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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

1. PM Modi Inaugurates ₹18,000 Crore Development Projects in Bihar & West Bengal, Including Asia's Widest Ganga Bridge and Kolkata Metro Expansions.



On 22 August 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi embarked on a two-state visit—first to Bihar’s Gaya, and then to Kolkata—where he launched infrastructure and public service development projects worth over ₹18,000 crore, reinforcing connectivity, urban mobility, and public welfare.

- In Gaya, PM Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation for development schemes valued at around ₹13,000 crore—including a cancer hospital, power plant, and urban improvements. He also flagged off two new trains and unveiled the monumental Aunta–Simaria six-lane cable-stayed bridge over the Ganga, enhancing connectivity between Mokama, Begusarai, and Patna by reducing detour distances over 100 km.

- The Aunta–Simaria Bridge, officially known as the Barauni–Mokama Six Lane Ganga Bridge, spans 8.15 km including approaches (1.86 km cable-stayed section) and is Asia’s widest bridge. The structure features three lanes per direction and pedestrian paths, facilitating seamless movement between North and South Bihar and marking a major engineering achievement.

- In the afternoon, PM Modi arrived in Kolkata for metro inaugurations worth over ₹5,200 crore. He inaugurated multiple new metro sections and undertook a ride from Jessore Road to Jai Hind Airport. These expansions—featuring Sealdah–Esplanade and Belegghata–Hemanta Mukhopadhyay corridors—enhance multimodal connectivity, reduce congestion, and strengthen public transport infrastructure.

Key Points:-

- (i) With total development value crossing ₹18,000 crore across both states, PM Modi highlighted integrated infrastructure as a key growth enabler. The multi-state visit combines hard infrastructure with public services, healthcare, and transit upgrades—amplifying the government’s “ease of living” agenda amid impending assembly elections.
- (ii) At both venues, PM Modi addressed public gatherings, urging citizens to support development-centric governance. In Bihar, he emphasized the importance of ‘Viksit Bharat’ and government schemes, while in Bengal, he indirectly criticized the state’s ruling leadership and highlighted rapid metro expansion as evidence of central support for infrastructure growth.

2. President Droupadi Murmu Gives Assent to Income-Tax Act 2025 and New Law to Replace I-T Act 1961 from April 1, 2026.



In August 2025, President Droupadi Murmu granted her assent to the Income-Tax Act (I-T Act), 2025, which was later notified by the Ministry of Law and Justice (MoLJ) through a gazette notification. The new law is set to replace the Income-Tax Act of 1961 and will come into effect from April 1, 2026.

- The Income-Tax Act, 2025, has been introduced to replace the decades-old I-T Act, 1961, with a modern and simplified version aimed at reducing complexity and improving compliance. The government emphasized that the Act is designed to ease taxpayers' compliance burden while ensuring transparency and clarity in tax administration.

- One of the major highlights of the new Act is that it does not introduce any new tax rate but instead focuses on removing redundant provisions and outdated legal structures. By doing so, it aims to ensure that taxpayers face fewer legal hurdles and that the overall taxation process becomes more straightforward.

- The structural reforms introduced under the new Act include a significant reduction in the number of sections from 819 in the I-T Act, 1961, to 536, and a reduction in chapters from 47 to 23. The word count of the law has also been reduced drastically from 5.12 lakh words

to 2.6 lakh words, making it more concise and user-friendly.

Key Points:-

(i) For the first time, the Act incorporates 39 new tables and 40 new formulas, which are intended to provide taxpayers and professionals with greater clarity and ease of reference. This modernization reflects the government's efforts to make taxation more accessible, both for individual taxpayers and businesses.

(ii) A major change brought by the I-T Act, 2025, is the renaming of the Assessment Year (AY) and Financial Year (FY) to "Tax Year." This change has been made to avoid confusion and create uniformity in tax terminology, marking a significant shift in India's tax administration system.

3. Andhra Pradesh Govt Announces ₹10 Lakh Accident Insurance Cover for 8,500 Employment Guarantee Scheme Staff.



In August 2025, the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Department partnered with State Bank of India (SBI) Corporate Salary Package to provide accident insurance coverage of ₹3 lakh to ₹10 lakh to 8,500 Employment

Guarantee Scheme staff—offered free of cost to safeguard them and their families.

