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1. Patongtarn Shinawatra becomes the new Prime Minister of Thailand.

The Parliament of Thailand on August 16 elected Patongtarn Shinawatra as its youngest Prime Minister. Patongtarn, 37, received 319 votes, nearly two-thirds of the House. Her victory makes her the second female Prime Minister of Thailand, the second woman to hold the post after her aunt Yingluck Shinawatra.



2. Vijay Mohan Kwatra takes charge as India's Ambassador to the US.

Vinay Mohan Kwatra took charge as India's Ambassador to the United States on August 13. Earlier, he was serving as India's Foreign Secretary, and he has replaced Taranjit Singh Sandhu. Kwatra is a veteran Indian diplomat, born in 1962. He has served as the 34th Foreign Secretary of India from May 2022 to July 14, 2024 and has previously served as India's Ambassador to France and Nepal.



3. Sandeep Pundrik becomes new Secretary of Steel Ministry.

Shri Sandeep Pundrik has assumed charge as Secretary, Ministry of Steel. Pundrik, a 1993 batch IAS officer of Bihar cadre, was welcomed by senior officials of the Ministry on his appointment.



4. World Humanitarian Day 2024.

World Humanitarian Day 2024 will be celebrated on August 19, honoring the dedication and courage of humanitarian workers. The day highlights the unwavering commitment of individuals who devote their lives to providing aid to those in need in times of crisis. This year's theme, "#NoMatterWhat:



5. RBI approves appointment of Sali Sukumaran Nair as MD, CEO of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank.

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the appointment of Sali Sukumaran Nair as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB) for a period of three years. Prior to this, Nair was working as the deputy managing director and chief credit officer of State Bank of India, where he handled the responsibility of managing the loan portfolio.



6. Acting ED chief Rahul Naveen appointed as whole-time director for two years.

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Shri Rahul Naveen as Director of Enforcement in the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for a period of two years. Naveen will hold the post from the date of his appointment or until further orders, whichever is earlier. Naveen, 57, took over as Special Director in the ED in November 2019.



7. Para shuttler Pramod Bhagat suspended for anti-doping rule violation.

Para shuttler Pramod Bhagat has been suspended by the Badminton World Federation for 18 months for violating anti-doping rules. Due to this suspension, Pramod Bhagat will not be able to participate in the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games. Pramod Bhagat, who is a gold medalist at the Tokyo 2020 Paralympics, is accused of violating anti-doping rules. Under the World Anti-Doping Code (Code), an attempt is made to make anti-doping rules in sports uniform across the world.



8. RBL Bank announces Vijay Fixed Deposits to commemorate 78th Independence Day.

On the occasion of Independence Day, RBL Bank has introduced a new FD scheme, Vijay Fixed Deposits, for investors. The scheme is dedicated to the courage and sacrifice of brave soldiers and offers attractive returns to investors. The Vijay FD scheme is available for a limited period, and an amount of less than Rs 3 crore can be deposited in it. The scheme will mature in 500 days, and investors can also withdraw before maturity if needed.



1. R.N. Agarwal, who passed away recently, is known by which other name?

A - Father of Indian nuclear program

B - Father of Agni missiles

C - Father of Indian space program

D - Father of PSLV program

Scientist RN Agarwal, who made significant contributions to India's defense capabilities, died on the night of August 15 at the age of 83. He played an important role in making the Agni missile project a success, in which he solved many technical problems from the design of the missile to its testing.



2. Which of the following Central Armed Police Forces received the highest number of Police Medals for Gallantry on Independence Day?

A - Border Security Force (BSF)

B - Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP)

C - Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)

D - National Security Guard (NSG)

The Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) has received 52 Police Medals for Gallantry on the occasion of 78th Independence Day. The awardees were announced by the Home Ministry on Wednesday.



3. On which day did the nation pay tribute to former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee on his death anniversary?

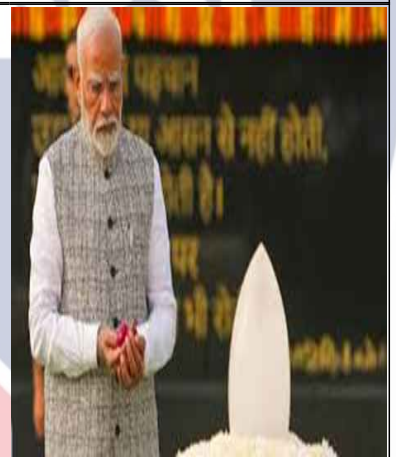
A - 14 August

B - 16 August

C - 15 August

D - 17 August

On the sixth death anniversary of former Prime Minister and Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee, tributes were paid today at his samadhi sthal 'Sadhaiv Atal'. On this occasion, President Draupadi Murmu first paid tribute. After this, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar also paid tribute to the former PM.



