

AUGUST 14 TO AUGUST 20

- India will mark its 77th Independence Day on August 15, 2023. The theme for this year's celebration is "Nation First, Always First," aligning with the government's emphasis on national unity and development. The day kicks off with the Prime Minister hoisting the national flag at Delhi's Red Fort, followed by a military parade and cultural performances. Flag-raising ceremonies and cultural events will also take place throughout the nation.
- The 77th Independence Day is a significant milestone for India, prompting reflection on its journey since gaining independence and reaffirming values such as freedom, democracy, and equality. The occasion is an opportunity to rejoice in the diversity and unity of the Indian nation.

Key Events of the 77th Indian Independence Day:

- The Prime Minister will raise the national flag at the Red Fort in Delhi.
- A military parade will be held at Rajpath in New Delhi.
- Cultural programs will take place at various locations across the country.
- The government will release a commemorative postage stamp and coin.
- Special prayers and religious ceremonies will be observed in temples, mosques, churches, and gurdwaras.
- People will come together in public spaces to celebrate.

Independence Day Celebrations 2023: Independence Day signifies the freedom and unity of India and honours the sacrifices of its freedom fighters. The celebrations encompass:

- **Flag hoisting:** The Prime Minister hoists the flag at the Red Fort, followed by flag-raising ceremonies nationwide.
- **Military parade:** A parade at Rajpath showcases the strength of the Indian Armed Forces, attended by dignitaries.
- **Cultural programs:** Across the country, cultural events highlight India's rich heritage through music, dance, and drama.
- **Commemorative moments:** The government issues special postage stamps and coins, alongside religious ceremonies.
- **Public gatherings:** People gather in public places, singing patriotic songs, dancing, and sharing sweets.

History of Independence Day 2023: Indian Independence Day's history dates back to the early 19th century when the independence movement gained momentum, led by figures like Mahatma Gandhi, Jawaharlal Nehru, and Subhas Chandra Bose.

- The movement faced British resistance, but India's independence was achieved on August 15, 1947.
- The date symbolizes the enactment of the Indian Independence Act of 1947, transferring power from Britain to India.
- The inaugural Independence Day in 1947 featured Jawaharlal Nehru's flag hoisting and a speech addressing India's challenges.
- Independence Day is a national holiday, celebrating India's freedom, unity, and the sacrifices of freedom fighters.

Key Events Leading to Independence: India's independence was a significant achievement after decades of struggle.

- 1857: The Indian Rebellion, known as the Sepoy Mutiny, marked a major uprising against British rule, raising awareness of the independence movement.
- 1885: The Indian National Congress was established as a political party advocating for Indian independence.
- 1905: The Partition of Bengal was a British plan to split Bengal into Hindu-majority and Muslim-majority regions, leading to protests and division in the independence movement.
- 1920: Mahatma Gandhi launched the Non-Cooperation Movement, uniting millions through nonviolent resistance against British rule.
- 1930: Mahatma Gandhi initiated the Salt March, protesting against British salt monopoly and advancing the independence cause.
- 1942: The Quit India Movement was launched by the Indian National Congress, demanding British withdrawal and resulting in protests and arrests.
- 1947: India gained independence, marked by partition into India and Pakistan, a process with tragic consequences.

Ashleigh Gardner and Chris Woakes Honored as ICC Players of the Month for July 2023

Australia's Ashleigh Gardner and England's Chris Woakes have been recognized as the ICC Players of the Month for July 2023. Gardner, an all-rounder, earned her fourth ICC Women's Player of the Month award for remarkable performances against England and Ireland. She scored 232 runs and took 15 wickets in ODIs and T20Is during the month. Woakes, an England seamer, won the ICC Men's Player of the Month award for his contributions to the Ashes series against Australia. He claimed 19 wickets and played a vital role in their series draw.

