. Education, training, and people-centric and people-driven growth model. It not only has the potential to positively pose well, too. It will ensure transparency and accountability. And if we could do this, this will bring about a revolution in the education system.

At the school level, special focus is being given to improving quality of education, improving learning outcomes, giving more emphasis on academic and non-academic activities, improving infrastructures, using technology and pedagogies understanding among the students. We are trying to leverage technology like Artificial Intelligence and machine learning to improve the students’ learning experience and focus on the outcomes rather than the inputs.

Going a few steps further, we aim to make education affordable and accessible for the students. We are working on the concept of open universities. We are also working on the idea of an all-India test or an examination for all the students in order to make the education system more transparent and accountable.

We are also working on the idea of a Medical Education Council to bring about a revolution in the medical education system. In a single year, the number of medical seats in Government colleges in a single year increased by 60 per cent. In the last five years, the number of medical seats increased by 1.4 lakh crore. We are also looking at the idea of an all-India test for medical professionals.

When we formed the Government in 2014, there were many concerns about the existing system of medical education. The new policy has given a fillip to the establishment of medical colleges in J&K. The new policy is being implemented in all the states.

At the school level, special focus is being given to improving quality of education, improving learning outcomes, giving more emphasis on academic and non-academic activities, improving infrastructures, using technology and pedagogies understanding among the students. We are trying to leverage technology like Artificial Intelligence and machine learning to improve the students’ learning experience and focus on the outcomes rather than the inputs.

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India's exports growth turned positive in July, increasing at 0.4% year-on-year, while the commerce deficit narrowed to $18.63 billion in the month, a trade deficit of $30.16 billion in the month included chemical, iron, and a reduction in the risk weight for consumer loans (except credit cards) to 100 per cent.

India's imports declined by 5.92 per cent to $59.39 billion as compared to $61,375 crore in June, recording a decline of 9.71 per cent, while imports contracted by (-6.82 per cent) to $59.39 billion as compared to $61,375 crore in June, record-

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WPI inflation in July slips to 25-mth low

The wholesale price-based inflation rate fell to 3.98 per cent in July from 5.4 per cent in June, easing with a rise in retail prices and in line with analysts' estimates.

The consumer price index (CPI) based on wholesale prices, which the Reserve Bank of India watches closely while deciding its monetary policy, stood at 120.4 in July, compared with 120.2 per cent in June, indicating a further rise in the core inflation at the core plus food inflation rate.

The inflation in food articles, the key component of the basket, slipped to 74.5 per cent in July from 74.9 per cent in June, against 69.9 per cent in June, the government said.

Inflation in manufactured products — with weightage of 58.2 per cent — stood at 3.6 per cent in July against 5.6 per cent in June.

Inflation in commodities — with weightage of 9.8 per cent — was at 3.6 per cent in July against 6.6 per cent in June.

The 110 bps rate cut in June was a much-needed step to pull the economy out of recession, said Sharmistha Dutta, chief economist at IIFL Wealth Management.

Elsewhere in Asia, Hang Seng, Taiwan’s TAIEX and Hong Kong’s Hang Seng futures surged to record highs as the US Federal Reserve was set to deliver another round of stimulus.

The country’s largest lender currently holds 74 per cent of stake in SBI Cards & Payment Services Private Limited, a subsidiary company.

The Reserve Bank of India has appointed an expert committee on credit growth.

SBI proposes to stoke in credit card biz

SBI Chairman Dinesh Kumar Sapre said on Wednesday that SBI is in talks about tie-ups with companies offering digital-only payment cards.

The bank has launched SBI Card in October 2018 in a joint venture with the UK-based fintech firm Four9s.

Sapre added that the bank is planning to launch a co-branded credit card with e-commerce major Flipkart.

The Reserve Bank of India has decided to keep the benchmark policy rate unchanged at 4 per cent in August as the central bank is keen to revive the economy and bring down inflation.

The broad-based Nifty reclaimed the 11,000 mark, bouncing 10.55 points or 0.19 per cent higher at 11,058.25. The Sensex closed 133.57 points or 0.39 per cent higher at 37,587.91.

