

August 9 - 76th anniversary of Quit India movement**August 9 – Nagasaki Day****August 9 - International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples**

- **Theme** - “Indigenous peoples’ migration and movement”.
- The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, hosted an ‘**At Home’ reception for freedom fighters** on the **76th anniversary of Quit India Day** August 9, 2018 at Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- **Non-Resident Indians cannot file Right to Information (RTI) applications** to seek governance-related information from the Central government departments.
- **Lixil, a Tokyo-based world leader in manufacturing building materials and housing equipment**, had its **first sanitary ware unit** in India inaugurated in Bhimadole, **Andhra Pradesh**.
- **Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemicals Ltd., (MRPL)**, has begun preparatory work for the **State’s first seawater reverse osmosis desalination plant** land leased out by New Mangalore Port Trust (NMPT) in **Karnataka**.
- **Saudi Arabia** has frozen ties and **banned new trade deals** with **Canada**.
- **Washington** would **impose fresh sanctions on Russia** after it determined that Moscow had used a nerve agent against a former Russian agent and his daughter in Britain.
- **The United Arab Emirates (UAE)** has emerged as the **top source of inward remittances**, while **Kerala** has **received the maximum funds** sent from abroad.
- **Taiwan’s Wistron**, a contract manufacturer of **Apple iPhones in India**, plans to invest Rs.1,150 crore in **Karnataka**.
- **International Monetary Fund (IMF)** forecasts **India’s gross domestic product (GDP)** is poised to grow by **7.3% in the 2018-19** fiscal and **7.5% in 2019-20**.
- **Shri Harivansh** - Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha

- The Union Cabinet has approved the signing the **MoU between India and Indonesia on health cooperation.**
- The Union Cabinet has approved the **extension of the term of the Commission to examine the issue of Sub-categorization of Other Backward Classes** in the Central List till November, 2018.
- The Union Cabinet has approved the **creation of two posts equivalent to Joint Secretary level in the Interpreters' cadre of the Ministry of External Affairs.**
- The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of the **MoU between "Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)" and "Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada (CPA Canada)".**
- The Union Cabinet gave its ex-post facto approval to the **MoU between India and Korea on Trade Remedy Cooperation.**
- The Union Cabinet was apprised of **joint issue of Postage Stamps on India-South Africa on the theme, "20 Years of Strategic Partnership between India and South Africa".**
- The Union Cabinet has approved a **MoU between India and Indonesia on Scientific and Technological Cooperation.**
- The Union Cabinet has given the approval for **raising of four (4) additional battalions of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF).**
- The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the **release of pulses to States/UTs at discounted rate to be utilized for various Welfare Schemes from the stock of pulses procured under Price Support Schemes (PSS).**
- **MoU signed between Ministry of Health and Ministry of Tribal Affairs for working in a cooperative partnership to improve the health and well-being of students in tribal schools.**
- **MoU signed between TRIFED (M/o Tribal Affairs) and National Medicinal Plant Board (M/o AYUSH) to promote Medicinal and Aromatic Plants forest produce for livelihood development among tribals.**
- The government approved the **continuation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) beyond the 12th five year plan period.**

- The Union Cabinet approved the **inclusion of provision of granting bail to men** found guilty of **giving instant triple talaq** to their wives in the Muslim Women Protection of Rights on Marriage Bill.
- **India and Myanmar** operationalised the **landmark Land Border Crossing Agreement**.

Minister of state for Culture (I/C), Dr. Mahesh Sharma, released 3 books

- **‘Jewellery’** - Dr. Gulab Kothari
- **‘Ghats of Banaras’** - Dr. Sachidanand Joshi
- **‘Untold Story of Broadcasting’** - Dr. Gautam Chatterjee
- **The Supreme Court** finalised a new charter for the **Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI)** while **rejecting** the **‘one State one vote’** recommendation of the **Justice R.M. Lodha Committee**.