

# **7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> August 2023 Current Affairs**

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PM Narendra Modi to participate in

# National Handloom Day Celebration

PM to launch the e-portal of "भारतीय वस्त्र एवं शिल्प कोष" - a Repository of Textiles & Crafts

Programme to be attended by over 3000 handloom and khadi weavers, artisans and stakeholders from the textile & MSME sectors

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# National HANDLOOM DAY



**7th August** is celebrated every year as National Handloom Day to raise awareness about the handloom industry's socio-economic contribution and boost weavers' income. **The first National Handloom Day** was inaugurated on 7th August 2015 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Day is inspired by the **Swadeshi Movement** launched on 7th August 1905 which encouraged indigenous industries and handloom weavers.



# August 7 is celebrated as National Handloom Day

National Handloom Day is observed on August 7.

This year, the 9th National Handloom Day is being celebrated. During the programme, Prime Minister will also launch the e-portal of “भारतीय वस्त्र एवं शिल्प कोष” - a Repository of Textiles & Crafts that has been developed by National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT).

Goal: To pay tribute to the huge handloom community in the country for their contribution to carrying on the traditional heritage and ensuring financial stability.

National Handloom Day, with the first such celebration being held on 7th August, 2015. The date was specifically chosen as an ode to the Swadeshi Movement which was launched on 7th August, 1905 and had encouraged indigenous industries and in particular handloom weavers.





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INDIAN ATHLETICS TO MARK  
**NATIONAL JAVELIN DAY**  
ON AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup> TO CELEBRATE  
**NEERAJ'S OLYMPIC GOLD**

# India observes 3rd 'Javelin Throw Day' on August 07, 2023

On August 7th, a remarkable chapter in Indian athletics history was etched into the annals of time. The Athletics Federation of India, the apex governing body for athletics in the nation, made a resounding decision to mark this day as National Javelin Day.

The 23-year-old Chopra became only the second Indian to win an individual Olympic gold in Tokyo on, August 7, when he clinched the yellow metal in javelin throw with a best effort of 87.58m.

This year nations observed 3rd Javelin Throw Day.

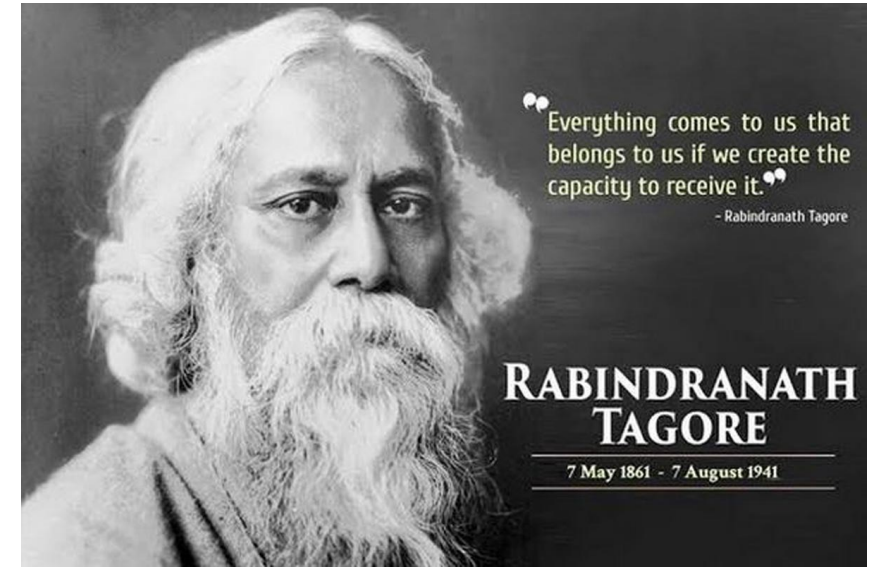
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# Rabindranath Tagore death anniversary

Rabindranath Tagore was the first non-European poet to win the Nobel Prize for literature. He won it for the English translation of "Gitanjali", a collection of poems in 1913. Tagore has the rare honour to write a national anthem for the two countries -- India's 'Jana Gana Mana' and Bangladesh's 'Amar Shonar Bangla'.

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Written in 1912, the play is a story of a child named Amal.