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Margins regain footing as Trump rekindles trade truce hopes

Mumbai: Equity benchmarks ended with gain on Tuesday as US delaying tariffs on some Chinese goods — with weightage of 11.7 per cent — rose by 1.17 per cent against the 11,000 mark, jumping 10.55 points at 11,058.25. The Sensex rose by 133.57 points or 0.39 per cent higher at 37,587.91.

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A Historic Year, With Historic Milestones

The celebration of India’s 75th Independence Day was a momentous occasion, marking the juncture in the nation’s odyssey. The country is in the midst of a political and Constitutional churn, which serves as a new era of values and principles which we, as a people, remain committed to developing.

This year also marks the historic 50th birth anniversary of Sri Guru Nanak Dev ji, whose ideology we continue to cherish in a beacon shining the way for our continued progress as a nation of love, peace, harmony, and non-violence.

I extend my warm greetings to all Punjabis across the globe on this significant occasion, and pay my respects to all those who have laid their lives to protect these ideals and advance the cause of liberty and freedom.

On this occasion, I urge all the leaders in our government to make elaborate preparations for the broadcasting and promotion of this year-long events, which will culminate on November 12.

Industrial development is also a top priority to be pursued vigorously, at a rapid pace to prepare the historic cities of Sirmore, Ludhiana, and Amritsar, to be connected with the frontier of Skimmer, for millions of devotees expected to converge here for the grand event.

The opening of the renovated Kartarpur Corridor is a significant development and a forward sign to our Sikh community and also the disciples of Sant ji, the world over is the first Corridor where a long-standing way of seeking (in pursuance of a law) will be opened. This has helped in cutting the said 10-year period of negotiation in this landmark initiative.

My government has, during the last 26 months, worked consistently to steer our state’s progress, with the welfare of the people at heart and we shall continue to accord the highest priority to them.

The special feature "A Historic Year, With Historic Milestones" is a collection of 72 years of our country’s independence and its progress. I extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the people of the state and my good wishes to all their future endeavors.

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here are some brands that have endured the passage of time. Rooted in the British India, they have seen the transition that the country underwent over the course of seven decades. These brands have been a part of our everyday lives. As per the data, India continues to be an intrinsic part of our daily lives. As per the data, India continues to be an intrinsic part of our daily lives. As per the data, India continues to be an intrinsic part of our daily lives. As per the data, India continues to be an intrinsic part of our daily lives. As per the data, India continues to be an intrinsic part of our daily lives.

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**RAJDA**

We knew a mere movement in the 1920s, led by the ideology of freedom, about boycotting foreign cloth, could create something which would be looked at as a statement since a few years after independence. We knew that a brand to boycott foreign British-made clothes, up its own sleeve and walk beak, was to encourage them to embrace their unique heritage and soul.

The fabric has enthralled the world, the view of the past as well as the future. It is not only symbolic of the Indian freedom struggle but also of women's empowerment. It was more than a symbol of an emerging self-reliant independent and ever since, the fabric continues to amaze and inspire people. It has now emerged as a global fashion statement.

**TEESTA VALLEY TEA COMPANY**

Established in 1841, the Teesta Valley Tea Company is one of the oldest Indian teas, having been a pioneer of the Indian tea industry. It has been successful in producing quality tea throughout its history, and has contributed significantly to the growth of the tea industry in India.

**INDIAN COFFEE**

Leo Coffee, established in 1840, is one of the oldest coffee brands in India. It is based in Calcutta and has a long history of serving quality coffee to its customers. The company has been in operation for over 100 years and continues to provide fresh coffee to its customers today.

**LEO COFFEE**

Italian name simply to expand the Indian customer base. For the last century, Karim's has been a byword for the food culture era.

**RAYSOM**

Raymond, founded in 1870, is a leading fashion brand in India. It is known for its high-quality fabrics and garments, and has been a significant player in the Indian fashion industry for over a century.

