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Govt organises Aarogya Dhara- 2.0 to mark the completion of 2 Cr treatments under AB-PMJAY



Ministry of Health and Family Welfare had organized an event **Aarogya Dhara- 2.0** to mark the completion of **2 Crore treatments** under Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana (**AB-PMJAY**) on August 18, 2021. The event was chaired by **Shri Mansukh Mandaviya**, Union Minister for Health and Family Welfare. Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Aarogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY) was launched in September 2018. The Scheme has now achieved the feat of more than 2 crore hospital admissions landmark and **treatments worth approximately Rs 25,000 crore.**

Ministry of Road Transport & Highways notifies Electronic Monitoring and Enforcement of Road Safety

Ministry of Road Transport and Highways has issued notification regarding Electronic Monitoring and Enforcement of Road Safety. This will be known as **Rule 167A in the Central Motor Vehicles (Seventeenth Amendment) Rules, 2021.** These rules specify the detailed provisions for **placement of electronic enforcement devices** (speed camera, closed-circuit television camera, speed gun, body wearable camera, dashboard camera, Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR), weigh-in machine (WIM) and any such technology). State Governments will be required to place electronic enforcement devices at high-risk and high-density corridors on National Highways and State Highways, and at critical junctions **at least in major cities with more than one million population and also including the 132 cities** mentioned in the gazette.

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh launches Defence India Startup Challenge-DISC 5.0

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh launched **Defence India Startup Challenge (DISC) 5.0** under Innovations for Defence Excellence – Defence Innovation Organisation (iDEX-DIO) initiative, on August 19, 2021 in New Delhi. DISC is a platform wherein the Government, Services, think tanks, industry, startups and innovators can work together to help the defence & aerospace sectors

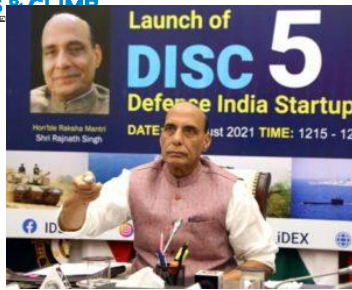
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reach full potential by creating a strong, modern & well-equipped military and an equally capable & self-reliant defence industry. The Ministry of Defence has earmarked **Rs 1,000 crore for domestic procurement through iDEX initiative for the financial year 2021-2022.** The Department of Defence Production, Ministry of Defence has approved a budgetary support of **Rs. 498.80 crore for iDEX for the next 5 years from 2021-22 to**

2025-26.

J&K Army organises 400 Km “JAZBAA-E- TIRANGA” Relay Marathon



The Indian Army in the **Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir organised a 400 Km “JAZBAA-E- TIRANGA” Relay Marathon recently.** The marathon was flagged off and led by Major General Rajeev Puri, General Officer Commanding (GOC), Ace of Spades Division. Over 300 troops participated in the event, with each of them carrying the Indian Tricolour all along the Line of Control (LoC).

Centre approves Rs 77.45 crore for revival of North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Limited (NERAMAC)



The Central Government has approved a revival package of **Rs.77.45 crore** for the revival of **North Eastern Regional Agricultural Marketing Corporation Limited (NERAMAC).** NERAMAC is a central Public Section Enterprises under the administrative control of **Ministry of Development of North Eastern Regional (MDoNER).** The Rs.77.45 crore package comprise of Rs. 17 crore towards fund based support and Rs.60.45 crore towards non-fund based support. The revival of

NERAMAC aims to ensure remunerative prices to the farmers and provide better farming facilities and training to the farmers of the North Eastern Region.

All-women team of three armed forces summits Mt Manirang in Himachal under ‘Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav’

An **‘All Women Tri-Services Mountaineering Team’** successfully scaled **Mt Manirang (21,625 ft) in Himachal Pradesh** on August 15, 2021 and unfurled the

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national flag as a part of commemorative activities for 'Azadi Ka Amrut Mahotsav', to celebrate the 75 years of Independence. The 15-member expedition team was flagged off on August 01, 2021 from Air Force Station, New

Delhi, by the Indian Air Force. The team was led by Wing Commander Bhavana Mehra of the Indian Air Force.

MoS Culture Arjun Ram Meghwal participates in 18th SCO Culture Ministers' Meeting



The **Minister of State (MoS) for Culture, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal** addressed the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) Culture Ministers Meeting on 18 August, 2021, through virtual mode. The meeting was hosted by **Tajikistan, which holds the Chairship of SCO in 2021**. The main deliberations held during the meeting

was on the development of cultural and humanitarian cooperation, prospects for cooperation in the field of culture within the SCO, including in the post-pandemic period and importance of cultural cooperation within the SCO, which has enormous potential for strengthening inter-state understanding.

