



Army dog honoured on I-Day

Indian Army's assault dog Tyson, who is attached to 2 Para Special Forces, has been honoured during the Independence Day 2026 celebrations for showing "bravery and extraordinary courage" during a counter-insurgency operation in J&K as part of Operation Rakshak early this year.

The name of Tyson, a German Shepherd of Remount Veterinary Corps, appeared among 89 Mention-in-

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'Terrorists' sighted in Ramnagar woods

A massive operation was today launched by security forces in Ramnagarwoods of Udhampur district, following reports about the movement of two suspected terrorists.

According to officials, the movement was detected in Jophar woods of the district. Soon after the information reached them, a joint team of Army, police and other

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2 Sgr residents killed in road accident at Jalandhar

In a road accident that took place today in Bhogpur area of Jalandhar, Punjab, two Srinagar residents were killed and three others injured after their Maruti Fronx car collided with a roadside vendor before crashing into a tree.

The vendor, a Punjab resident, also died in the incident. Three Srinagar residents, who survived with critical injuries, were shifted to a nearby hospital for treatment, officials said.

NTA releases UGC-NET Answer Keys

NEW DELHI, AUG 16: The National Testing Agency (NTA) today released the provisional answer keys for 84 subjects of the UGC-NET June 2026 examination.

In a post on X, the NTA said the challenge window is open and it will remain open from August 16 to 18 till 11.59 pm.

Candidates will have to pay a processing fee of Rs 200 per question challenged, with the last date for fee payment being August 18 till 11.59 pm, it said.

For the three remaining subjects -- English, Commerce and Sociology -- a committee was constituted

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Saxena hoists Tricolour at Polo Ground



LEH, AUG16: The nation's 80th Independence Day was celebrated with patriotic fervour at the historic Polo Ground, where LG Vinai Kumar Saxena hoisted the National Flag and took

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Have to isolate 'Dimaagi Naxals' looking to create unrest: Modi

Says India has evolved into fastest-growing economy

NEW DELHI, AUG 16: Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday that India had succeeded in eliminating armed Naxalism and Maoist violence, but warned that the ideology continues to survive as he called for the isolation of what he termed "dimaagi Naxals", people with a Maoist mindset whose aim is to influence institutions and foment unrest. He also said that India had transformed into the world's fastest-growing major economy in 12 years.

"We have succeeded in eliminating armed Naxals in the forests and freeing the nation from that crisis. However, while the armed Naxals are gone, 'dimagi Naxals' remain, and those who harbour this mindset



are waiting for an opportunity," he said in his address to the nation on the eve of 80th Independence Day from the ramparts of the historic Red Fort.

"They are paving the way for violence and discord. They are employing various tactics to drag society down the wrong path. We must identify these 'dimagi Nax-

als.' We need to isolate them and align the nation's youth with the mainstream effort to transform the country into a developed nation".

The prime minister said his government had resolved in 2014 to free India from Naxalism and claimed that the campaign had brought the armed insurgency close to eradication

now.

"In the 21st century, it is imperative to eliminate decades-old challenges," Modi said, as he recalled the impact of Naxalism and Maoism on young people, families and security forces.

He said Naxalism had held large parts of the country and its population "hostage at gunpoint" for nearly four decades and accused Maoists of attacking the constitutional order.

"When you gave us the opportunity in 2014, we resolved on that very day that we would free the nation from Naxalism. Today, I am proud that Naxalite and Maoist violence is taking its dying breath. It no longer has the strength to survive, and we are moving rapidly towards its total eradication," he added.

The PM stressed the gov

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'Vande Mataram' played at Red Fort on I-Day

NEW DELHI, AUG 16: The full six stanzas of 'Vande Mataram' were rendered at the Red Fort on Saturday for the first time during Independence Day celebrations, before the national anthem was recited at the ceremony led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

The mega function commemorates 150 years of the enduring legacy of the national song, 'Vande Mataram', as floral decoration on the ramparts depicted the national flag at the centre, flanked by 'Vande Mataram' in Hindi.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi led the 80th Independence Day celebrations at

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Cong hits out at PM over women's quota appeal

NEW DELHI, AUG 16: A day after Prime Minister Narendra Modi urged opposition parties to support the delimitation-linked women's reservation bill, the Congress on Sunday accused him of doing "drama" and said the government should implement the 33 per cent quota on the current strength of the Lok Sabha for the 2029 general election.

Congress general secretary in-charge communications Jairam Ramesh questioned the intentions behind Prime Minister

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2 civilians, 7 terrorists killed in Pak's Balochistan

KARACHI, AUG 16: Two women of a Sindh family were shot dead in a terror attack while security forces killed seven terrorists in two separate incidents in the restive Balochistan province of Pakistan.

The terrorists were killed in the Kharan district of the province during an operation while several other terrorists were injured, according to the Inter-Services Public Relations (ISPR), military's media wing.