National Affairs

- Union Minister for Education and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, inaugurated Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) in the National Apprenticeship Promotion Scheme (NAPS) to boost apprenticeship training and encourage industry and youth participation.
 - The Railways Ministry is initiating Pradhan Mantri Bhartiya Janaushadhi Kendras (PMBJKs) at railway stations nationwide to provide quality medicines at affordable prices to the public.
 - The Union Cabinet, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved seven railway projects with an investment of ₹32,500 crore. These projects, using the EPC model, aim to enhance Indian Railways' efficiency and connectivity.
 - The Union Cabinet greenlit the "PM-eBus Sewa" scheme to promote urban transportation and electric mobility. This initiative plans to deploy 10,000 electric buses through a PPP model to expand city bus operations.
1. The historical utilization of air power during the 1966 insurgency in Mizoram has garnered recent attention due to its mention by Prime Minister Modi in response to a no-confidence motion. This article delves into the occurrences surrounding the 1966 Mizoram insurgency, the government's response, the involvement of the Indian Air Force (IAF), and the aftermath of Operation Jericho.
 2. Bengaluru, often recognized as the nation's technological capital, has welcomed India's inaugural 3D-printed post office. Situated in Cambridge Layout near Ulsoor, this post office has set a fresh standard for efficiency, sustainability, and design.
 3. Shri Kushvinder Vohra, Chairman of the Central Water Commission (CWC), has taken a significant step toward improving flood preparedness and response by introducing the "FloodWatch" mobile application. This innovative app aims to utilize mobile phones to provide real-time flood-related information and forecasts up to 7 days in advance.

4. In a notable stride towards accessible and affordable healthcare, Goa has taken the lead among Indian states by introducing free In vitro fertilization (IVF) treatment. This groundbreaking initiative, coupled with assisted reproductive technology (ART) and intrauterine insemination (IUI), was inaugurated by Chief Minister Pramod Sawant at the Goa Medical College (GMC) in Bambolim.
5. The Tamil Nadu Industrial Development Corporation (TIDCO), responsible for overseeing the Tamil Nadu Defence Industrial Corridor (TNDIC), is set to establish India's first Unmanned Aerial Systems (Drone) Common Testing Centre with an investment of Rs 45 crore.
6. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has sanctioned a USD 40.5 million loan for the northeastern Indian state of Meghalaya to enhance early childhood development and maternal mental health. This initiative aims to strengthen childcare services through the establishment and enhancement of Anganwadi centers.
7. Goa's Chief Minister Pramod Sawant has introduced a remarkable initiative, "The Biodiversity Atlas of Mayem Village," aimed at preserving and celebrating India's rich socio-cultural heritage.
8. Anwarul Haq Kakar, a prominent ethnic Pushtun leader with close ties to the military, has been sworn in as Pakistan's caretaker prime minister, responsible for leading an impartial administration, supervising upcoming general elections, and addressing economic challenges.
9. The Dutch economy has entered a recession, contracting 0.3% in the second quarter, following a 0.4% decline in the first quarter. This marks the first recession since the pandemic and is attributed to decreased consumer spending and exports.
10. China's Inner Mongolia region has reported two cases of bubonic plague, raising concerns amid prior infections and emphasizing the need for vigilant containment efforts.
11. India's collaboration with Russia's Arctic region is on the rise, evident from its substantial contribution to cargo handled at the Murmansk port, a key northern gateway for Russia. In the first seven months of 2023, India's share accounted for 35% of the cargo, primarily coal bound for the eastern coast of India.

Russia Launches E-Visa Facility for Indians: Russia has introduced an electronic visa (e-visa) system for Indian travelers starting from August 1. This new system allows travelers to bypass the usual complexities associated with obtaining a regular visa. The e-visa option, which is also extended to travelers from 54 other nations, eliminates the need for consular or embassy visits.

Collaboration Between MakeMyTrip and Ministry of Tourism: MakeMyTrip, a well-known travel company, has announced a partnership with the Ministry of Tourism to introduce more than 600 distinctive and unconventional travel destinations. To facilitate this initiative, the company has introduced a specialized microsite named "Traveller's Map of India."

Advancing AI and Data Science in Education - AICTE and Jio Institute Collaboration: The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) has taken a significant step toward incorporating Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Data Science (DS) into education. AICTE has joined forces with the esteemed Jio Institute to introduce a comprehensive faculty development program. The program aims to equip academic leaders and senior faculty members with a profound understanding of AI and DS.

India and Trinidad and Tobago's Partnership on INDIA STACK Technology: India and Trinidad and Tobago have recently established a significant partnership by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to share India's renowned INDIA STACK technology. This collection of open Application Programming Interfaces (APIs) and digital public goods, pioneered by India, aims to enhance identity, data, and payment services on a large scale. This collaborative step underscores India's commitment to assisting the digital transformation of nations.

NPCI Launches UPI Safety Awareness Campaign "UPI Chalega": The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched the third edition of its UPI Safety Awareness Campaign called "UPI Chalega." In collaboration with key stakeholders in the payments ecosystem, this campaign seeks to highlight the convenience, security, and speed of using the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) for transactions.