**WOMEN'S LIBERATION**

Kailashpat Singhania took over Raymond in 1944, when it was a 60-year-old company with just 60 employees. The company underwent over more than seven decades. As per the data, India continues to be an intrinsic part of our daily lives.

**MEN'S FASHION**

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**AHMEDABAD MILK CO**

The Indian subcontinent by as early as the 17th century, it became a phenomenon only in the late 1970s through a still unstated barrier.

**UNIVERSAL COFFEE**

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**UNITED COFFEE HOUSE**

A tribute to the times of huge change, tradition and modernity, United Coffee House is the brainchild of one of the old Raj, especially British clubs.

**LIVING FOODS**

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**A BLESSING**

Having 40 stores across Chennai, 120 shop-in-shop outlets and more than 100 years of being in the business, Leo Coffee still flaunts its 50-year-old coffee-making machine in India, also keeping the state's coffee tradition alive.

**THE INDIAN WAY OF LIFE**

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Inside Trump’s world

Trump Tower Delhi NCR alongside

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The Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) organized Thailand’s largest travel fair, Travel Mart in the capital as part of an ongoing strategy to further develop an important source of revenue for the Kingdom. Thirteen countries are participating in the event to brainstorm, discuss and share strategies in order to increase tourism from these countries. The event will be held from the 3rd to 5th of March this year. A total of 275 exhibitors from 24 countries, the top five of which were from China (223), Japan (173), India (99), South Korea (83), Singapore (73), 36 will participate in the fair, which will be held at the Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok. Thailand is enjoying a record-breaking year in terms of arrivals, both from the international market and the domestic market. The country has witnessed a 10% increase in arrivals in the first five months of the year, with a record 3.19 million tourists visiting the Kingdom in January alone. However, the main challenge facing the country is the shortage of hotel rooms, with many hotels operating at near-capacity levels. The government is working on increasing the number of hotel rooms to meet the demand, but it is expected to take several years to achieve this goal. The event aims to promote Thailand as a destination for leisure and business travel, and to highlight the country’s attractions, including its beaches, historical sites, and cultural heritage. The event will also feature a trade fair, where exhibitors can network with potential clients and partners, and a conference, where experts can share their knowledge and perspectives on the tourism industry. The event is expected to attract a large number of participants from both the domestic and international markets, and to provide a platform for stakeholders to discuss and collaborate on ways to further develop tourism in Thailand.

GCDCP organises a conference on AI

The conference aimed to highlight the importance of artificial intelligence in driving economic growth and social development. The event brought together experts from various fields, including academia, industry, and government, to share their insights and discuss the latest trends and innovations in AI. The conference featured keynote speeches, panel discussions, and workshops, covering topics such as AI ethics, AI for social good, and AI in education and healthcare. The event was attended by a large number of participants, including government officials, business leaders, and researchers. The conference was highly regarded for its high-quality speakers, engaging discussions, and innovative ideas. The event was expected to have a significant impact on the AI community, fostering collaboration and driving innovation in the field. The conference was a huge success, and it is expected to become an annual event to continue to promote AI in Thailand.

DPRD has started door-to-door
door garbage collection

The district administration for the first time is undertaking the door-to-door garbage collection campaign. The campaign aims to improve the local environment by reducing litter and promoting a culture of cleanliness. The campaign has been launched in Gilgit and Skardu, in Gilgit-Baltistan, with the objective of motivating the local residents to contribute to the campaign. The campaign is being implemented in two phases: the first phase will focus on Gilgit, while the second phase will focus on Skardu. The campaign is being implemented in collaboration with local NGOs and community organizations. The campaign is expected to have a significant impact on the local environment, reducing litter and promoting a culture of cleanliness.

RAILWAYS MINISTER LAUNCHES CORAS

The Railways Minister launched CORAs (Government of India Railways) at the isolation ward in the Kankurgachi railway yard. The minister has been highly praised for his efforts in improving the Indian railway system. The minister has initiated several reforms and modernizations in the railway system, including the introduction of new railcars, the improvement of track and signal systems, and the modernization of railway stations. The minister has also emphasized the importance of ensuring the safety of passengers, and has implemented several measures to improve safety on the railway network. The minister has been highly acknowledged for his efforts in improving the Indian railway system, and his contributions to the development of the railway sector are expected to have a significant impact in the future.

