

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

1) Pakistan's Independence Day

Pakistan's Independence Day, observed annually on August 14th, marks a significant milestone in history.
 On this day in 1947, the British Indian Empire underwent a division, leading to the emergence of two independent states, India and Pakistan.

- Pakistan's journey to sovereignty, under the astute leadership of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, culminated after seven years of determined struggle.

- As the 14th of August aligns with a Monday this year, the celebrations take on added significance, offering an extended weekend for enthusiastic participation in various festive events and activities.

NATIONAL NEWS

1) Lymphatic Filariasis by 2027

- Union Health & Family Welfare Minister, Mansukh Mandaviya, made the announcement to eliminate Lymphatic Filariasis by 2027 during the inauguration of the second phase of the Annual Nationwide Mass Drug Administration (MDA) initiative.

- With a focal point on 81 districts spread across nine endemic states, including Assam and Uttar Pradesh, this second phase marks a significant step forward in the battle against the crippling disease.

- Minister Mandaviya emphasized the comprehensive approach of "Whole of Government" and "Whole of Society" to combat Lymphatic Filariasis effectively. He stressed the necessity for a collaborative endeavor that encompasses not just the government but also every segment of society.

2) 'SuSwagatam' portal

- In a proactive effort to modernize and streamline access to justice, Chief Justice of India (CJI) D.Y Chandrachud unveiled the 'SuSwagatam' portal.



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- This innovative platform offers a convenient way for advocates, litigants, and citizens to secure QR codebased ePasses, granting them entry to the esteemed halls of the Supreme Court.

3) August 15th, India lights up with pride and patriotism to celebrate Independence Day

Every year on August 15th, India lights up with pride and patriotism to celebrate Independence Day.
This day, back in 1947, marked the end of a 200-year British rule, as India declared its freedom. The journey from colonial control to full sovereignty is remembered on this historic date.

- With the national flag soaring high and the anthem filling the air, Independence Day turns into a heartfelt tribute, a reminder of sacrifice, and a moment of unity.

4) Government of India

- In a recent development, the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation of the Government of India has taken a significant step by replacing the existing Standing Committee on Economic Statistics with a more comprehensive entity called the Standing Committee on Statistics.

- This new committee has been entrusted with a broader mandate, involving the review of both the framework and outcomes of all surveys conducted under the National Statistical Office (NSO).

5) 'Har Ghar Tiranga'

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- Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar has flagged off the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' motorcycle rally at Pragati Maidan in Delhi.

- As part of the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) initiative, the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign is scheduled to take place nationwide from August 13 to 15. The campaign aims to inspire individuals to proudly display the national flag at their residences.

- After the flag-off, the bike rally will reach the India Gate circle. The rally will then move in a circle around the India Gate complex, crossing the Kartavya Path and will culminate at Major Dhyan Chand Stadium. AKAM is an ongoing celebration to commemorate 75 glorious years of a progressive independent India. This initiative by the Government of India aims to bring in focus on the freedom struggle, and the milestones this nation has achieved.

- In this nationwide campaign, an appeal is made to all citizens of Sikkim to join in the celebration of the Har Ghar Tiranga campaign by hoisting the national flag at their houses, offices, etc, from August 13 to 15.



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STATE NEWS

1) World Lion Day

- To celebrate World Lion Day, Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel of Gujarat introduced a new mobile application called 'Sinh Suchna'.

- The launch event, held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, signifies a significant step towards modern wildlife conservation, enabling both the state's forest department and the general public to effectively monitor lion movements.

2) 'Kerala' to 'Keralam'

- In a significant move aimed at embracing its cultural and linguistic heritage, the Kerala Legislative Assembly has passed a resolution requesting the Central government to change the name of the state from 'Kerala' to 'Keralam'.

3) "Pink Station"

- Central Railway's New Amravati station has engraved its place in history as the first station in Bhusaval Division and the third station within the Central Railway to be designated a "Pink Station" – a station that is wholly managed by women staff.

4) MSME Development Forum

- Lieutenant Governor Shri Manoj Sinha of Jammu and Kashmir commenced the 9th India International MSME Expo and Summit 2023 in New Delhi.

- This prestigious gathering, organized by the MSME Development Forum, served as a platform to foster collaboration between policymakers and entrepreneurs in the Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector, driving forward the nation's economic growth.

BANKING NEWS

1) Reserve Bank of India

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- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has recently unveiled a trio of groundbreaking initiatives poised to revolutionize the digital payments landscape in India through the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and UPI Lite.



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- These initiatives were announced by Governor Shaktikanta Das during the RBI's bi-monthly policy review, emphasizing their potential to usher in a new era of the payments revolution.

2) Reserve Bank of India

-The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has taken stringent action by imposing monetary penalties totaling Rs4.20 lakh on four co-operative banks.

- These banks – Vita Urban Cooperative Bank Ltd, Shri Vinayak Sahakari Bank Ltd, Shreeji Bhatia Cooperative Bank Ltd, and Mizoram Urban Cooperative Development Bank Ltd – have been found to be in breach of various regulations set forth by the central banking authority.

3) AU Small Finance Bank

- AU Small Finance Bank, the largest small finance bank in India, has taken a remarkable step forward in customer service with the launch of their innovative 24×7 video banking platform.

- This pioneering service enables customers to engage in face-to-face video interactions with expert bankers, akin to video calls.

- This move redefines convenience, as it provides round-the-clock support, even during weekends and holidays.

BUSINESS NEWS

1) Tata Sons, the parent company of Air India

- Tata Sons, the parent company of Air India, has introduced a new appearance and brand identity for the airline.

- This change includes a new logo and design, replacing the well-known mascot "Maharaja."

- This move comes as part of Tata Group's ongoing efforts to transform Air India since its acquisition more than a year ago.

APPOINTMENTS AND RESGINATIONS

1) Bollywood actress Kareena Kapoor

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- Bollywood actress Kareena Kapoor Khan has signed on as an investor and brand ambassador of Pluckk, which is engaged in the fresh fruit and vegetables business.



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- The company has a range of 400 products in more than 15 categories, including essentials, exotics, hydroponics, and cuts and mixes.

- The range includes innovative do-it-yourself (DIY) meal kits crafted within certified food-tech facilities. Pluckk has also introduced ozone-washed products and traceability concepts.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1) World Steelpan Day

- On July 24th, a significant step is anticipated as the United Nations prepares to adopt a draft resolution. This resolution will declare August 11th as World Steelpan Day, to be celebrated annually on the UN's calendar.

- Let's delve into the fascinating history and cultural importance of the steelpan, an instrument that emerged from the heart of Trinidad and Tobago.

On August 11th, the world will resonate with the joyful notes of the steelpan, echoing the vibrant history of Trinidad and Tobago.

- World Steelpan Day stands not only as a celebration of music but also as a tribute to the resilient spirit of cultural diversity and sustainable development.





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