RBI's Comprehensive Reforms for Floating Rate Home Loans: In a significant move to enhance transparency and consumer protection in the home loan sector, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has introduced a comprehensive set of reforms regarding floating rate home loans. These reforms aim to provide greater clarity in resetting interest rates, offer borrowers the option to switch to fixed interest rates, and prevent banks from unilaterally changing the loan tenure without proper consent.

RBI Incorporates AI and ML for Regulatory Supervision: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is taking a significant stride in strengthening its regulatory oversight over banks and Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) by integrating Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Machine Learning (ML) technologies. In collaboration with global consultancy firms McKinsey and Company India LLP, and Accenture Solutions Pvt Ltd India, the RBI aims to leverage advanced analytics to bolster its supervisory functions.

Inflation and Wholesale Price Index Trends in India: In July, retail inflation in India witnessed a significant increase, reaching 7.44%, the highest rate since April 2022. This surge, in contrast to the previous four-month period of inflation below the central bank's 6% tolerance threshold, is mainly attributed to an 11.5% rise in food prices. Similarly, the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) exhibited deflationary trends for the fourth consecutive month in July.

India's Vision for Developed Economy by 2047: India's journey toward becoming a developed economy by 2047 is gaining momentum. A recent study conducted by SBI Research economists projects a remarkable surge in per capita income. The study suggests that India's per capita income is set to increase significantly, reflecting the nation's aspiration to achieve the vision of a developed India by 2047.

Viacom18's Merger of JioCinema and Voot Platforms: Viacom18, a prominent player in India's media and entertainment industry, is making substantial progress in merging its two Over-The-Top (OTT) platforms, JioCinema and Voot. The integration process has reached an advanced stage, benefiting from aligned technology backends and a smooth transition of Voot Select subscribers to JioCinema.

Hyundai's Acquisition of General Motors' Talegaon Plant: Hyundai Motor Co's Indian subsidiary has announced its intent to acquire General Motors' Talegaon plant located in Maharashtra. This strategic move not only allows General Motors to exit the Indian market but also offers Hyundai the opportunity to enhance its annual production capacity.

1. Wipro Limited has announced the establishment of a pioneering Center of Excellence (CoE) on Generative Artificial Intelligence (AI) in collaboration with the prestigious Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi. This partnership underscores Wipro's dedication to driving continuous innovation in emerging technologies, further solidifying its position as a leader in the technology industry.
2. Canara Bank has introduced a specialized savings account tailored to pensioners and individuals approaching retirement, offering a range of benefits designed to meet their unique financial requirements. Named Canara Jeevan Dhara, this new offering extends its advantages to retirees who have opted for voluntary or regular retirement, aiming to provide financial security and flexibility during their post-employment phase.
3. OpenAI has successfully acquired Global Illumination, an innovative startup based in New York that leverages AI to develop creative tools, digital experiences, and robust infrastructure. This acquisition reflects OpenAI's commitment to enhancing its capabilities and revolutionizing the landscape of artificial intelligence.
4. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has unveiled a groundbreaking solution for individuals seeking their unclaimed deposits. Named the UDGAM (Unclaimed Deposits – Gateway to Access Information) portal, this centralized web platform simplifies the process of locating unclaimed deposits across various banks.
5. Axis Bank has partnered with the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH), a subsidiary of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), to introduce two pioneering lending products. These products are powered by the Public Tech Platform for Frictionless Credit (PTPFC), an innovative initiative launched by RBIH.

6. Crisil, a prominent rating agency, projects India's gross domestic product (GDP) growth to reach 6% in the fiscal year 2024. This projection is lower than the 7% estimate provided by the National Statistical Organisation (NSO) for the fiscal year 2023.
7. The Government of India has appointed R. Doraiswamy as the Managing Director of Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC). Currently serving as the executive director at the central office in Mumbai, he takes on this role to further contribute to LIC's mission.
8. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) has approved the appointments of Kamlesh Varshney and Amarjeet Singh as SEBI Whole-Time Members. Varshney, a 1990-batch officer of the Indian Revenue Service, is a joint secretary at the revenue department in the Finance Ministry, while Singh is an executive director at the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI).
9. Power Finance Corporation (PFC) has appointed Parminder Chopra as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD), making her the first woman to lead India's largest NBFC. Chopra assumed her role on August 14, 2023, aiming to contribute to the growth of the power sector.
10. The Reserve Bank of India has approved the appointment of PR Seshadri as the Managing Director & CEO of the South Indian Bank for a three-year term effective from October 1, 2023.

