



Very heavy rains likely in J&K

The IMD today said that the UTs of Jammu& Kashmir and Ladakh were expected to witness more intense rain.

The IMD also warned of isolated very heavy rainfall over the western Himalayan region.

The All-India Weather Summary & Forecast Bulletin, issued by the National Weather Forecasting Centre on August 17, said fairly widespread rain was likely over Haryana, Chandigarh, Delhi and Punjab on August 18.

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1 killed, 12 injured in road accident

A teenage boy was killed and 12 others were injured after multiple vehicles collided at Tandwal in Rajouri district today.

Officials said a two-wheeler first collided with a taxi and then with an auto-rickshaw. The three-wheeler subsequently rammed into five parked cars.

Thirteen people, including three boys, who were on the two-wheeler, were injured in the colli

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GOC visits Siachen Glacier sector



Lt Gen Madanraj Pande, General Officer Commanding (GOC) of the Fire & Fury Corps, today visited the Siachen Glacier sector to review the operational preparedness of troops deployed at the world's highest battlefield.

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SC asks J&K to compensate for land taken in 1953

NEW DELHI, AUG 17: The Supreme Court today asked the Jammu and Kashmir administration to pay compensation and rentals to one of the descendants of farmers whose land was forcibly taken more than 73 years ago for setting up a police station at Kangan in Ganderbal without any acquisition proceedings.

Land measuring seven kanals and 18 marlas at Kangan was forcibly taken over for constructing a police station way back in 1953 without acquiring it and without paying the compensation.

A bench comprising Chief

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Gen Seth conferred rank of honorary Gen of Nepal Army



KATHMANDU, AUG 17: Indian Army Chief General Dhiraj Seth was conferred the rank of Honorary General of Nepal Army by President Ramchandra Paudel during an investiture ceremony at Sheetal Niwas here on Monday.

General Seth arrived in Nepal on Sunday on a four-day official visit at the invitation of his Nepalese Army

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Foiled terror attacks, arrested 200 operatives ahead of I-Day: Shah

Says ISI-backed Shahzad Bhatti Network destroyed

NEW DELHI, AUG 17: *Two days after Independence Day, Union Home Minister Amit Shah today said that 'India foiled attacks by the Pakistan-backed terrorists ahead of the August 15 celebrations by laying hands on over 200 operatives of the Shahzad Bhatti Network'.*

Over 200 operatives of the ISI-backed terror group, Shahzad Bhatti Network, were arrested ahead of Independence Day, thwarting plans of the outfit to launch subversive attacks, he said.

The Union Minister said coordinated operations were held across different locations in 14 states, reflecting the country's zero tolerance towards terrorism.

Substantial recoveries, including IEDs, grenades



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in several terrorist activities, Shah said.

According to a government statement, the Shahzad Bhatti Network (SBN) is a Pakistan-based terror syndicate linked to grenade, IED and petrol bomb attacks and targeted killings across India.

The SBN has also been paying local conduits to receive police, defence and religious sites, and to install CCTV cameras for espionage.

The NIA is probing multiple cases against Bhatti, including an alleged link to the March 2025 grenade attack at the residence of social media influencer Roger Sandhu in Jalandhar, Punjab.

In April 2026, the NIA had chargesheeted Bhatti as an absconder, and one other accused in the case.

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Amarnath Yatra: Chhari Pujan performed in Sgr

Himalayan Mail News
JAMMU, AUG 17

The 'Chhari-Pujan' of Almighty Siva's holy mace was performed at Amareshwar Temple in Mahadev Gir Dashnami Akhara here on the occasion of Nag Panchami today.

Amid chants of Vedic hymns, Mahant Deependra Giri, the mace's custodian, led a group of sadhus in performing the puja, officials said.

Chhari Pujan signifies the final phase of the annual Amarnath Yatra. Following its worship in Srinagar, the holy mace will be taken

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Joshi directs NTA to overhaul exam system



NEW DELHI, AUG 17: Education Minister Pralhad Joshi on Monday directed the National Testing Agency (NTA) to conduct a thorough audit of all its examination processes and submit a report on the corrective action taken regarding the multiple lapses

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Jitendra presents 'National Anubhav Awards'



NEW DELHI, AUG 17: Union Minister Jitendra Singh today presented 'National Anubhav Awards' to the superannuating employees, describing them as a national asset.