4. Recently, IPS Nalin Prabhat was appointed as the new Director General of Police (DGP) of which state, which will be effective from October 1?

A - Punjab

B - Jammu and Kashmir

C - Uttar Pradesh

D - Himachal Pradesh

The appointment of 1992 batch Andhra Pradesh cadre IPS officer Nalin Prabhat as the new police chief of Jammu and Kashmir has been announced. He will be currently posted as Special Director General (SDG) and will take over as DGP of Jammu and Kashmir from October 1. Nalin Prabhat has been approved inter-state deputation to AGMUT cadre for three years.



5. Who will be awarded the Donostia Prize at this year's San Sebastian Film Festival?

- A - Tilda Swinton
C - Penélope Cruz
B - Pedro Almodovar
D - Antonio Banderas

Spanish director Pedro Almodovar will be awarded the Donostia Prize for his "exceptional contribution to cinema" at this year's San Sebastian Film Festival. Almodovar's second film, *Pepi, Luci, Bom*, premiered in San Sebastian in 1980, further cementing his deep bond with the city. He also made his first collaboration with Antonio Banderas and Angel Luis Fernández with *Labyrinth of Passions* (1982), which established him as a significant talent.



6. Who won the Best Actor award for the film 'Kantara' at the 70th National Film Awards?

- A - Rishab Shetty
C - Aniruddha Bhattacharya
B - Vijay Kiragandur
D - Kishore Kumar

The winners of the 70th National Film Awards were announced on Friday. The Best Hindi Film award this year went to Manoj Bajpayee's *Gulmohar*, which also received a Special Mention. Among other language films, Tamil film *Ponniyin Selvan Part 1* and Kannada film *Kadhikan* also won awards. The Best Actor award went to Rishab Shetty for his blockbuster film *Kantara*. Mammooty and Rishab Shetty were in competition in this category.



7. Which country has received a consignment of about 1,400 kg of anti-cancer drugs from India for humanitarian assistance?

- A - Syria
C - Iraq
B - Lebanon
D - Jordan

India has sent humanitarian assistance to Syria, which includes about 1400 kg of anti-cancer drugs. Ministry of External Affairs spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal informed about this assistance and said that these medicines will help the Syrian government and people to fight the disease. India and Syria have historical and cordial relations, and the Indian Embassy in Syria continued its services even during the conflict.



8. Which new feature was introduced in version 2.0 of the 'Floodwatch India' app launched by the Ministry of Jal Shakti?

- A - Adding financial assistance tool for flood-affected areas
C - Integration of historical flood data of last 50 years
B - Expanding coverage to 592 monitoring stations
D - Support for 10 additional regional languages

Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil launched version 2.0 of the 'Floodwatch India' mobile application developed by the Central Water Commission (CWC) in New Delhi. The application provides flood situation information and forecast, and was released as the first version on August 17, 2023.





One Liner

1. R.N. Agrawal, who passed away recently, is also known by which other name? - **Father of Agni missiles**
2. Which of the following Central Armed Police Forces received the highest number of Police Medals for Gallantry on Independence Day? - **Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF)**
3. On which day did the nation pay tribute to former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee on his death anniversary? - **16 August**
4. Recently IPS Nalin Prabhat was appointed as the new Director General of Police (DGP) of which state, which will be effective from October 1? - **Jammu and Kashmir**
5. Who will be awarded the Donostia Award at the San Sebastian Film Festival this year? - **Pedro Almodovar**
6. Who won the Best Actor award for the film 'Kantara' at the 70th National Film Awards? - **Rishab Shetty**
7. Which new feature was introduced in the version 2.0 of the 'Floodwatch India' app launched by the Ministry of Jal Shakti? - **Expansion of coverage to 592 monitoring stations**
8. Which country has received about 1,400 kg of anti-cancer drugs from India for humanitarian assistance? The consignment has been received. - **Syria**
9. How many athletes is India sending as part of its contingent to Paris Paralympics 2024. - **84**
10. Which country recently became the 18th member state of the United Nations Command (UNC) in South Korea. - **Germany**