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# Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh inaugurated 132nd Durand Cup in Assam/रक्षा मंत्री राजनाथ सिंह ने असम में 132वें डूरंड कप का उद्घाटन किया

Raksha Mantri Rajnath Singh inaugurated the opening ceremony of the 132nd Durand Cup at SAI Stadium which marked the grand beginning of the **annual football competition for the first time in the Assamese city.**

The mega event is being organized by the Indian Army in association with Assam Government and Bodo Territorial Region.

The inaugural ceremony was followed by the opening match of the tournament between Bodoland FC and Rajasthan United FC.

A total of 24 teams, including two foreign teams from Nepal and Bangladesh, all three teams of Indian Armed Forces and the local team of Bodoland FC will clash at three venues in Kolkata, Guwahati and Kokrajhar during the tournament.





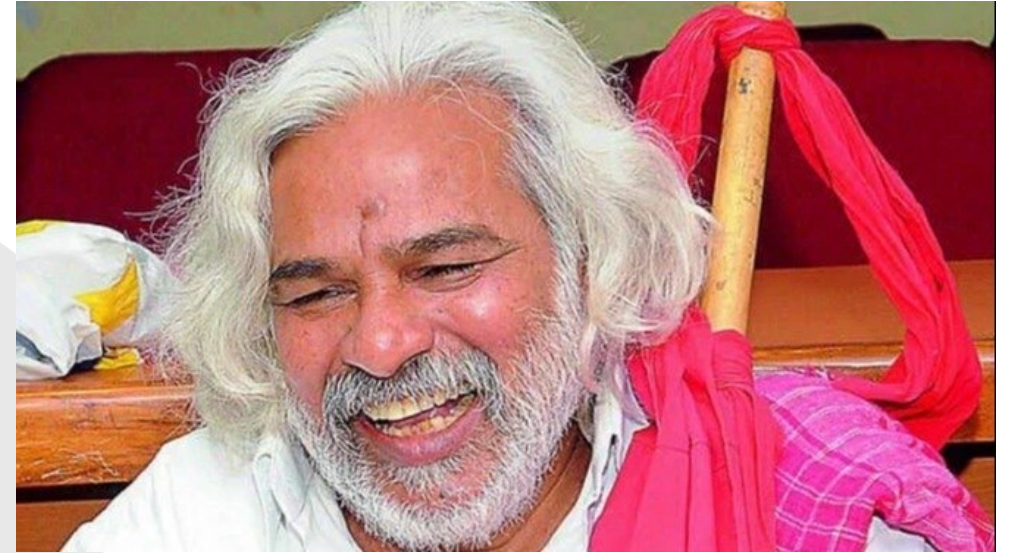
# Telangana folk singer Gaddar passed away/तेलंगाना के लोक गायक गद्दार का निधन हो गया

Renowned folk singer Gaddar passed away in Hyderabad known for his revolutionary songs.

His contribution to people's movements in the combined Andhra Pradesh during the peak of the Naxal movement fetched him a cult status among the Telugu-speaking population.

Gaddar, also known as Gummadi Vittal Rao, gained popularity primarily through his stage name.

He founded the Jana Natya Mandali, a Delhi-based theatre company which later evolved into the cultural wing of the naxalite outfit.



2011	Nandi Award	Best Male Playback Singer	"Jai Bolo Telangana"
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# Mrunal Thakur honored Diversity Cinema award at Indian Film Festival 2023/मृणाल ठाकुर को भारतीय फिल्म महोत्सव 2023 में डायवर्सिटी सिनेमा पुरस्कार से सम्मानित किया गया

Mrunal Thakur was honoured with the Diversity in Cinema Award at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne 2023.

The recognition comes as she completes a year of having made her debut in South Indian Cinema with Telugu film Sita Ramam (2022)

The award is a recognition of her versatile performances across films of different languages.

The actor, who made her film with "Love Sonia", and then featured in movies such "Super 30", "Toofan", "Jersey".



# Tamil Nadu won best State award for organ and tissue transplantation/तमिलनाडु ने अंग और ऊतक प्रत्यारोपण के लिए सर्वश्रेष्ठ राज्य का पुरस्कार जीता

Tamil Nadu bagged the Best Performing State award 2023 in cadaver organ donation .

Union Health Minister Mansukh Mandaviya presented the Best State Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation award to Health Minister Ma Subramanian at the 13th Indian Organ Donation Day function held in New Delhi.