- This landmark decision offers substantial financial reassurance to Employment Guarantee Scheme staff—engaged in rural development—by covering accidental injury or death. The insurance sum, determined by salary level, ranges from ₹3 lakh to ₹10 lakh, tailored to each beneficiary’s compensation tier.
- The scheme is enabled through an agreement with State Bank of India (SBI) under its Corporate Salary Package, ensuring seamless implementation and claim processing. By leveraging SBI’s infrastructure, the government ensures rapid, hassle-free access to insurance benefits at zero cost to staff.

Key Points:-

- Approximately 8,500 employees under the Employment Guarantee Scheme across Andhra Pradesh are eligible for this coverage. This significant outreach reflects the government’s commitment to securing grassroots-level staff, especially those in high-risk field roles.
- The policy ensures economic protection for employees’ families in the event of death or accident. By providing immediate financial relief, the initiative helps mitigate the financial burden and emotional distress that sudden disabilities or fatalities can cause.
- This measure exemplifies Andhra Pradesh’s emerging focus on sustainable social security. It complements other government initiatives—such as healthcare schemes and employee welfare programs—underlining a reformist strategy geared towards enhancing the dignity and financial stability of public-sector workers.

4. Tripura CM Dr. Manik Saha Unveils Vision Document "Viksit Tripura-2047".



On August 22, 2025, Tripura Chief Minister Dr. Manik Saha unveiled the vision document “Viksit Tripura-2047” at Pragya Bhavan, Agartala. This roadmap aligns Tripura’s development goals with the national vision of Viksit Bharat @2047, aiming to make Tripura a self-reliant and prosperous state.

- The vision document carries the theme “Unnata Tripura, Shreshtha Tripura” (Advanced Tripura, Best Tripura), focusing on holistic development and social empowerment.
- It sets targets to achieve 100% renewable energy usage, universal literacy, and women’s empowerment, alongside expansion of international trade and connectivity.

Key Points:-

- Tripura’s Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) has already grown by 14.21%, with a projected target of USD 124 billion by 2047.
- The plan emphasizes strengthening per capita income, boosting GDP, and ensuring equitable growth across sectors in alignment with Viksit Bharat 2047.
- The document has been prepared in

collaboration with the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog), ensuring structured development pathways for Tripura's long-term progress.

5. Maharashtra Signs MoU with GIBC to Strengthen Business Partnership with UK and India.



On August 22, 2025, the Government of Maharashtra signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Global India Business Corridor (GIBC) to boost bilateral business cooperation between India and the United Kingdom (UK). The agreement was signed in Mumbai, Maharashtra, in the presence of Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis.

- The MoU aims to strengthen cross-border business partnerships by promoting trade, investment, and innovation between Maharashtra and Europe, particularly the UK. GIBC will act as a key facilitator, creating new avenues of global economic collaboration.

- Under the agreement, GIBC will function as an extended arm of Maharashtra's Industries Department in the UK and Europe, helping to attract investments and enabling technology transfers. The focus will be on enhancing

Maharashtra's role as a global economic hub through stronger international linkages.

Key Points:-

- The partnership will target cooperation in high-potential sectors such as Banking & Finance, Infrastructure, Manufacturing, Technology, Renewable Energy (RE), Healthcare, and Education. By doing so, the MoU ensures seamless engagement for global businesses to collaborate with Maharashtra.
- This initiative highlights Maharashtra's long-term vision of positioning itself as a global investment destination by 2047.
- Through the collaboration, both India and the UK aim to deepen economic ties, support industrial growth, and create sustainable opportunities for businesses and investors in key sectors.

INTERNATIONAL

1. India Elected as Chairman of AIBD Executive Board at 23rd General Conference in Thailand.



India has been elected as the Chairman of the Executive Board of the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) after securing the highest number of

votes during the 23rd AIBD General Conference, which was held from August 19 to 21, 2025, in Phuket, Thailand.

