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Prime Minister Narendra Modi lays foundation stone of Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh University in UP's Aligarh



Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi laid the foundation stone of **Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh State University at Aligarh, in Uttar Pradesh**, on September 14, 2021. The Uttar Pradesh government is establishing the university in the memory and honour of noted Jat figure, Raja Mahendra Pratap Singh, the great freedom fighter, educationist and social reformer. The University will be spread over an area of over 92 acres at Lodha village and Musepur Kareem Jarouli village of Kol tehsil in Aligarh, and will provide affiliation to 395 colleges of the Aligarh division..

India–Africa Defence Dialogue to be held biennially at every DefExpo

The Government of India has proposed to institutionalise the India-Africa Defence Dialogue, as a **regular event**, to be held on the sidelines of the biennial DefExpo military



exhibition. The first India-Africa Defence Ministers Conclave (IADMC) was held at DefExpo in February 2020 in Lucknow. Following this, the **second India – Africa Defence Dialogue** will be held on the sidelines of the DefExpo, scheduled to be held at **Gandhinagar, Gujarat in March 2022**. The **Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses in New Delhi**, shall be the knowledge partner of India Africa Defence Dialogue to assist in providing necessary support for enhanced defence cooperation between the two countries. **Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh** will host the

Defence Ministers of African Nations at the upcoming India – Africa Defence Dialogue.

The theme of 2nd India Africa Defence Dialogue will be **‘India – Africa: Adopting Strategy for Synergizing and Strengthening Defence and Security Cooperation’**.

PM Narendra Modi to attend first in-person Quad Summit at White House on September 24

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to attend the first-ever in-person **QUAD (Quadrilateral Security Dialogue) Leaders’ Summit at the White House, in Washington D.C.** on September 24, 2021. Quad nation comprise of India, Japan, the US and Australia. PM Modi will also address the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)



in New York on September 25, 2021. This will be the first visit of PM Modi to the United States since President Joe Biden assumed office and also the **first in-person meeting between the two leaders** since Biden assumed office. The Quad Summit aims to deepen ties and increase cooperation in areas such as combatting COVID-19, addressing the climate crisis, partnering on emerging technologies and

cyberspace, and promoting a free and open Indo-Pacific

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RBI announces Opening of Third Cohort under the Regulatory Sandbox- Theme 'MSME Lending'



The Reserve Bank of India has announced the theme for the **Third Cohort under the Regulatory Sandbox (RS)** as **'MSME Lending'**. The application for the Third Cohort will be kept open from October 01, 2021 to November 14, 2021. Before this, RBI has launched two cohort under the regulatory sandbox. These are:

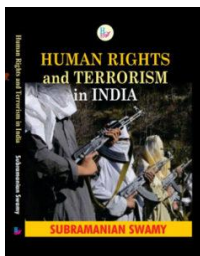
First Cohort– First Cohort under the Regulatory Sandbox was launched by RBI in December 2020, with the **theme as 'Retail Payments'**. **Six entities** have completed the testing phase of the cohort.

Second Cohort– Second Cohort under the Regulatory Sandbox was announced by RBI in December 2020 with the **theme as 'Cross Border Payments'**. **Eight entities** have been selected for the 'Test Phase'.

India and Singapore to link their Fast Payment Systems – Unified Payments Interface and PayNow

Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the **Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS)** have announced a project under which the two central banks will **link** their respective fast payment systems viz. **Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and PayNow**. The linkage will enable users of each of the two fast payment systems to make fund transfer from India to Singapore and vice versa using UPI and PayNow. The linkage is targeted for operationalisation by **July 2022**. PayNow is the fast payment system of Singapore which enables peer-to-peer funds transfer service.

Subramanian Swamy comes out with book titled Human Rights and Terrorism in India



BJP MP Subramanian Swamy has launched his new book titled **"Human Rights and Terrorism in India"**. In this book Swamy has shed light on how the combating of terrorism can be harmonized with human and fundamental rights within reasonable restrictions that are permitted by the Constitution and upheld by the Supreme Court.

UK's Susanna Clarke wins Women's Prize for Fiction 2021



English author **Susanna Clarke** has won the **Women's Prize for Fiction 2021** for her second novel **'Piranesi'**. The Women's Prize for Fiction is one of the United Kingdom's most prestigious literary prizes. It is awarded annually, since 1996, to a female author of any nationality for the best original full-length novel written in English.

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Joe Root of England and Ireland's Eimear Richardson named ICC Players of the Month for August 2021



England Test skipper **Joe Root** has been voted as the winners of the **ICC Men's Player of the Month for August 2021**. Among women, Ireland's **Eimear Richardson** has bagged the **ICC Women's Player of the Month for August 2021**.

Brendan Taylor of Zimbabwe Announces Retirement From International Cricket



Former **Zimbabwe skipper and wicket-keeper batsman Brendan Taylor** has announced his retirement from **international cricket**. He made the announcement while playing third final ODI match on September 13, 2021, against Ireland. The 34-year batsman made his ODI debut for Zimbabwe in 2004 against Sri Lanka. He has scored 6677 runs from 204 ODI matches in his **17-year ODI career**.

International Day of Democracy: 15 September

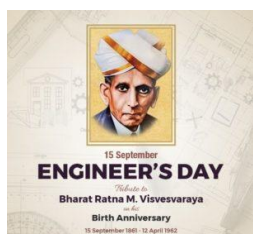
INTERNATIONAL
DAY OF DEMOCRACY
SEPTEMBER 15



The **International Day of Democracy** is celebrated across the world on **15 September** each year, since 2008. It was established through a resolution passed by the UN General Assembly in 2007, for promoting and upholding the principles of democracy and provide an opportunity to review the state of democracy in the world. The theme for 2021 International Day of Democracy

is **"Strengthening democratic resilience in the face of future crises"**

National Engineer's Day: 15 September



In India, the **Engineer's Day** is celebrated on **September 15** every year, since 1968, to recognise the contribution of engineers' in the development of the nation. The day marks the birth anniversary of the engineering pioneer of India, **Sir Mokshagundam Vishweshwaraya**, (popularly known as Sir MV). Sir MV was regarded as the **"Father of Modern Mysore"**. He was awarded 'Bharat Ratna' for his exceptional contribution to the building of India in 1955.

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World Lymphoma Awareness Day: 15 September

The **World Lymphoma Awareness Day (WLAD)** is observed on **September 15** every year. The day is dedicated to raising awareness of lymphoma, an increasingly common form of cancer. WLAD is a global initiative, initiated in 2004 by the Lymphoma Coalition (LC), a non-profit network organisation of 83 lymphoma patient groups from 52 countries around the world.

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