India launches UNITE Aware Platform in collaboration with UN



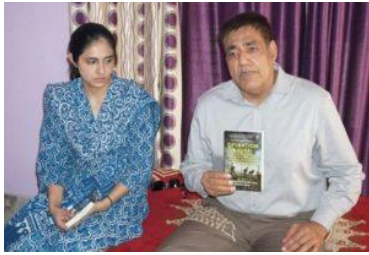
India has launched a tech platform named "**UNITE Aware**", in collaboration with the UN, for improving the safety and security of the UN peacekeepers. The platform was **launched in the presence of External Affairs Minister S**

Jaishankar at the UN headquarters. The launch of the UNITE AWARE platform came as India assumed the Presidency of the 15-nation UN Security Council for the month of August.

India has contributed **USD 1.64 million for UNITE Aware**. UNITE Aware platform will provide terrain-related information to the United Nations military personnel (Blue Helmets) in the line of duty. India has developed the technology platform in partnership with the **UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations** and the **Department of Operational Support**.

Major General Rajpal Punia Pens 'Operation Khukri' to reveal untold story of Indian Army's brave mission in Africa

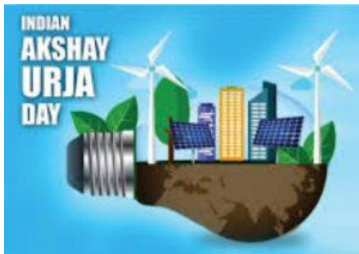
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A new book titled **‘Operation Khukri’**, on one of Indian Army’s most successful UN Peacekeeping missions, in the jungles of Sierra Leone in 2000, has been released recently. The book has been written by **Major General Rajpal Punia**, who led the Indian Peace Keeping Force in the West African country as a Major. It has been co-authored by his daughter, **Damini**. The book is published

by Penguin Random House India and will soon be republished in Hindi by Rajkamal Prakashan.

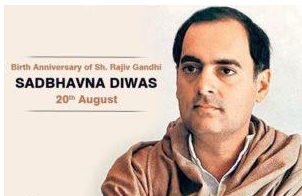
Akshay Urja Diwas 2020: 20 August



Akshay Urja Diwas (Renewable Energy Day) is observed every year on **20 August** since 2004 to raise awareness about the developments and adoption of renewable energy in India. The Akshay Urja Day was initiated by the Indian Ministry for New & Renewable Energy Sources in 2004. The energy such as Biogas, Solar Energy, Wind energy, hydroelectrical power are few

example of Akshay Urja. The main motive of Akshya urja Diwas is to make people aware that they have to think about the renewable energy (Akshya Urja) apart from tradition energy.

Sadbhavana Diwas: 20 August



Every year India observes **Sadbhavana Diwas on August 20** to commemorate the birth anniversary of late erstwhile Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi. ‘Sadbhavana’ means goodwill and bonafide. August 20, 2021 marks the 77th birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi who was the youngest Prime

Minister of India at the age of 40. The day aims to promote National Integration and Communal Harmony among people of all religions, languages and regions and stop violence.

World Mosquito Day: 20 August



World Mosquito Day is observed on **20 August** annually to raise awareness about the causes of malaria and how it can be prevented. The day also commemorates the discovery made by British doctor Sir Ronald Ross in 1897 that female mosquitoes transmit malaria between humans. In 1902, Ross won Nobel Prize for Medicine

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becoming the first British person to receive the award.



PM Modi inaugurates and lays foundation stone of multiple projects at Somnath in Gujarat



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of multiple projects in Somnath, Gujarat on August 20, 2021 via video conferencing.

Projects inaugurated included:

- Somnath Promenade – This project is developed under PRASHAD (Pilgrimage Rejuvenation and Spiritual, Heritage Augmentation Drive) Scheme, at a cost of over Rs. 47 crore.
- Somnath Exhibition Centre – This centre has been developed in the premises of ‘Tourist Facilitation Centre’. It displays the exhibits from dismantled parts of old Somnath temple and its sculptures having Nagar style temple architecture of old Somnath.
- Reconstructed temple precinct of Old (Juna) Somnath – This temple is also known as Ahilyabai Temple because it was built by Queen Ahilyabai of Indore. The reconstructed project has been completed by Shree Somnath Trust with a total outlay of Rs 3.5 crore.
- **Foundation Stone:** The project for which the foundation stone was laid was Shree Parvati Temple. Total outlay of project is Rs. 30 Crore. The project includes construction of temple in Sompura Salats Style, development of Garbha Griha and Nritya Mandap.