- **India's election as Chairman of the AIBD Executive Board marks a significant achievement in global media cooperation, as the country already holds the position of President of the AIBD General Conference since 2022. This dual leadership role highlights India's growing influence in media diplomacy and international broadcasting development.**

- **The 23rd AIBD General Conference and Associated Meetings were chaired by Gaurav Dwivedi, Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of Prasar Bharati, India's Public Service Broadcaster.**

- **The theme for the 2025 General Conference was "Media for People, Peace & Prosperity," focusing on inclusive and responsible media practices to strengthen regional and global cooperation.**

Key Points:-

(i) The event witnessed participation from 92 member organizations representing 45 countries, including 26 Government Members, 48 national broadcasters, and 44 affiliate organizations. Delegates from Asia-Pacific countries, along with representation from Africa, Europe, and North America, discussed strategies for media development and policy exchange.

(ii) The Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD), headquartered in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, operates under the auspices of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO). It serves as an intergovernmental organization that promotes vibrant, cooperative media environments through training, capacity

building, and resource sharing.

(iii) India's role at the AIBD has been strengthened by Prasar Bharati's proactive involvement in fostering media cooperation across borders. With Gaurav Dwivedi representing India, this leadership position will enable the country to enhance South-South cooperation, empower public broadcasters, and promote balanced global narratives through sustainable media practices.

BANKING & FINANCE

1. South Indian Bank Launches 'SIB Gold Xpress' Offering Loans Up to 90% of Gold Value.



In August 2025, South Indian Bank (SIB) unveiled its new gold loan product named 'SIB Gold Xpress,' aimed at providing customers with easy, quick, and flexible access to credit by leveraging the value of their gold assets. The scheme is structured to support both individuals and businesses.

- **The 'SIB Gold Xpress' offers customers a Loan-to-Value (LTV) ratio of up to 90% of the gold's assessed value, ensuring higher credit access compared to traditional gold loan products.**

- The minimum loan amount is set at Rs. 25,000, while customers can avail themselves of a maximum of Rs. 25 lakhs under this scheme.

Key Points:-

- (i) The repayment tenure of 'SIB Gold Xpress' has been designed with customer convenience in mind, allowing borrowers to choose repayment schedules of up to three years. This longer repayment period provides greater financial flexibility for those balancing personal expenses or business commitments.
- (ii) The product has been introduced with a primary focus on Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs), alongside non-MSMEs and small business operators. By offering secured gold-based credit, the initiative is expected to help entrepreneurs meet requirements such as working capital, expansion projects, and other business-related needs.
- (iii) Additionally, 'SIB Gold Xpress' has also been structured to benefit individuals looking for credit support for personal ventures or financial emergencies. With its simple documentation process, quick disbursement, and higher LTV ratio, the product strengthens South Indian Bank's commitment to providing customer-centric financial solutions.

2. Universal Sampo General Insurance Company (USGIC) Secures ISO 27001:2022 for Information Security & ISO 22301:2019 for Business Continuity.



In August 2025, Universal Sampo General Insurance Company Limited (USGIC) achieved a significant milestone by securing two prestigious international certifications—ISO 27001:2022 for Information Security Management Systems (ISMS) and ISO 22301:2019 for Business Continuity Management Systems (BCMS). These recognitions enhance its global credibility and strengthen customer trust.

- Universal Sampo General Insurance Company Limited receiving ISO 27001:2022 highlights the company's strong commitment to safeguarding sensitive data, intellectual property, and financial information.

- This certification is globally recognized as the highest benchmark in information security standards, ensuring robust protection against data breaches and cyber risks.

- The ISO 22301:2019 certification confirms that USGIC has established a resilient Business Continuity Management System (BCMS), ensuring preparedness for responding to operational disruptions. This recognition validates the company's capability to recover and maintain critical business functions during emergencies.

Key Points:-

(i) By attaining these certifications, USGIC has demonstrated its readiness to tackle challenges posed by natural disasters, cyberattacks, or other unforeseen circumstances. This ensures uninterrupted services to its policyholders, further reinforcing confidence in the company's operational resilience and reliability.

(ii) These international recognitions position USGIC as a forward-looking and trustworthy insurer in a competitive insurance landscape. They align with the company's strategy to integrate global best practices, boost transparency, and enhance customer satisfaction in an increasingly dynamic market environment.