DEFENCE

- The Indian Air Force has introduced its latest Heron Mark 2 drones with strike capability for surveillance along the borders with both China and Pakistan. These four new Heron Mark-2 drones, equipped with long-range missiles and other weapons systems, have been stationed at a forward air base in the northern sector.
- In a significant advancement towards indigenous manufacturing and innovation, the state-owned company Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited (AWEIL) is preparing to unveil 'Prabal', India's first long-range revolver. The launch date is scheduled for August 18, ushering in a new era of personal defense firearms.
- The guided missile corvette INS Kulish of the Indian Navy celebrated Singapore's 77th Independence Day as part of its participation in the multinational SEACAT 2023 exercise. The crew and officers of INS Kulish marked the occasion at the High Commission of India in Singapore, demonstrating maritime cooperation.
- The Central Government has granted final approval for a pivotal project aimed at enhancing the operational capabilities of the Indian Navy. The project involves the construction of five fleet support ships, designed to play a vital role in replenishing warships with essential supplies, including fuel, food, and ammunition, during missions.
- To commemorate 75 years of Independence, several Air Force Stations in and around Delhi celebrated the Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav (AKAM) from August 9 to 15, 2023. The events were coordinated under the 'Meri Maati Mera Desh Campaign,' initiated by the Government of India as part of the ongoing AKAM celebrations.
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) is preparing to host a large-scale multinational military exercise named 'Tarang Shakti,' originally scheduled for October but rescheduled to mid-2024. The decision to postpone the exercise to the next year was made due to several participating air forces expressing their inability to join the exercise in the current year.
- In a significant move to strengthen India's maritime capabilities, President Droupadi Murmu inaugurated the latest addition to the Indian Navy's fleet, INS Vindhyagiri. The launch ceremony took place at the Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) in Kolkata.

Awards and Recognitions:

1. Union Home Minister Amit Shah congratulated the team behind the National Automated Fingerprint Identification System (NAFIS) of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) for achieving the Gold Award in the Excellence in Government Process Re-engineering for Digital Transformation Category-1.

2. President Smt Droupadi Murmu approved 76 Gallantry awards for members of the Armed Forces and Central Armed Police Forces on the occasion of Independence Day 2023. These honors include four Kirti Chakra awards (awarded posthumously), 11 Shaurya Chakra awards (including five posthumous), two Bar to Sena Medals (Gallantry), 52 Sena Medals (Gallantry), three Nao Sena Medals (Gallantry), and four Vayu Sena Medals (Gallantry).
3. Raj Chetty, an Indian-American economist, and Michael Springer, a biologist, have been honored with Harvard University's George Ledlie Prize for their groundbreaking contributions in their respective fields.

Summits and Conferences News:

- The inaugural WHO Traditional Medicine Global Summit is scheduled to take place on August 17 and 18, 2023, in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India. This event will coincide with the G20 health ministerial meeting, creating a platform to enhance political commitment and evidence-based actions in the field of traditional medicine, which serves as an initial recourse for millions worldwide.

Sports News:

1. Brazil forward Neymar Jr has completed a move to Saudi Arabia's Al-Hilal from Paris Saint-Germain (PSG), joining the likes of Cristiano Ronaldo and Karim Benzema. Neymar, 31, scored 118 goals in 173 matches for PSG over six injury-plagued seasons.
2. The Tamil Nadu government, in collaboration with Racing Promotions Private Limited (RRPL), has introduced a new street circuit in Chennai. The 3.5km track around the Island Grounds will be the first-ever street circuit in India and South Asia to host a night race.
3. Sri Lankan all-rounder Wanindu Hasaranga has announced his retirement from Test cricket. The 26-year-old has decided to focus on his limited-overs career, where he plays a pivotal role for Sri Lanka.
4. Pakistan fast bowler Wahab Riaz has declared his retirement from international cricket, bringing a 15-year career to a close. The 38-year-old represented Pakistan in 27 Tests, 91 ODIs, and 36 T20Is, claiming a total of 237 wickets.
5. Indian sprinter Dutee Chand, renowned as India's fastest female athlete and holder of the national 100m record, has faced a significant setback with a four-year ban following her failure in an out-of-competition dope test. The test revealed the presence of selective androgen receptor modulators (SARMs), leading to her suspension from competitive sports.
6. Adille Sumariwalla has been elected as one of the four vice presidents of World Athletics, the highest position ever held by an Indian in the global track and field governing body. The 65-year-old Sumariwalla, president of the Athletics Federation of India (AFI), received the third-highest number of votes during the WA elections held in Budapest, Hungary. He will serve a four-year term.