"Technology-driven pension service delivery has brought greater efficiency, while saving significant

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Shri Budha Amarnathji Yatra flagged off

Sacred journey to holy cave shrine deeply enlightening: LG

Himalayan Mail News
JAMMU, AUG 17

LG Manoj Sinha today flagged off the first batch of devotees for the highly revered Shri Budha Amarnathji Yatra amid tight security, saying that the sacred journey to the holy cave shrine was a deeply enlightening experience.

The spiritual pilgrimage was flagged off from Bhagwati Nagar base camp here for the ancient Budha Amarnath cave shrine located in Mandi belt of the mountainous Poonch district in Jammu. The shrine sits about 4,600 ft above sea level.

On the occasion, the LG extended his warm wishes to all the pilgrims for a safe and spiritually fulfilling pilgrimage.



He expressed deep appreciation to the Baba Amarnath and Budha Amarnath Yatri Nyas along with VHP, Bajrang Dal, local authorities, langar organisations and civil society groups for their meticulous coordination and comprehensive arrangements, ensuring smooth conduct of the pilgrimage and Budha Amarnathji yatra.

"The sacred journey to Baba Budha Amarnath's abode is a deeply enlightening experience. I firmly believe this pilgrimage brings profound transformation and reveals life's deepest truths to every devotee," he said.

A large gathering of eminent spiritual leaders, religious heads, public repre

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Trump threatens to bomb Oman if it gets in way of Iran deal

WASHINGTON, AUG 17: President Donald Trump today threatened to bomb Oman if it "gets in the way" of a US deal with Iran on the Strait of Hormuz and called for Iran to surrender.

"If Oman gets in the way, we'll bomb the shit out of them," Trump told a journalist, referring to ongoing talks between Oman and Iran on control of the strait, while Washington is also pursuing its own talks.

Iranian and Omani officials have been talking for weeks on future maritime navigation arrangements through the shipping route, and the foreign ministry in Tehran said earlier Monday that the two sides were



working on a joint declaration.

However, Trump has repeatedly insisted that the strait, which Tehran effectively closed at the start of the Middle East war on February 28, is under US control despite traffic remaining throttled.

On Friday, Trump claimed that he would even declare the Strait of Hor-

muz part of US territory, while Iran retorted that the crucial energy waterway it has blockaded "will remain Iranian."

Prior to the launch of the US-Israeli war against Iran, the Hormuz strait was considered an open, international waterway. It carries significant portions of global energy shipments, as well as other commodities.

Tehran has used its effective seizing of control over the strait as leverage against the US-led attempts to destroy its military and force it to abandon a controversial nuclear power program.

Iran's coast flanks the north side of Hormuz and

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India-Kenya discuss proposals to deepen partnership

NAIROBI (KENYA), AUG 17 : India and Kenya held discussions on further strengthening the bilateral partnership and took stock of the recent developments during a meeting between High Commissioner Adarsh Swaika and Kenya's Cabinet Secretary for Foreign & Diaspora Affairs Musalia W Mudavadi.

Sharing the details in a post on X, the Indian Embassy said that High Commissioner Adarsh Swaika called on Prime Cabinet Secretary and Cabinet Secretary for Foreign and Diaspora Affairs Musalia W Mudavadi.

"High Commissioner apprised Hon'ble PCS of re-

cent bilateral developments and discussed proposals and ideas for further strengthening the India-Kenya partnership," the post said.

India and Kenya have longstanding ties. As the two countries continue to deepen their partnership, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla on Thursday in a bilateral meeting with Moses M Wetang'ula, Speaker of the National Assembly of Kenya, noted that regular high-level engagements have continuously strengthened the bilateral relationship between the two countries.

Emphasising the centuries-old people-to-people

connect between India and Kenya, the Lok Sabha Speaker welcomed the decision of the Kenyan government to recognise Persons of Indian Origin as an indigenous community, which further deepens relations between the two countries.

He observed that both India and Kenya attach importance to democracy, inclusive development and human-centric progress. He added that this shared outlook gives the bilateral relationship special depth.

Noting the influence of Mahatma Gandhi on Kenya's struggle for freedom against colonial rule,

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Kavinder visits Ujjain temples; prays for prosperity of people of HP, nation

UJJAIN, AUG 17: Himachal Pradesh Governor Kavinder Gupta today visited the highly revered temples of Ujjain and offered prayers at Shri Mahakaleshwar Temple, Shri Kal Bhairav Temple and Shri Mangalnath Temple, praying for the people of HP and the nation.

He participated in the sacred Bhasma Aarti at Shri Mahakaleshwar Temple and offered prayers to Almighty Mahakal.

The governor also paid obeisance at Shri Kal Bhairav Temple and Shri Mangalnath Temple, and



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