(iii) The achievement further establishes USGIC's standing among leading insurers in India, as it becomes one of the few companies in the sector to earn both ISO 27001:2022 and ISO 22301:2019 simultaneously. This not only strengthens its global image but also reflects its long-term vision of adopting innovation-driven, customer-centric practices.

3. IndusInd Bank & NSIC Signed MoU to Strengthen Credit Access for MSMEs

IndusInd Bank

In August 2025, IndusInd Bank Limited signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC), a Mini Ratna under the Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MoMSME), to enhance and expand credit access for MSMEs across India.

- The MoU was signed in the presence of key dignitaries including Union Minister Jitan Ram Manjhi (MoMSME), Subhas Chandra Lal Das, Secretary, MoMSME, Mercy Epao, Joint Secretary, MoMSME, and Dr. Subhramsu Sekhar Acharya, Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of NSIC. Their participation highlighted the government's focus on empowering MSMEs with structured financial solutions.

- The objective of the collaboration is to accelerate institutional credit delivery and provide comprehensive financial as well as digital solutions to more than 6.7 crore Udyam-registered MSMEs.

- By leveraging NSIC's established ecosystem and IndusInd Bank's strong financial base, the partnership aims to bridge the financing gap faced by small and medium enterprises.

Key Points:-

(i) IndusInd Bank will offer customized banking products under this MoU, which include working capital loans, term loans, structured credit facilities, and trade finance solutions. These offerings are designed to strengthen liquidity and ensure that MSMEs can meet their operational as well as expansion needs effectively.

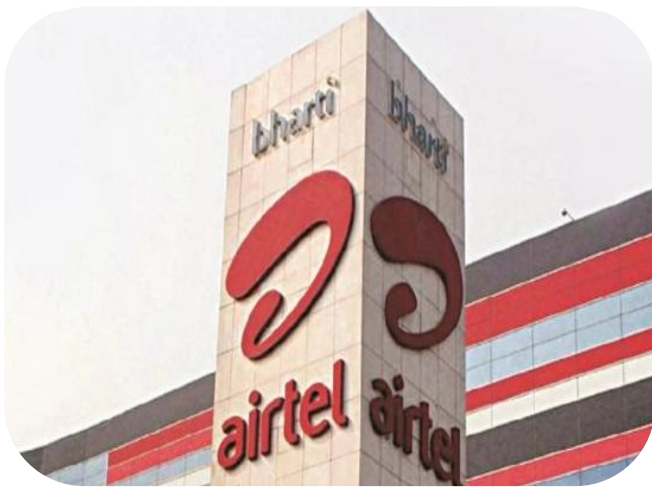
(ii) The partnership also supports flagship schemes of NSIC such as the Credit Facilitation Scheme (CFS), which allows MSMEs to access institutional finance, and

the Single Point Registration Scheme (SPRS), which ensures preference in government procurement.

(iii) This alignment is expected to boost competitiveness, market access, and long-term growth opportunities for MSMEs across India.

MOUs and Agreement

1. Indian Army Signs MoU with Bharti Airtel to Boost Connectivity in Arunachal Pradesh.



In August 2025, the Dao Division of the Indian Army signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bharti Airtel to strengthen digital and mobile connectivity in the forward areas of Dibang Valley and Anjaw districts of Arunachal Pradesh. The collaboration focuses on improving telecom infrastructure, supporting security forces, and empowering local communities.

- The MoU was signed with the primary aim of enhancing mobile network coverage in strategically important border villages and remote terrains of Arunachal Pradesh. The initiative will provide reliable communication facilities not only for residents of these regions but also for Indian Army personnel deployed in

forward areas, ensuring better connectivity in challenging locations.

- The agreement further seeks to align with the objectives of the Digital India programme by expanding digital infrastructure in border districts. Through improved connectivity, the initiative will enable seamless communication among security forces, thereby enhancing operational efficiency and strengthening national security in forward regions.

- The collaboration is expected to boost civilian access to telecom facilities, particularly in Dibang Valley and Anjaw districts, which face frequent communication disruptions due to their difficult geographical conditions. By addressing these challenges, the project will help integrate these remote districts into the mainstream of digital connectivity and development.

