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NATIONAL NEWS

- Defence Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched a **defence industrial corridor in Aligarh, Uttar Pradesh**. The move is part of the government's efforts to develop specialised zones dedicated to defence production in the state.
 - Six nodal points, Agra, Aligarh, Lucknow, Kanpur, Chitrakoot and Jhansi have been identified in state for the corridor. Another defence corridor was also launched in Tamil Nadu.
- The Minister of State for Culture (I/C) and Minister of State for Environment Forest and Climate Change, Dr. Mahesh Sharma inaugurated an exhibition entitled **'Prathibandhit Sahitya mein Swatantrata Sangram' (Freedom Movement through Proscribed Literature)** in the premises of National Archives of India, in New Delhi.
- Ahead of the Independence Day, the **Delhi Police inducted India's first all-woman Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team** for anti-terrorist operations.
 - After rigorous training of around 15 months from specialists all across India and abroad, 36 women commandos from the northeastern states have been inducted into this squad.
- On the eve of Independence Day, the **Rajasthan government will organise a human chain along the 650-km-long Pakistan border under a programme, 'Shahadat ko Salam'**. The programme will be organised by the state government with the help of Border Security Force and the Army on August 14.
- **Operation "Madad"** was launched by the Southern Naval Command (SNC) at Kochi, in Kerala, to assist the Kerala state administration and to carry out disaster relief operations due to the floods.
 - Several parts of **Kerala** have been flooded due to continuous rainfall and

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release of excess water from Idukki and other dams.

- The **NITI Aayog** host an **investors' conference** to attract investments for the development of eco-tourism on public private partnership (PPP) basis in **Andaman & Nicobar, and Lakshadweep Islands**.
 - The Conference will be inaugurated by **Shri. Amitabh Kant, CEO, NITI Aayog**.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

- The **communication exercise 'Pacific Endeavor-2018 (PE-18)'** under the **Multinational Communications Interoperability Program (MCIP)** started in **Kathmandu, Nepal**.
 - It aims to develop common communications operating procedures to enable military forces in the Asia Pacific region to collectively work in the wake of disaster.
- As part of **Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)** initiatives, **SCO Peace Mission Exercise** is conducted biennially for SCO member states.
 - The joint exercise for the year 2018 will be conducted by **Central Military Commission of Russia** from 22 August to 29 August 2018 at **Chebarkul, Chelyabinsk, Russia**.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Justice Vijaya Kamlesh Tahilramani** was appointed as the **Chief Justice of the Madras High Court**. Tamil Nadu Governor Banwarilal Prohit will administer the oath of office.
 - She replaced Justice Indira Banerjee who has been appointed as Supreme Court judge.
- **Justice Aniruddha Bose** took an oath as the **12th Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court**. His oath was administered by Jharkhand governor **Droupadi Murmu**.
- Justice **Rajendra Menon** was sworn in as **Chief Justice of Delhi High Court**. Delhi Lt Governor Anil Baijal administered the oath of office to Justice Menon.
 - He was earlier the Chief Justice of **Patna High Court**.

BOOKS

- Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu released the Book '**Bebak Baat**' written by

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Vijay Goel, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Statistics & Programme Implementation, in New Delhi.


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