



Heightened Security in Jammu and Kashmir

Why in News?

Security agencies have intensified measures in Jammu ahead of [Republic Day](#) celebrations.

- The security wing of the Jammu and Kashmir Police has taken charge of **the Maulana Azad Stadium**, where [Lieutenant Governor](#) will preside over the Republic Day function, with Chief Minister of the state attending as the chief guest.

Key Points

- **Vigilance and Checks:**
 - **Station House Officers (SHOs) and Sub-Divisional Officers (SDOs)** have been instructed to conduct area checks and maintain 24/7 vigilance.
 - Vehicle and pedestrian checks have been intensified across Jammu, especially in border regions.
 - **'Nakas' and Mobile Vehicle Checkpoints (MVCs)** have been established at key intersections and entry/exit points.
- **Security Along Borders:**
 - Security forces, including the Army, [Border Security Force \(BSF\)](#), [Central Reserve Police Force \(CRPF\)](#), police, and **Village Defence Guards (VDGs)**, have heightened vigilance along the [International Border \(IB\)](#), [Line of Control \(LoC\)](#), and sensitive areas.

Republic Day

- **About:**
 - Republic Day commemorates the adoption of the Constitution of India on 26th January 1950, and the country's transition to a republic which came into effect on 26th January 1950.
 - The constitution was adopted by [the Constituent Assembly of India on 26th November 1949](#) and came into effect on 26th January 1950.
 - The Constitution of India repealed the **Indian Independence Act 1947 and Government of India Act 1935** when it became effective on 26th January 1950. India ceased to be a dominion of the British Crown and became a **sovereign, democratic republic with a constitution**.
- **History:**
 - **Declaration of Poorna Swaraj:**
 - The **Lahore Session of the INC in December 1929** passed the historic "**Poorna Swaraj**" resolution, calling for total **self-rule/sovereignty and complete independence from British rule**.
 - The Declaration of Independence was officially promulgated on 26th January 1930, and the Congress urged Indians to celebrate "**independence**" on **that day**.
 - **Republic Day in Post-Independence India:**
 - From 1930 to 1947, **26th January was celebrated as "Independence Day" or "Poorna Swaraj Day."**

- India gained independence on **15th August 1947**, leading to a **reevaluation of the significance of Republic Day**.
- The selection of **26th January for the promulgation of India's new constitution** was ideal due to its existing nationalist significance and alignment with the "**Poorna Swaraj**" declaration.

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