Key Points:-

(i) Beyond connectivity, the partnership also plays a role in empowering local communities. Improved access to mobile networks will support economic activities, social services, and emergency response systems. It will also help safeguard the borders more effectively by ensuring better coordination between military personnel and local residents in these sensitive frontier areas.

(ii) The Indian Army's partnership with Bharti Airtel reflects a strategic step towards enhancing both national security and inclusive development in Arunachal Pradesh.

(iii) By improving mobile communication in these difficult terrains, the initiative ensures a stronger communication backbone for troops while simultaneously delivering digital

empowerment for the border population.

APPOINTMENTS & RESIGNATIONS

1. Appointments Committee of the Cabinet Approves Rajit Punhani as CEO of FSSAI.



In August 2025, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the appointment of senior IAS officer Rajit Punhani as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). This appointment came as part of a major top-level bureaucratic reshuffle involving multiple ministries and departments.

- **Rajit Punhani**, a 1991 batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the Bihar cadre, has been appointed as the new CEO of the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). He will take charge after the retirement of Ganji Kamala V. Rao on 31st August 2025.

- Prior to his new appointment, Rajit Punhani was serving as the Secretary in the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE). His tenure in MSDE was marked by key reforms aimed at strengthening India's skilling

ecosystem and promoting industry-aligned vocational training.

- The ACC-approved reshuffle also included the appointment of Debashree Mukherjee, a 1991 batch IAS officer of the Arunachal Pradesh-Goa-Mizoram-Union Territories (AGMUT) cadre, as the new Secretary of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE). She will succeed Rajit Punhani in this role.

Key Points:-

(i) Another significant appointment was that of V L Kantha Rao, a 1992 batch IAS officer of the Madhya Pradesh cadre. He has been appointed as Secretary in the Department of Water Resources, River Development, and Ganga Rejuvenation (DoWRGR) under the Ministry of Jal Shakti (MoJS).

(ii) Piyush Goyal, a 1994 batch IAS officer of the Nagaland cadre, has also been included in this reshuffle. He has been appointed as Secretary of the Ministry of Mines (MoM), a role crucial for India's mineral exploration, mining sector reforms, and resource management.

(iii) The wide-ranging bureaucratic reshuffle reflects the Government of India's focus on administrative continuity, efficiency, and leadership in key regulatory and developmental sectors. These appointments are expected to enhance governance in areas like food safety, skill development, water resources, and mining, all of which are critical for India's growth trajectory.

2. Anish Dayal Singh Appointed Deputy NSA to Prime Minister.



Recently, the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved the appointment of Anish Dayal Singh—retired IPS officer and former CRPF Director General—as the new Deputy National Security Advisor (NSA) to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, marking a key leadership addition to India’s national security apparatus.

- **Anish Dayal Singh, a 1988-batch Indian Police Service (IPS) officer from the Manipur cadre, was recently appointed as Deputy NSA. He retired from active service in December 2024 after a distinguished career, including a tenure as Director General (DG) of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) and Indo-Tibetan Border Police (ITBP).**

- **Anish Dayal Singh brings nearly three decades of experience in India’s internal security architecture, having served extensively in the Intelligence Bureau (IB), and later leading two of India’s premier paramilitary forces. His expertise spans counter-insurgency operations and anti-Naxal strategies.**

Key Points:-

(i) In his new role, Anish Dayal Singh will handle critical internal security matters—including the volatile regions of Jammu & Kashmir, Left-Wing Extremism (LWE)

affected areas, and insurgency in the Northeast. He will report directly to National Security Advisor Ajit Doval.

(ii) During his tenure as CRPF DG, Anish Dayal Singh launched over 36 forward operating bases and added four new battalions in Naxal-affected regions. He restructured 130 battalions to reduce deployment distance, improving troop welfare and efficiency. He also oversaw security operations during the 2024 Lok Sabha and Jammu & Kashmir Assembly elections.

(iii) Anish Dayal Singh joins a strategic team of Deputies under NSA Ajit Doval, including former RAW chief Rajinder Khanna, retired IPS officer T.V. Ravichandran, and former diplomat Pawan Kapoor. His appointment signals continued emphasis on adopting experienced law enforcement leadership in shaping India’s security policies.

