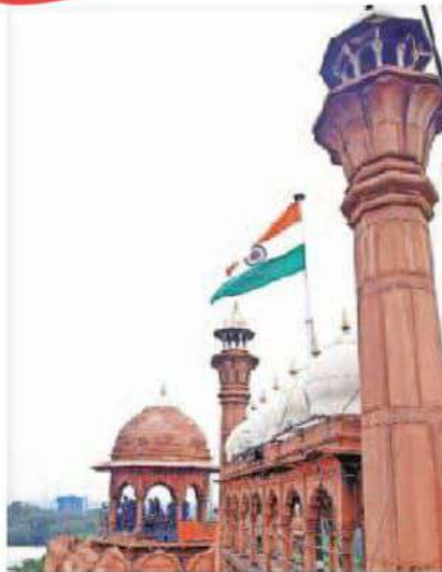


NATIONAL FERVOUR

6,000 Special Guests invited to witness flag hoisting at Red Fort today

NEW DELHI, Aug 14 (ANI)

PRIME Minister Narendra Modi will lead the nation in celebrating the 78th Independence Day from the historic Red Fort in Delhi on August 15. He will hoist the National Flag and deliver the customary address to the nation from the ramparts of the iconic monument. The theme of this year's Independence Day is 'Viksit Bharat @ 2047'. The celebrations will serve as a platform to provide a renewed push to the Government's efforts towards transforming the country into a developed nation by 2047,



an official statement released on Wednesday said. With the aim to increase 'Jan Bhagidari' in this festival of national fervour, around 6,000 Special Guests have been invited to witness the celebrations at Red Fort this year. These people from different walks of life categorised as youth, tribal communities, farmers, women and other special guests, have excelled in various fields with the help of various Government schemes/initiatives.

Students benefiting from the Atal Innovation Mission & PMSHRI
(Contd on page 4)

Scientists find effects of climate change on **WAYANAD LANDSLIDES**



NDRF team conducts a search and rescue operation after a devastating landslide hit hilly villages triggered by heavy rainfall, in Wayanad.

(ANI)

NEW DELHI, Aug 14 (PTI)

THE deadly landslides in Kerala's ecologically fragile Wayanad district were triggered by a heavy burst of rainfall, made 10 per cent heavier by climate change, according to a new rapid attribution study by a global team of scientists.

The team of 24 researchers from India, Sweden, the US and the UK said that more than 140 mm of rainfall fell in a single day on soils highly saturated by two months of monsoon precipitation, triggering catastrophic landslides and floods that killed at least 231 people in Wayanad.

"The rainfall that triggered the landslides occurred in a region of Wayanad that has the highest landslide risk in the State. Even heavier downpours are expected as the climate warms, which underscores the urgency to prepare for similar landslides in northern Kerala," Maja Vahlberg, a climate risk consultant at the Red Cross Red Crescent Climate Centre, said.

CM announces Rs 6 lakh aid to kin of deceased

THIRUVANANTHAPURAM, Aug 14 (PTI)

KERALA Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan on Wednesday announced a compensation of Rs six lakh to the next of kin of those who died in the massive landslides that hit Wayanad district recently and claimed over 200 lives.

Vijayan said that of the Rs six lakh, Rs four lakh would come from the State Disaster Relief Fund and the remaining from the Chief Minister's Disaster Relief Fund. He also announced that Rs 75,000 would be allocated from the CMDRF to those who lost eyes and limbs or suffered disability up to 60 per cent in the landslides.

Army Captain **DEEPAK SINGH** killed in Doda action

JAMMU, Aug 14 (PTI)

AN ARMY Captain was killed and four terrorists were believed to be gunned down in an ongoing operation in the higher reaches of Jammu region's Doda district on Wednesday, officials said.

A civilian was also injured in the encounter that broke out a day ahead of Independence Day and is the latest in a series of incidents in Jammu region that has witnessed a spike in violence.

Bullets rang out on Wednesday morning in a thickly forested area during a cordon and search operation (CASO) launched by a joint team to track down a group of foreign terrorists hiding in the Shivgarh-Assar belt, officials said. Captain Deepak Singh

(Contd on page 4)



An Army vehicle near the site of Doda encounter in which (inset) Captain Deepak Singh was killed. (PTI)