

National News

IMS Noida has launched a Zero-Waste campus.

- **The Indian Pollution Control Association (IPCA) and Noida Institute of Management Studies (IMS)** have jointly launched the **Zero-Waste Campus** in August 2023.
- It focuses on efficient recycling processes, source separation and complete disposal of waste and the complex is designed with the aim of achieving **100% recycling** by installing an **Aerobin machine to remove waste**.

Memorial Day is observed as a national day to remember those who lost their lives during the partition of India.

- **India** observes **August 14, 2023** as **Partition Day** to honor the fierce struggles and sacrifices that took place during the partition of **India** and **Pakistan** in **1947**.
- Indian Prime Minister Modi has declared **14th August** as **Partition Memorial Day** or "**Vibhajan Vibhishika Smriti Diwas**". Our Prime Minister said that this day reminds us of the need to eradicate the deadly poison of social divisions and disharmony and further strengthen the spirit of **social harmony, unity and human empowerment**.

A joint venture agreement has been signed between the Union Ministry of Tourism and MakeMyTrip to facilitate the travel of tourists.

- **MakeMyTrip**, an online travel services company, has entered into an MoU with the **Union Ministry of Tourism** on **August 13** to promote various tourist destinations in the country and facilitate their travel.
- The agreement is aimed at enhancing the company's "**Traveler's Map of India**" **microsite** and making it easier for travelers to find places within the country.
- It is notable that this **microsite** is designed in line with the **DekhoApnaDesh** scheme of the **Central Government**.

International news

Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar has been appointed as the Care-Taker Prime Minister of Pakistan.

- The President of Pakistan **Dr. Arif Alvi** has approved the decision to appoint **Balochistan Awami League Party (BAP) Senator Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar** as the **Care-Taker Prime Minister of Pakistan** in **August 2023**.
- The agreement was made after a consensus was reached between the **opposition** and **Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif** during the talks held in the country's capital, **Islamabad**, on August 12, 2023. It is notable that he has previously served as the "**Government Spokesman**" of **Balochistan** from **2015 to 2017**.

Anita Shah has been sworn in as Nepal's Union Affairs Minister.

- In a **Cabinet reshuffle** of **Nepal**, **Nepal Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal** has appointed **Anita Devi Shah** as the **Union Minister of Public Administration and Federation** to replace **Aman Lal** on 13 August 2023.
- With this, he has reshuffled the cabinet for the **11th time**. It is also significant that **Dahal** has already reshuffled the **cabinet 10 times within 8 months of coming to power and with this appointment he has formed the 11th cabinet**.

State news

"Trichy" has been selected as the best Municipal Corporation of Tamil Nadu.

- **The Tamil Nadu Government** has mentioned in a recent announcement that the **Trichy Corporation** has been selected as the **Best Performing Corporation** in Tamil Nadu for the year 2023. The award for this is going to be presented to the **Mayor of Trichy** on behalf of the **Hon'ble Chief Minister**.
- These awards are presented by **Hon'ble Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu** every year on **Independence Day** to the **best performing Municipalities, Boroughs and Corporations in the state**.

A project to build the country's largest new IT hub in Lucknow.

- The August 2023 announcement mentioned that preparatory work for setting up a new and **country's largest IT center in Lucknow**, the capital of the state of **Uttar Pradesh**, has been initiated by the Chief Minister.
- It has been announced that the **State Rajkiya Nirman Nigam(UPRNN)** has already drawn up a blueprint for setting up an **IT Technology Park and Center** on nearly **40 acres** and an **International Incubation Facility** on **6.9 acres** in **Amausi and Nadarganj Industrial Areas** on **Kanpur Road in the main city** and work is underway.

The Union Minister has launched schemes to improve coastal defense in Gujarat.

- **Union Home Minister Amit Shah** has launched various development projects in August 2023 aimed at **improving border and coastal security** and building and upgrading its infrastructural facilities.
- In this, the new type of **brigadier warships** needed by the Navy and the installation of **unmanned aerial vehicles** for patrolling along the borders are seen as important.

An awareness and cleanliness drive has been organized in Ladakh.

- In the Union Territory of **Ladakh**, the **State Department of Tourism, Rural Development and Panchayat Raj Department (RD&PRD)**, **Roots Ladakh Organization** and the **State Wildlife Department** have launched an initiative for an "Awareness and Cleanliness Movement" under the campaign "**Meri Maati Mera Desh**".
- The initiative was launched with the aim of creating awareness about the importance of forests, wildlife and environment and promoting tourism in the state and also about the serious issue of **human-wildlife conflict**.

CRPF 166 Battalion is planning to launch a colorful vehicle tiranga rally.

- **In the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir**, **CRPF 166 Battalion Force** organized a vigil called **Colorful Vehicle Tiranga** on **August 14, 2023** at **Banihal Circle** in **Ramban District**.
- **JKP, CRPF, RPF, GRPF, PRI** organization and army personnel and members and many local residents participated in this **tiranga rally** with the aim of making the people of the region celebrate their independence day well.

The intellectual giant National Media Conference 2023 has been held in New Delhi.

- The esteemed **Rashtriya Navratna Awards 2023** and **National Media Conference**, a prestigious event on behalf of electronic and print media associations, was held at **Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi** on **14th August 2023**.
- From every corner of India, the best individuals and best organizations in the nominations for these prestigious awards will be honored with the prestigious **Rashtriya Navratna Awards 2023**.

Science and Technology

Aditya-L1, the first spacecraft to explore the Sun, is scheduled to launch next month.

- **ISRO** has mentioned in its latest announcement that it is planning to launch **India's first space satellite to study the Sun "Aditya-L1"** in **September**.
- Developed at **Bengaluru's UR Rao Satellite Technology Centre**, the satellite is planned to launch from ISRO's premier **Sriharikota** launch pad. The spacecraft will be placed in a halo orbit around the "**Lagrange point - L1**" of the **Sun-Earth system**, nearly **1.5 million kilometers from Earth**, with the aim of surveying the entire Sun.

Awards

Aligarh University Professor awarded "Rashtriya Gaurav Award".

- **Dr. Pallav Vishnu, Professor of Linguistics, Aligarh Muslim University**, has been awarded the prestigious '**Rashtriya Gaurav Award**' for the year 2023 at a conference on "**National Integration and Economic Development**" held in **New Delhi**.

- This prestigious award given by **India International Friendship Society (IIFS)**, a voluntary organization, was presented to him by Smt. It is significant that **Meera Kumar** (Former Speaker of the People's Assembly) was felicitated for her outstanding performance and outstanding service.

Sports news

Jannik Sinner has won his first Canadian Open title.

- **Italian Jannik Sinner** won his "**first Masters 1000 title**" at the **Canada Open** on August 13, defeating Australian **Alex de Minaur 6-4 6-1**.
- He is making his **third Masters 1000 finals appearance** after runner-up efforts at the **2021** and **2023 Miami Open**, a hard-fought victory.

Important day

Pakistan Independence Day 2023

- **Pakistan Independence Day** is celebrated every year on **August 14** to commemorate the day Pakistan gained independence and was declared a sovereign republic following the end of **British rule** in **August 1947**.
- It is significant that the **All India Muslim League movement** was conducted under the **leadership of Muhammad Ali Jinnah** and Pakistan was liberated.

Indian Independence Day

- **15th August** is seen as the first day that the **Indian country**, which has been stuck **under British rule** for almost **300 years**, will breathe the air of freedom.
- The day is celebrated to commemorate the day that started its journey of independence and became a **democratic, republican** and **sovereign country** and to honor the various sacrifices made to achieve this day.