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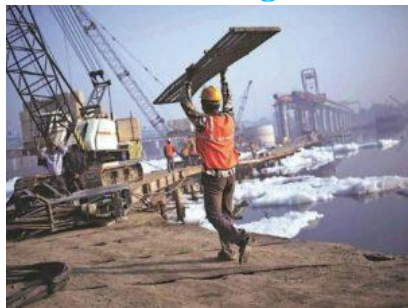
## Current Affairs: 15/16.08.2021

### PM Narendra Modi unfurls Tricolour at Red Fort as India celebrates 75th Independence Day



**Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi** unfurled the Tricolour at the historic Red Fort in New Delhi, to mark the **75th Independence Day of India** on August 15, 2021. While PM Modi hoisted the National Flag, flower petals were showered at the venue by two Mi 17 1V helicopters of the Indian Air Force in Amrit Formation. This is the first time ever during the celebrations that flower showering ceremony was held. The 75th year of Independence is being celebrated as **'Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav'**. The celebrations will continue till August 15, 2023.

### Government announces 'Prime Minister Gatishakti Scheme' for holistic infrastructure growth and employment



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has announced a **Rs 100 lakh crore Pradhan Mantri Gatishakti scheme**, while addressing the nation on the 75th Independence Day from Red Fort on August 15, 2021. The Pradhan Mantri Gatishakti scheme aims to adopt holistic and integrated approach in infrastructure growth and create employment opportunities for the youth of the country. The scheme will also Government will soon announce the Master Plan for the scheme, to help boost productivity of industries, and boost economic growth of the country, besides creating job opportunities for hundreds of thousands of youths.

### PM Modi sets India's target to become 'energy independent' by 2047



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has set the target of becoming **'energy independent' country by the year 2047**, the year when India will celebrate 100th year of Independence. For this, PM has announced a **'Mission Circular Economy'** that will replace petroleum with other forms of energy to make India achieve self-reliance in energy production by 2047. Mission Circular Economy would include a mix of electric mobility, gas-based economy, doping ethanol in petrol and making the country a hub for hydrogen production. Modi government has decided to set up the National Hydrogen Mission to make India a new global hub and the exporter of green hydrogen.

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## 75 Vande Bharat Express trains will connect every corner of country in 75 weeks of 'Amrit Mahotsav'



Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the nation on the occasion of 75th Independence Day on August 15, 2021 and announced that **75 'Vande Bharat' trains** would connect different parts of the country in **75 weeks of the celebration of Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav**. The 75 Vande Bharat trains will connect every corner of the country, in 75 weeks of the 'Azadi ka

Amrit Mahotsav', which is being celebrated from **March 12, 2021, upto August 15, 2023**. Presently two Vande Bharat Express trains are operating in the country by the Indian Railways. The first Vande Bharat Express operates between Varanasi and New Delhi and the other Vande Bharat Express operates between Katra and New Delhi.

## Union Minister Dr. Virendra Kumar flags off 'Operation Blue Freedom' to create a World Record at Siachen Glacier



The Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment Dr. Virendra Kumar flagged off a pioneering world record expedition named '**Operation Blue Freedom**' from Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, New Delhi on the occasion of 75th Independence Day on August 15, 2021. The **Operation Blue Freedom** expedition comprise of

a team of people with disabilities from across the country to reach Siachen Glacier, to create a new World Record, for the largest team of people with disabilities reaching the world's highest battlefield. The team of people with disabilities were trained by '**Team CLAW**', a team of Armed Forces veterans.

## Chhattisgarh gets 4 new districts to take total administrative districts to 32



**Chhattisgarh** Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has announced the creation of **four new districts and 18 new tehsils in the state**. The four new districts are: **Mohla Manpur, Sarangarh-Bilaigarh, Shakti, Manendragarh**. With the creation of four new districts, the total number of administrative districts in the state have reached **32**. Apart from this, a garden will be

developed exclusively for women in every district headquarter and the municipal corporation of the state, which will be known as the "**Minimata Udyan**".



## Afghanistan Prez Ashraf Ghani steps down, as Taliban forces takes power



**Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani** will shortly tender his **resignation** on August 15, 2021, as the government has surrendered to the Taliban forces, which entered Kabul and sought the unconditional surrender of the central government.

Following this, a new interim government has been announced, which is likely to be headed by Ali Ahmad Jalali, a US-based academic.

## PM Modi declares August 14 to be observed as ‘Partition Horrors Remembrance Day’



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has declared that, **August 14** will be observed as ‘**Partition Horrors Remembrance Day**’ or ‘**Vibhajan Vibhishika Smriti Diwas**’, in memory of people’s struggles and sacrifices during the partition of the country in 1947. The day aims to inspire us to eliminate

the poison of discrimination, animosity and ill-will, as well as strengthen unity, social harmony and human sensibilities. India will observe its 75th Independence Day on August 15, 2021.

## Dr. Jitendra Singh released “IndiGau’, India’s first Cattle Genomic Chip for the conservation of indigenous cattle breeds



Conservation of cows

Dr Jitendra Singh today released ‘**IndiGau**’ chip. It is India’s first Cattle Genomic Chip for the **conservation of pure varieties of indigenous cattle breeds** like, Gir, Kankrej, Sahiwal, Ongole etc. IndiGau chip has been developed by scientists of **National Institute of Animal Biotechnology (NAIB), Hyderabad**, an autonomous institution under the aegis of the Department of Biotechnology. The chip will help in achieving the goal of conservation of our own breeds with

better characters and help towards doubling farmers’ income by 2022.

## Ministry of Women and Child Development launches 2nd Phase of SAMVAD



Ministry of Women and Child Development has launched the **2nd phase of SAMVAD (Support, Advocacy & Mental health interventions for children in Vulnerable circumstances And Distress)**. **Purpose:** SAMVAD is a National Initiative for child protection, mental health and psychosocial care of children.

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The second phase has been launched after the completion of one year of SAMVAD. The launch was done by the **Union Minister of Women and Child Development, Smriti Zubin Irani.**

## India's first Drone Forensic Lab comes up in Kerala



India's first **Drone Forensic Lab and Research Center has come up in Kerala.** The inauguration of the center was done by the Chief Minister of Kerala, Shri. Pinarayi Vijayan. The center will help in keeping a watch over unauthorized drones and also for the production of drones for the use of the police force.

## Kaziranga becomes India's first national park with satellite phones



**Kaziranga National Park (KNP) in Assam** has become the **first national park in India to be equipped with satellite phones.** Assam Chief Secretary Jishnu Barua handed over 10 satellite phones to the forest personnel of the Kaziranga National Park. The satellite phones will

boost the anti-poaching measures in the park. BSNL will be the service provider of these phones.

## Four new sites of India added to Ramsar list as 'wetlands of International importance'



Four more wetlands from India have been added to the list of Ramsar sites, giving it the status of **'Wetland of International Importance'**. These sites are:

1. Thol, Gujarat 2. Wadhvana, Gujarat 3. Sultanpur, Haryana 4. Bhindawas, Haryana

With this, the total number of Ramsar sites in India have reached 46, covering a surface area of 1,083,322 hectares.

## Nadir Godrej to replace Adi Godrej as Chairman of Godrej Industries w.e.f October 1



**Adi Godrej** will step down as the chairman of Godrej Industries on October 01, 2021. He will be replaced by **Nadir Godrej**, his younger brother. Godrej Industries (GIL) is the holding company of the Godrej group. Presently Nadir Godrej is the Managing Director of Godrej Industries. However, Adi Godrej will continue to serve as the Chairman of Godrej Group.