SPORTS

1. Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar Clinches Gold in Men’s 50m Rifle 3 Positions at Asian Shooting Championship 2025.



In August 2025, Indian shooter Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar triumphed in the men’s 50m rifle three positions (3P) event at the

16th Asian Shooting Championship in Shymkent, Kazakhstan, delivering a stellar performance and marking a significant comeback after his Olympic outing in Paris.

- Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar secured the gold medal with a total score of 462.5 in a fiercely competitive final, narrowly edging out China's Zhao Wenyu, who scored 462.0, while Japan's Naoya Okada claimed bronze.

- He dominated from the qualification stage itself, posting a combined score of 584 across kneeling, prone, and standing positions. His commanding lead continued throughout the final, culminating in a decisive 10.8 on the 14th shot that extended his lead beyond reach.

Key Points:-

(i) This victory marked his second individual gold at the Asian Championships, following his debut title in 2023. It adds to his medal tally alongside earlier silver and bronze achievements, underscoring his consistency on the continental stage.

(ii) The win stands as a powerful comeback after his challenging Paris Olympics performance, reinforcing his stature as one of India's leading rifle shooters and exemplifying his mental toughness and technical precision.

(iii) Tomar's triumph contributes to India's impressive medal haul in shooting, reinforcing its growing dominance in this discipline at the continental level. His feat has energized the national shooting narrative and inspired future talent.

AWARDS

1. PFA Awards 2025: Mohamed Salah & Mariona Caldentey Named Players' Player of the Year.



At the 2025 Professional Footballers' Association (PFA) Awards in Manchester, Mohamed Salah of Liverpool clinched the Men's Player of the Year—becoming the first-ever three-time winner—while Arsenal newcomer Mariona Caldentey was honoured as Women's Player of the Year after a stellar debut season.

- Mohamed Salah made history by winning the PFA Men's Player of the Year for the third time—a first in the award's history—after an outstanding 2024-25 season in which he recorded 29 Premier League goals and 18 assists, leading Liverpool to the title.

- In her first season with Arsenal, Spain's Mariona Caldentey secured the Women's Player of the Year award. She scored 19 goals across competitions and helped the club win the Champions League, ending an 18-year European title drought by defeating her former side Barcelona in the final.

Key Points:-

(i) Aston Villa's Morgan Rogers received the Men's Young Player of the Year award after a breakthrough season, while Arsenal's Olivia Smith was named Women's Young Player of the Year following a world-record transfer from Liverpool. Burnley's James

Trafford became the first goalkeeper to win Championship Player of the Year.

(ii) Liverpool's dominance continued with four players—Salah, Virgil van Dijk, Ryan Gravenberch, and Alexis Mac Allister—making the PFA Men's Team of the Year, alongside new signing Milos Kerkez. Arsenal defenders William Saliba, Gabriel Magalhaes, and midfielder Declan Rice were also featured in the Premier League Team of the Year.

(iii) The ceremony in Manchester was a star-studded celebration. Salah's third win cemented his legacy, while Caldentey's emergence highlighted her rapid rise. The event underscored both men's and women's football progress, elevating players who delivered standout performances in a memorable 2024-25 season.

under the transatlantic slave trade during the colonial era.

- The annual observance is coordinated by the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), which leads global efforts to preserve the history of the slave trade and highlight its abolitionist struggles.

- The proclamation of this international day was made during the 29th session of the UNESCO General Conference in 1997, when Resolution 29 C/40 officially declared 23rd August as the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition.