The operation was conducted in the Laje area of Kharan on Saturday night

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National Flag hoisted at Lok Bhavan

Safeguarding freedom truest tribute to freedom fighters: LG

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LG Manoj Sinha, who hoisted the National Flag at Lok Bhavan on the eve of 80th Independence Day on Saturday, said 'safeguarding the hard-earned freedom is the truest tribute to freedom fighters'.

"The truest tribute we can pay to our martyrs and freedom fighters is to resolve to work with integrity and safeguard our hard-earned freedom," he said in his address after unfurling the Tricolour.

A ceremonial police contingent presented the national salute.

Paying homage to the countless freedom fighters who sacrificed their lives for the nation, the LG spoke about the difficult journey, struggle and sacrifice for Independence.

He also paid tributes to the civilians who tragically lost their lives in unfortunate natural calamities this year.

"On this historic day, I join all citizens in paying heartfelt tributes to our founding fathers and the valiant sons and daughters of Mother India who sacrificed their lives for



country's freedom. Let us strive to realise their cherished dreams of building a peaceful and prosperous Jammu & Kashmir and a great nation," he said.

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Lead in determining use of technology to reshape legal system: CJI to NLUs

JODHPUR, AUG 16: Chief Justice of India Surya Kant on Sunday urged the national law universities to move beyond merely responding to technological change and instead take the lead in determining how technology should reshape the legal system with justice, fairness and human judgment remaining at its core.

"Academic integrity and the responsible use of artificial intelligence must become important components of curriculum and pedagogy. Change of this nature does not wait for institutional comfort," he said while addressing the Vice-Chancellors' Conclave 2.0 at



National Law University here.

The CJI said that the legal profession can no longer remain a late adopter of technology and rejected an outright prohibition of tools like generative AI in legal education.

The conclave was on the theme "Legal Technology and its Roadmap: Positioning Law as a Leader in Legal

Technology".

The CJI said that technology was already reshaping the legal ecosystem, from drafting contracts and conducting due diligence to legal research, evidence management and dispute resolution.

He said that law schools have to become the first line of response to this transformation.

The CJI said that graduates would increasingly work with tools capable of reading thousands of precedents within seconds, identifying legal and regulatory risks and supporting courts and dispute-resolution mechanisms.

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India to host BRICS Environment Working Group meetings

NEW DELHI, AUG 16: India is set to host the 12th BRICS Environment Ministers Meeting in New Delhi on August 18, preceded by the BRICS Senior Officers' Meeting of the Environment Working Group and Contact Group on Climate Change and Sustainable Development on August 17.

The event would be held under the overarching theme of India's BRICS Chairship 2026 - 'Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability'.

According to the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change, the BRICS Environment Ministers' Meeting would be presided

over by Union Minister Bhupendra Yadav and would provide a platform for Ministers, Senior Officers, policymakers, and experts from the Member Countries to engage in substantive discussions, foster consensus, and strengthen environmental cooperation.

The first day would witness the Senior Officers' Meeting, which would include an inaugural session and deliberations on the priorities of the BRICS Environment Working Group and Contact Group on Climate Change and Sustainable Development.

The second day would culminate in Ministerial-level deliberations on the

outcome document and thematic discussions that underscore the collective commitment of BRICS Member Countries to environmental cooperation and sustainable development.

As part of the Chairship, India has identified four priority areas for focused engagements under the BRICS Environment Working Group, the release said.

Priority one would be promoting Sustainable Lifestyles, which underscores environmental commitments by promoting sustainable lifestyles through mindful consumption and community practices, while fostering collab

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On I-Day, Guv unveils plaque commemorating Bankim Chandra Chattopadhyay

SHIMLA, AUG 16: Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta hoisted National Flag at Lok Bhavan here on Saturday on the occasion of 80th Independence Day, marking the ceremony with great enthusiasm and patriotic fervour.

A ceremonial programme was held on the lawns of Lok Bhavan, where he hoisted the Tricolour, following which a Police Guard contingent stationed at Lok Bhavan presented a Guard of Honour.

The governor inspected the parade, distributed sweets among the Lok Bhavan staff and extended his greetings and best wishes to the people of the state and the nation.

He paid rich tributes to the freedom fighters and martyrs who made the supreme sacrifice for the nation's independence. "I pay my floral tributes to all those great patriots, and I bow to the brave soldiers who, after

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J&K Bank celebrates I-Day with patriotic fervour

Amitava calls for responsibility in nation-building

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J&K Bank today celebrated the 80th Independence Day of the nation with patriotic fervour across its offices throughout the country.

At the bank's corporate headquarters, MD & CEO Amitava Chatterjee hoisted the Tricolour in the presence of Executive Director Sudhir Gupta, Chief General Managers, General Managers, DGMs, senior officers and other staff, who assembled to commemorate the historic occasion.

Addressing the gathering, Amitava reflected upon the significance of Independence Day through three defining words -

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