

IMPORTANT DAYS

August 9 - 76th anniversary of Quit India movement

- On August 9 in 1942, father of the nation Mahatma Gandhi gave the clarion call of Do or Die to all Indians to drive away Britishers from the country. The day is observed as August Kranti Day every year.

August 9 – Nagasaki Day

- On this day in 1945, a second atom bomb is dropped on Japan by the United States, at Nagasaki, resulting finally in Japan's unconditional surrender.

August 9 - International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples

- August 9 is commemorated as the International Day of the World’s Indigenous Peoples in recognition of the first meeting of the United Nations Working Group on Indigenous Populations in Geneva in 1982.
- **Theme** - “Indigenous peoples’ migration and movement”.

NATIONAL

New Delhi

President of India hosts ‘At Home’ reception

- 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.

NRIs cannot file RTI applications

- Non-Resident Indians cannot file Right to Information (RTI) applications to seek governance-related information from the Central government departments.

Andhra Pradesh

Lixil marks its India entry with plant in Bhimadole

- Lixil, a Tokyo-based world leader in manufacturing building materials and housing equipment, had its first sanitary ware unit in India inaugurated in Andhra Pradesh.

Karnataka

State's first seawater desalination plant starts

- 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).

INTERNATIONAL

Saudi Arabia banned trade deals with Canada

- Saudi Arabia has frozen ties and banned new trade deals with Canada after Canada urged the release of jailed civil rights activists.

U.S. to impose new sanctions on Russia

- 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.

BUSINESS & ECONOMY

UAE top source of inward remittances in 2016-17

- The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has emerged as the top source of inward remittances, while Kerala has received the maximum funds sent from abroad, according to the Reserve Bank of India's survey of inward remittances for 2016-17.

'Taiwan's Wistron to invest in Karnataka'

- Taiwan's Wistron, a contract manufacturer of Apple iPhones in India, plans to invest Rs.1,150 crore in Karnataka.

IMF forecasts India's GDP to grow at 7.5% in 2019-20 fiscal year

- 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.

APPOINTMENTS

- **Shri Harivansh** - Deputy Chairman of the Rajya Sabha

MOU, AGREEMENTS & CABINET APPROVALS

MoU between India and Indonesia

- The Union Cabinet has approved the signing the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Indonesia on health cooperation.

Extension of the term of the Commission to examine the issue of Sub-categorization of OBC

- 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.

Creation of two posts equivalent to Joint Secretary level

- 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.

MoU between India and Canada

- The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of the "Memorandum of Understanding (MoU)" between "Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)" and "Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada (CPA Canada)".

MoU between India and Korea

- The Union Cabinet gave its ex-post facto approval to the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Korea on Trade Remedy Cooperation.

Joint issue of postage stamp between India and South Africa

- 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".

MoU between India and Indonesia

- The Union Cabinet has approved a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India and Indonesia on Scientific and Technological Cooperation.

Four additional battalions of National Disaster Response Force

- The Union Cabinet has given the approval for raising of four (4) additional battalions of National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) to strengthen the India's disaster response set up at an estimated cost of Rs 637 crore.

Release of pulses procured from farmers under Price Support Scheme to States

- 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).

Health Ministry signs MoU with the Ministry of Tribal Affairs

- 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 and National Medicinal Plant Board

- 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.

Nod for extending PMGSY beyond 12th five year plan

- The government approved the continuation of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) beyond the 12th five year plan period.

Cabinet approves inclusion of provision of bail in instant triple talaq bill

- 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, Myanmar land border crossing pact

- India and Myanmar operationalised the landmark Land Border Crossing Agreement. Delegations from both sides came to Tamu in Manipur to inaugurate check-points on both sides of the border.

BOOKS & AUTHORS

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

SPORTS

SC junks 'one State one vote' proposal of Lodha panel

- 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 and altering the cooling-off period for cricket bosses.