Key Points:-

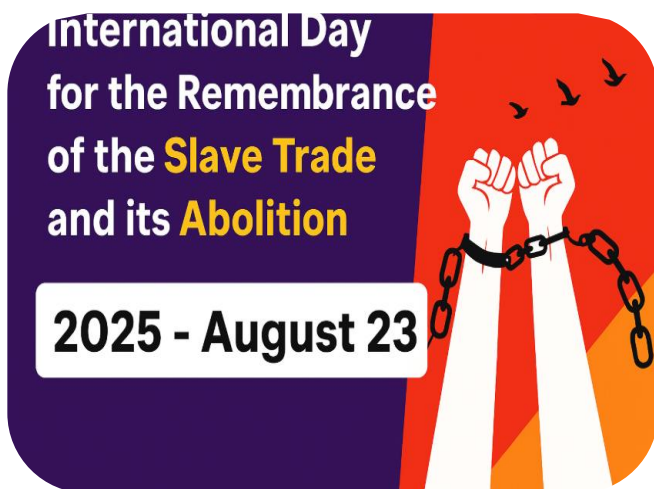
(i) Following this, on 29 July 1998, UNESCO's Director-General issued Circular CL/3494, inviting Ministers of Culture from member states to actively promote the observance of the day. The first official commemoration was held in Haiti on 23rd August 1998.

(ii) The choice of 23rd August is symbolic, marking the night of 23rd August 1791 when enslaved Africans in Saint-Domingue (modern-day Haiti and the Dominican Republic) rose in revolt against French colonial rule, which ultimately became a turning point in the global movement towards the abolition of the transatlantic slave trade.

(iii) This observance serves as a reminder of the struggles and resistance of enslaved people, reinforcing the commitment of the international community to combat racism, racial discrimination, and modern forms of slavery.

IMPORTANT DAYS

1. International Day for Remembrance of Slave Trade & Abolition 2025 observed on August 23.



The United Nations (UN) observes the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition every year on 23rd August. The day honours the memory of millions of people who suffered

OBITUARY

1. Veteran CPI Leader and Former MP Suravaram Sudhakar Reddy Passed Away at 83.



On 22nd August 2025, veteran Communist Party of India (CPI) leader and former Member of Parliament (MP) Suravaram Sudhakar Reddy passed away at the age of 83 in Hyderabad, Telangana. Born on 25th March 1942 in Kondravpally village, Mahbubnagar district of the then Hyderabad State (now Telangana), he was widely respected for his decades-long political and social contributions.

- Suravaram Sudhakar Reddy began his public life as a student activist, where he rose to prominence by being elected as the All India President of the All India Students' Federation (AISF) in 1970. His early leadership highlighted his commitment to youth and educational reforms, paving the way for his entry into mainstream politics.

- In his parliamentary career, Sudhakar Reddy represented Nalgonda constituency of Telangana as a CPI MP in both 1998 and 2004. During this period, he actively championed labor rights and welfare, gaining recognition for voicing the needs of marginalized communities in Parliament.

Key Points:-

(i) As chair of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Labour, he played a crucial role in advocating for social security benefits, workplace safety, and improved working conditions for Indian workers. His tenure was marked by consistent efforts to align labor policies with the interests of employees across both organized and unorganized sectors.

(ii) Sudhakar Reddy's leadership within the CPI became most prominent when he was elected as the General Secretary of the party in 2012. He was re-elected twice, in 2015 at Puducherry and in 2018 at Kollam, Kerala, underscoring his influence and acceptance within the party's national framework.

(iii) Although his leadership term was scheduled to continue till 2021, Sudhakar Reddy voluntarily stepped down in 2019 due to health considerations. His departure marked the end of an era for CPI, but his political journey remains an enduring example of dedication towards workers' rights, youth empowerment, and socialist values.

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Bihar	Chief minister: Nitish Kumar	Governor: Arif Mohammad Khan
Andhra Pradesh	Chief minister: N. Chandrababu Naidu	Governor: S. Abdul Nazeer
Indian Army	Chief of the Army Staff (COAS): General Upendra Dwivedi	Headquarters: New Delhi
Thailand	Currency: Thai Baht	Official language: Thai
Professional Footballers' Association (PFA)	Chief Executive Officer (CEO) : Maheta Molango	Headquarters: Manchester, the United Kingdom (UK)
Food Safety & Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)	Established : 2008	Headquarters: New Delhi
Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)	Founded: 1950	Headquarters: New Delhi
Tripura	Chief minister: Manik Saha	Governor: N. Indrasena Reddy

Maharashtra	Chief minister: Devendra Fadnavis	Governor: C. P. Radhakrishnan
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