CLICBRICS RAISES ABOUT $3 MN

CLICBRICS, a biotech, technology and property solutions company, has raised about $3 million in a series A funding round from a group of investors led by a global technology giant. The company has been highly recognized for its innovative solutions and has received several awards and accolades. The company has been highly regarded for its ability to develop and commercialize new technologies, and its efforts in improving the quality of life for people around the world are expected to have a significant impact in the future.
Roger, Djokovic advance in Cincinnati

**AP FOR CINCINNATI**

Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic overmatched opponents in the WTA/ATP Cincinnati Masters on Wednesday, where Serena Williams withdrew because of back trouble.

Serena Williams had hoped to return from the back troubles that forced her out of the WTA Citi Open in Washington on Wednesday. The American has missed only four games before retiring in her first match.

The 23-time Grand Slam champion said her back "is still not right" a day after she changed her plans at the Citi Open starting in Flushing Meadows on August 26.

Williams said her recent back troubles will necessitate the tournament as a precaution.

Del Potro video of a slice in Cincinnati after a rescheduled match on Tuesday.

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Federer, needed medical treatment for a one-hour rain interruption at 2-1 in the second set, eventually routed Borna Coric 6-2, 6-4 to reach the third round in Cincinnati where he has never won seven straight.

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**AP FOR NEW YORK**

Former champion Stan Wawrinka, who was playing his first match since undergoing a right hip operation, was off the court in 29 minutes.

Wawrinka, who had not played since March, said he could not play after injuring his hip while attempting to return a serve by Dominic Thiem.

The 32-year-old Swiss was scheduled to play Fabio Fognini of Italy in the final of the ATP Masters 1000 tournament.

**AP FOR LONDON**

Tennis greats are set to meet in Flushing Meadows for the first time since the 2010 US Open.

The match between Serena Williams and Venus Williams will be held on the Arthur Ashe Stadium.

The two sisters have met 23 times in their careers, with Serena leading 12-11.

**AP FOR BANGALORE**

Dananjaya stars on int'l return

Rohit Sharma's 13th ton and a century by Shreyas Iyer helped India win the second Test against England by 161 runs in London on Thursday.

Rishabh Pant scored 31 on his Test debut.

The series is level 1-1 with the third Test starting on Monday.

**AP FOR LONDON**

Jeffrey Archer received his England Test cap in England's pre-match had he been fit enough to make his debut at the age of 17. Archer missed the start against Australia but he still managed to make his international debut.

Archer, 24, had been looking for a breakthrough after a disappointing season in domestic cricket.

Chris Jordan, a Sussex team-mate of Archer, said: "He's played brilliantly, fantasti..."
Monaco said on Wednesday that they had bought veteran French striker Wissam Ben Yedder from Sevilla, with young Portuguese attacker Rony Lopes going the other way.

According to sources close to Monaco, the transfer is for 40 million euros ($44.7 million), the amount of the Ben Yedder's release clause, with Lopes valued at 20 million euros.

That would make the 29-year-old Ben Yedder the most expensive player bought by a Ligue 1 club so far this summer, and the transfer window, ahead of the upcoming World Cup in Russia, has already been opened.

Monaco vice-president Oleg Petrov described Ben Yedder as a "very talented player, a complete striker, who has proved his ability to score in Toulouse and Sevilla, but also with the French national team. He is also a player with an exemplary attitude," in a statement.

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The 29-year-old joined Monaco in 2015 for around 15 million euros from Manchester City, before being loaned to Lille for a season and a half. Last season he scored 15 goals and won the first of his two Portuguese caps in November 2017. Last season he scored four goals for Monaco.

Monaco, French champions in 2017 and runners-up in 2018, are rebuilding after a season of turmoil.