

August 14 - Pakistan celebrates 72nd Independence Day

- **The Governor of Manipur** inaugurated the project “**Development of North East Circuit: Imphal & Khongjom**” implemented under the **Swadesh Darshan Scheme** of Ministry of Tourism in Imphal, Manipur.
- **Trifed** has supplied the **handfans “Pankha”** to **Ministry of Defence** for those **invitees** who will attend the Independence Day flag hosting ceremony at Red Fort in Delhi.
- As part of the ‘**Shahadat Ko Salam**’ (**A salute to martyrdom**) programme, a **record 700-km-long human chain** was formed in **Rajasthan’s border districts** as a **tribute to the martyrs** on the eve of the Independence Day.
- **The Government of Australia** has decided to **recommence the Adoption Programme with India**, as per Hague Convention on Inter-Country Adoption.
- The government proposed a new transaction structure for the **bid process for greenfield airports**, switching from a **revenue share model to a fixed fee per passenger** to be paid to the concessioning authority.
- **World’s most liveable city (Global Liveability Index)** – 1) Vienna 2) Melbourne
- **India’s most valuable brand** – 1) Tata 2) Airtel 3) Infosys
- **India’s strongest brand** - HDFC Bank
- **India’s fastest-growing brand** - Kotak Mahindra Bank
- **Brand Ambassador for Road Safety Campaigns** - Film Actor Akshay Kumar
- **Head coach of the Indian Women’s Team** - Ramesh Powar
- The **Forest Department** will launch a **Green Mysuru drive** on August 15 as part of **Hasiru Karnataka programme** to **increase the tree cover of the city and the district**.
- **Ministry of AYUSH** has introduced new Central Sector scheme for **promoting pharmacovigilance of Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani and Homoeopathy (ASU&H) Drugs**.

- Suresh Prabhu, Minister of Civil Aviation unveiled a **new transaction structure for future greenfield airports** proposed under **NABH Nirmaan 2018**.
- Higher Education Institutions of **HRD Ministry** under its flagship program **Unnat Bharat Abhiyan (UBA) 2.0** will participate in **Gram Sabhas** to be organised on the occasion of Independence Day
- **‘Project Disha’**, a partnership of the **India Development Foundation** and the **United Nations Development Programme**, will conduct a **two-day placement drive for women students** at the M G University campus.
- **Record of Discussion (ROD)** for the project on **Capacity Development on Rail Safety** was signed between **Ministry of Railways** and **Japan International Cooperation Agency**
- **Vayu Sena Medal** - Sergeant Shashidhar P Prasad Indian Air Force (Garud)
- **Vayu Sena Medal (Gallantry)** - Squadron Leader Vernon Desmond Keane Flying (Pilot)
- **Vayu Sena Medal (Gallantry)** - Group Captain Abhishek Sharma Flying (Pilot)
- **Presidents’s Police Medal for Distinguished Services** - Dr. S. N. Pandey, Inspector General, Railway Board
- **NASI-Young Scientist Platinum Jubilee Awards** – 1) Dr. Sushmee Badhulika 2) Dr. Aravind Kumar Rengan
- The **Ministry of Railways** will be releasing its **new All India Railway Time Table** known as **“TRAINS AT A GLANCE (TAG)”** effective from 15th August, 2018.
- **NITI Aayog** has launched **“Pitch to MOVE”** - a mobility pitch competition that aims to provide budding entrepreneurs of India a unique opportunity to pitch their business ideas to a distinguished jury.
- **Sri Lanka defeated South Africa** by three wickets in the **one-off T20I**