Schemes and Committees News

- The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT), India's primary advisory body for school education, has taken a significant step towards revising textbooks. A 19-member committee has been formed by the council to align school syllabi, textbooks, teaching materials, and learning resources with the National Curriculum Framework (NCF). The committee's responsibility spans from Classes 3 to 12 and aims to ensure a smooth progression from Classes 1 and 2 to higher grades.
- The Vishwakarma Yojana, announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his Independence Day speech, has led to the introduction of a scheme aimed at enhancing the livelihood prospects of traditional artisans and craftspeople. The Union Cabinet has promptly approved the scheme, underscoring its dedication to promoting and safeguarding traditional skills and crafts.

- The Ministry of Education has launched the Pradhan Mantri Uchchatar Shiksha Abhiyan (PM-USHA), a central initiative focused on improving access, equity, and excellence in higher education across States and Union Territories. However, the requirement to adhere to certain academic criteria for funding under the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 has sparked controversy, potentially excluding certain institutions from the scheme.

- The Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) in India has taken a proactive stance in promoting gender equality within the aviation sector. On August 10, 2023, the DGCA established a four-member committee comprised of senior officials to formulate strategies and recommendations for achieving gender parity in the industry. The committee's goal is to propose actionable measures that the DGCA can implement to foster gender equality in aviation.

- The cabinet has approved the extension of the Digital India project, allocating a substantial budget of ₹14,903 crore. Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw announced this decision, emphasizing that the extended initiative will build upon the achievements of its previous phase.

- In a significant move to empower women and spur economic growth, the Indian government has introduced the 'Lakhpati Didi' scheme, aiming to provide skill training to two crore women nationwide. Originally implemented in select states, the scheme now seeks to expand its impact on a national scale.

- The Maharashtra government is taking a significant step towards improving connectivity and the lives of tribal communities. The Bhagwan Birsa Munda Jodaraste Scheme aims to connect all tribal villages in 17 districts of Maharashtra with main roads, addressing challenges these communities face in accessing essential services. The project, with an estimated cost of Rs 5,000 crore, involves building approximately 6,838 kilometers of roads.

Science and Technology News

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is launching its inaugural solar mission, Aditya-L1, to study the Sun. The mission will orbit around the Lagrange point 1 (L1), approximately 1.5 million kilometers from Earth. Aditya-L1 will study the Sun's atmosphere, magnetic fields, and space weather impacts from this advantageous location.

- The Korea Advanced Institute of Science & Technology (KAIST) is making groundbreaking strides in aviation with the development of "Pibot," a humanoid robot designed to fly aircraft using advanced AI capabilities. Pibot's ability to manipulate flight instruments, understand complex manuals, and respond swiftly to emergencies holds potential to revolutionize aviation and other industries.

- Chennai-based Agnikul Cosmos has initiated the integration of its innovative launch vehicle, Agnibaan SOrTeD (Sub-Orbital Technological Demonstrator), with its private launchpad at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota. While the exact launch date remains undisclosed, this milestone signifies Agnikul Cosmos's progress in space innovation.

Important Days News

- International Left-Handers Day, observed annually on August 13th, celebrates and acknowledges the diverse skills, talents, and perspectives of left-handed individuals. The theme for International Left-Handers Day 2023 centers around "Left-Handers in Sports."

• World Organ Donation Day 2023 falls on August 13, 2023. This global event raises awareness about organ donation's significance and encourages people to become organ donors. The theme for World Organ Donation Day 2023 is "Step up to volunteer; need more organ donors to fill the lacunae."

1. India observed Partition Horrors Remembrance Day to honor the memory of the victims of the 1947 violence that accompanied the country's partition. Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced this day in 2021 to remember the sufferings of millions who were displaced and lost loved ones during the partition.
2. On the 16th of August, as the nation commemorated the death anniversary of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, leaders from diverse political affiliations gathered at the 'Sadaiv Atal' memorial in Delhi.
3. The Parsi New Year, also known as Navroz or Nowruz, is a joyful occasion celebrated between July and August. This year, Parsi New Year fell on the 16th of August. Rooted in the Persian words 'Nav' and 'Roz,' which mean 'new day,' this cherished festival holds a rich history spanning over 3,000 years.
4. Every year on August 19, the global community comes together to honor the extraordinary efforts of humanitarians who tirelessly work to improve the lives of those affected by crises. World Humanitarian Day stands as a testament to the unwavering spirit of individuals who provide unwavering support despite challenges and risks.
5. World Photography Day, observed annually on August 19, celebrates photography's rich history and its dual role as an art form and a scientific achievement.
6. World Mosquito Day is observed every year on August 20 to commemorate the contributions of British doctor Sir Ronald Ross. He was the first to discover the connection between malaria and female anopheline mosquitoes.