Amitabh Bachchan Becomes India’s First Celebrity Voice For Amazon’s Alexa

Amitabh Bachchan has become **India’s First Celebrity to lend his voice for Amazon’s Alexa**. His voice will be available both in English and Hindi language. The cost of adding Amitabh Bachchan’s voice to Alexa will be Rs 149 per year.

Govt forms Committee for doubling the production of handlooms; Chairman- Sunil Sethi

Government of India has constituted an **8-member Committee** with an aim of doubling the production and quadrupling the exports of **handlooms** in 3 years.

Shri Sunil Sethi, Chairman of Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI) New Delhi, is the Chairman of the committee.

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Apple tops Hurun Global 500 Most Valuable Companies list 2021; Reliance top Indian

Apple is the world's most valuable company (USD 2,443 billion) according to the Hurun Global 500 Most Valuable Companies list 2021. Reliance Industries (USD 188 billion) ranked at 57 is the top Indian company in the list. There are total 12 Indian companies in this list. Microsoft is second while Amazon is second in the list. In terms of number of companies from a country, USA led the ranking with 243 companies while India is ranked 9th with 12 companies.

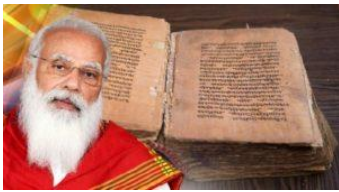
Shanti Lal Jain appointed MD and CEO of Indian Bank



Shanti Lal Jain has been appointed as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Indian Bank for a period of three years. He will replace Ms. Padmaja Chundurur as MD and CEO of Indian Bank. Shanti Lal Jain is currently the Executive Director (ED) at Bank of Baroda. He will

take charge after September 01, 2021.

India Celebrates Sanskrit Week 2021 From August 19 To 25



In 2021, India is observing the Sanskrit Week from August 19 to August 25, 2021. Aim: to promote, popularise and cherish the importance of ancient language.

World Sanskrit Day – In 2021, the Sanskrit Day will be celebrated on August 22, 2021. The day is celebrated on the full moon day of the month of Shravan, which also marks the occasion of Raksha Bandhan each year. World Sanskrit Day was first declared in 1969, by the Indian Government on the occasion of Raksha Bandhan.

World Senior Citizen Day: 21 August



The World Senior Citizen Day is observed globally on August 21 every year to raise awareness about issues affecting older people, such as deterioration with age and the abuse of the elderly and support, honor and show appreciation to seniors and to recognize their achievements. The Day was proclaimed by the United Nations General Assembly on December 14, 1990. The day was officially founded by the former President of the United States of America, Ronald Reagan in 1988 to dedicate a day to older adults and their issues.

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International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism: 21 August



The **International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism** is a UN recognised day observed on **August 21** to pay tribute to the individuals across the globe who have been attacked, injured, traumatized or lost their lives because of terrorist attacks. The day was designated by United Nations General Assembly in 2017 and first time the day was observed in 2018..

India's highest herbal park inaugurated in Uttarakhand



India's highest altitude herbal park has been inaugurated on Saturday at Mana village in **Chamoli district of Uttarakhand**. The herbal park is situated at a height of 11,000 feet and is close to the Indo-China border. **Mana is the last Indian village in Chamoli** bordering China and is adjacent to Badrinath temple.

India's largest Floating Solar PV Project commissioned in Andhra Pradesh by NTPC

NTPC has commissioned the **largest floating solar PV project in India** of 25MW power on the reservoir of its Simhadri thermal station in **Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**. This is also the **first solar project to be set up under the Flexibilisation Scheme**. This scheme was notified by the Government of India in 2018. NTPC is also planning to set up a hydrogen-based micro-grid system on a pilot basis at Simhadri.

Delhi-Chandigarh Highway becomes India's first e-vehicle friendly highway



The **Delhi-Chandigarh Highway** has become the **first e-vehicle friendly highway in India**. The Union Heavy Industries Minister Dr. Mahendra Nath Pandey inaugurated **India's first Solar Electric Vehicle (EV) Charging Station at the Karnal Lake Resort** on August 19, 2021. The newly launched EV charging station at the Karnal lake resort is strategically located at the midpoint of the Delhi-Chandigarh highway.

