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	<p>Pakistan's Petroleum Minister <u>Shahid Khaqan Abbasi</u> was elected the <u>18th Prime Minister of Pakistan</u> by the National Assembly. Abbasi, nominee of ruling Pakistan Muslim League (N) secured 221 votes in the House of 342.</p>
	<p><u>Arvind Panagariya</u> (64) has resigned as Vice Chairman of NITI (National Institution for Transforming India) Aayog.</p> <p>The Union Government has appointed economist <u>Rajiv Kumar</u> as the <u>new vice-chairman of National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog</u>.</p>
	<p>Former union minister <u>Muppavarapu Venkaiah Naidu (68)</u> was elected as <u>13th Vice President of India</u> .</p>
	<p><u>The National Handloom Day</u> is being observed every year on <u>7 August</u> to honour the handloom weavers in the country .</p> <p>This year it was third edition of the National Handloom Day after it was instituted in 2015</p>
	<p><u>The 75th anniversary of the Quit India Movement</u> was observed across the country. <u>This year's theme was "Sankalp se Siddhi- the attainment through resolve"</u>.</p> <p>Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his recent Mann Ki Baat programme had called for launching the mega campaign Sankalp Se Siddhi. <u>The campaign pledges to build new India by 2022. It calls on everyone to pledge together towards Clean India, Poverty-free India, Corruption-free India, Terrorism-free India, Communalism-free India, Casteism-free India.</u></p>

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<p>President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed <u>Justice Dipak Misra (63)</u>, senior-most judge of the Supreme Court as the next Chief Justice of India. He will be <u>45th CJI</u> and succeeds Justice JS Khehar.</p>	
<p>The Union Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs is going to establish <u>National Sports Museum at Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi</u>. It will be first of its kind sports museum in India....</p>	
<p><u>Indian ace shuttler</u> and 2017 Rio Olympic silver medallist <u>PV Sindhu</u> won the <u>silver medal in 2017 World Badminton Championship</u> held at Glasgow, Scotland.</p>	
<p><u>The National Sports Day</u> is observed every year on <u>29th august</u> every year to birth anniversary of the <u>legendary hockey player Dhyan Chand</u> who was born on 29 August 1905....</p>	
<p>Eminent Konkani writer <u>Mahabaleshwar Sail (74)</u> was bestowed with prestigious <u>Saraswati Samman 2016</u>. He was awarded for his novel "<u>Hawthan</u> " that captures cultural lives of traditional potter community in Goa.</p>	

IMPORTANT DAYS IN AUGUST

- ✓ August 6- Hiroshima Day
- ✓ August 9- Nagasaki day
- ✓ August 9- Quit India day
- ✓ August 15- Independence day
- ✓ August 20- World Mosquito day
- ✓ August 29 -National Sports day