7. In Memoriam:

- Former India captain and legendary footballer Mohammed Habib has passed away. He represented India in numerous international tournaments from 1965-76.
- Prof. M.R. Satyanarayana Rao, a Padma Shri awardee and former President of Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), passed away at his Bengaluru residence on August 13, aged 75.
- V S Arunachalam, a prominent scientist in India's nuclear program, passed away at the age of 87. Known for his leadership roles at DRDO, he played a pivotal role in shaping India's defense capabilities.
- Michael Parkinson, the seasoned British chat show host renowned for his conversations with notable personalities, peacefully departed at the age of 88.
- Consumer rights activist and former vice-principal of Cotton University, Deven Dutta, passed away at the age of 81.

Miscellaneous News

8. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during the No Confidence debate in Parliament on August 10, referred to the island of Katchatheevu. He mentioned that the Indira Gandhi government had given away Katchatheevu to Sri Lanka in 1974, responding to Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Mata remarks that were later expunged.
9. The One District One Product (ODOP) program has partnered with the Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana - National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM) to launch the innovative 'ODOP Wall.' This initiative aims to showcase India's rich craftsmanship and promote self-reliance.

10. The CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute (CSIR-NBRI) celebrated a momentous occasion by introducing a unique variety of the national flower, Lotus, named 'Namoh 108.' This extraordinary flower with 108 petals was dedicated to the nation on the eve of Independence Day.
11. Typhoon Lan made landfall in Japan on August 15, bringing heavy rain and strong winds. The typhoon caused flooding, power outages, and evacuation warnings in several areas. It had maximum sustained winds of 160 kilometers per hour (100 miles per hour), equivalent to a Category 2 hurricane.
1. With a spectacular display of grandeur and profound religious devotion, the annual Budha Amarnath Yatra was inaugurated by the administration of Jammu and Kashmir. Spanning 10 days across the scenic terrains of Poonch district, this pilgrimage holds immense significance for devotees who seek blessings from Lord Shiva. (Read the article)
2. The inaugural G20 film festival, organized jointly by the Ministry of External Affairs and the India International Centre, kicked off in Delhi with the screening of the iconic drama film "Pather Panchali" directed by Satyajit Ray. (Read the article)

Key Takeaways:

- Vivek Gogia serves as the Director of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).
- Rajesh Magow is the Co-Founder and Group CEO of MakeMyTrip.
- Shri Giriraj Singh holds the position of Minister of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj.
- Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus is the Director-General of WHO.
- Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Chaudhari is at the helm of the Indian Air Force.
- The Indian Air Force (IAF) was established on October 8, 1932, with headquarters in New Delhi.
- A.K Maurya is the Director of Advanced Weapons and Equipment India Limited (AWEIL).
- General Asim Munir is the Chief of the Army Staff of Pakistan.
- Vishwajit Pratapsingh Rane is the Health Minister of Goa.
- Lee Hsien Loong holds the position of Prime Minister of Singapore.
- Amsterdam is the capital of the Netherlands, which uses the euro as its currency, and is led by Prime Minister Mark Rutte.
- Mr. Unsoo Kim serves as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Hyundai Motor India Limited.
- Subha Tatavarti holds the role of Chief Technology Officer at Wipro Limited.
- Hemant Khatri is the Chairman of Hindustan Shipyard Limited.
- Nilesh Cabra is the Minister of Environment & Climate Change in Goa.
- Srinath Ravichandran serves as the CEO of AgniKul Cosmos Private Limited.
- Sam Altman is the CEO of OpenAI.
- Project 17A was initiated by the Indian Navy in the year 2019.
- The Athletics Federation of India was founded in 1946 and is headquartered in New Delhi, India.
- S Rajendra Kumar is the Chief Post Master General of Bengaluru.
- TG Sitharam is the Chairman of the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE).

- Moscow is the capital of Russia, led by President Vladimir Vladimirovich Putin, using the Russian Ruble as its currency, and governed by Prime Minister Mikhail Mishustin.

CrackNotes.in