Hisar Airport in Haryana renamed as Maharaja Agrasen International Airport



Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar has announced to rename the **Hisar Airport as Maharaja Agrasen International Airport**. The Hisar Airport is a domestic airport and the first DGCA licensed Public Aerodrome of the State. This airport is presently under upgradation to be transformed as an international airport by 30 March 2024.

World Bank Unveils Donor Trust Fund



New Cybersecurity Multi-

The **World Bank** has launched a new '**Cybersecurity Multi-Donor Trust Fund**', to better roll-out cybersecurity development agenda in a systematic manner.. The new fund has been developed as an associated trust fund under the broader Digital Development Partnership (DDP) umbrella program. World Bank has partnered with four countries, namely **Estonia, Japan, Germany, and the Netherlands**, to launch the fund. The main aim of this new fund is enhance cyber and digital security capability and capacity in World Bank member countries, with development of global knowledge, country assessments, technical assistance, capacity building and training, along with necessary investments in infrastructure and technology.

CVC re-appoints T M Bhasin as Chairman of Advisory Board for Banking Frauds

The Central Vigilance Commission (CVC) has announced the re-appointment of T M Bhasin as chairman of the Advisory Board for Banking and Financial Frauds (ABBFF). The panel was constituted to examine bank frauds of over Rs 50 crore and recommend action. The former vigilance commissioner, CVC, Mr. Bhasin will now continue to head the board for a further period of two years, with effect from August 21, 2021.

Other members of four-member reconstituted ABBFF are:

1. Madhusudan Prasad – former secretary of Ministry of Urban Development;
2. D K Pathak – former director-general of BSF;
3. David Rasquinha – former managing director of EXIM Bank

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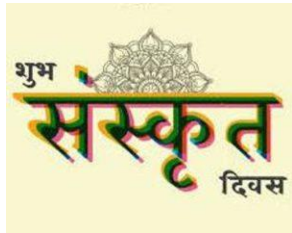


Ismail Sabri Yaakob appointed as new Prime Minister of Malaysia

Ismail Sabri Yaakob has been appointed as the new **Prime Minister of Malaysia**. Before this, he was the Deputy Prime Minister of Malaysia. He will succeed Muhyiddin Yassin as the PM, who resigned from the post after losing majority support in the lower house of parliament. The appointment of Yaakob was done by **Malaysia's King Sultan Abdullah Sultan Ahmad Shah**.



World Sanskrit Day 2021: 22 August



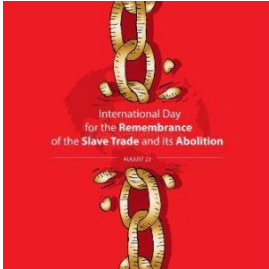
The World Sanskrit Day, (also known as **Sanskrit Diwas**), is celebrated every year on Shraavanapurnima, that is the Purnima day of the Shraavana month in the Hindu calendar, which is also marked as Raksha Bandhan. In 2021, this day is being observed on **August 22, 2021**. The day commemorates the ancient Indian language of Sanskrit and aims to promote its revival and maintenance. The Government of India decided to celebrate World Sanskrit Day in 1969, on the occasion of *Raksha Bandhan* that falls on the full moon day of the Hindu month of *Shravana*.

International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief: 22 August

The **International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief** is observed on **August 22 every year since 2019**.

The day aims to remember the victims and survivors of evil acts on the basis of or in the name of religion or belief. It spreads awareness that international communities must work together to achieve justice for the survivors of past abuses by holding perpetrators accountable, and demonstrating to governments that action must be taken to 'never again' tolerate genocide or other atrocities. The day was adopted at the 73rd UN General Assembly on 28 May 2019 as proposed by Poland.

International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition : 23 August



International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition is a **UNESCO** designated day held every year on August 23 to memorialize the transatlantic slave trade. It was on the night of 22 and 23 August 1791, in Santo Domingo (today Haiti and the Dominican Republic) that saw the beginning of the uprising that would play a crucial role in the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade. It is a day to honour the memory of the men and women who, in Saint-Domingue in 1791, revolted and paved the way for the end of slavery and dehumanization.

Former UP CM Kalyan Singh passes away



Former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, **Kalyan Singh** passed away at the age of 89 years due to multiple organ failure. He had served as the CM of Uttar Pradesh twice and was the CM of UP during the demolition of the Babri Masjid. He had also served as the **governor of Rajasthan**.