Tamil Nadu leads all Indian states in organ donations with 1,705 people donating their organs and saving 6,247 human lives.

According to officials, the state was ranked number one for six consecutive years from 2015-2020.



# Nirmala Sitharaman laid foundation stone for Adichanallur museum/निर्मला सीतारमण ने आदिचनल्लूर संग्रहालय की आधारशिला रखी

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman laid the foundation stone for an archeological museum at Adichanallur in Tamil Nadu in August 2023

The main objective of the museum would be to focus on establishing the significance of the archaeological sites identified as part of the cultural landscape of the Thamirabarani valley, not limiting to the site of Adichanallur.

Adichanallur was one of the five archaeological sites declared to be developed as 'Iconic Sites' in the Union Budget 2020-21.





# Bihar to Constitute 'Rhino Task Force' for Reintroduction of Rhino Conservation Scheme/बिहार गैंडा संरक्षण योजना को फिर से शुरू करने के लिए 'राइनो टास्क फोर्स' का गठन करेगा

The Bihar government to constitute 'Rhino Task Force' for suggesting measures for the reintroduction of rhino conservation scheme in '**Valmiki Tiger Reserve**' in **West Champaran district**.

The state's wildlife authorities have observed a substantial increase in the tiger population in VTR, prompting them to focus on reviving the rhino population in the region.

Currently, there is only one rhino in VTR and 14 in Patna Zoo, but with the establishment of the 'Rhino Task Force', the authorities aim to bring back more rhino to the reserve.

India plays a crucial role in the conservation of one-horned rhinoceros, with approximately 75% of the world population of rhino resides in India and more than 93% of the Indian rhino population lives in just one protected area in Assam- The Kaziranga National Park.



It has been decided to increase the rhino-bearing areas in VTR by five per cent in the next two years

Valmik Tiger Reserve, located in the West Champaran district of Bihar, was established as the 18th tiger reserve in 1990

VTR, the only national park in Bihar, recently recorded a 75 per cent increase in tiger numbers — from 31 in 2018 to 54 in 2022. There has been an increase of 23 tigers in the last four years.

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## RVNL, Russian partner to build 120 Vande Bharat trains/आरवीएनएल, 120 वंदे भारत ट्रेनों के निर्माण के लिए रूसी भागीदार

A joint venture between public sector company Rail Vikas Nigam Ltd (RVNL) and Russian company Metrowagonmash is on course to manufacture and supply around 120 Vande Bharat trains to Indian Railways, at a cost of ₹120 crore per train.

The RVNL wants a larger share of 69%, leaving 26% for Metrowagonmash and 5% for a third partner, Locomotive Electronic Systems

Blue-and-white trains, with AC, are expected to be manufactured at a railway factory in Maharashtra.







# BharatNet

*World's Largest  
Rural Broadband Project*

# Cabinet approves ₹1.39 lakh crore for BharatNet project

Cabinet has approved an outlay of ₹1.39 lakh crore for BharatNet, the government's project for last-mile connectivity across 6.4 lakh villages in the country in Aug 2023

It is one of the biggest rural telecom projects in the world, implemented in a phased manner to all 2.5 lakh gram panchayats in the country for last-mile broadband connectivity

Cabinet has approved ₹1,39,579 crore fund for providing last-mile optical fiber-based connectivity to homes in all the villages

The National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN), launched in October 2011, was renamed the Bharat Net Project in 2015.

It is an ambitious project of the Government of India to provide broadband connectivity to all village panchayats in the country.

It aims to provide affordable broadband connectivity of 2 Mbps to 20 Mbps for all households and on-demand capacity to all institutions to realize the vision of Digital India, in partnership with States and the private sector.

# Valid license for import of laptops, personal computers to be required/लैपटॉप, पर्सनल कंप्यूटर के आयात के लिए वैध लाइसेंस की आवश्यकता होगी

According to the Gov, a valid License for imports of laptops, tablets, and personal computers will be required from the 1st November 2023

The Centre has said that there is no ban on the import of IT Hardware as such devices can be imported after obtaining a valid license by companies or traders.

Directorate General of Foreign Trade has prepared a portal, for getting a license by applying online

India has sufficient capacity and capability for manufacturing IT Hardware devices and to boost further production. The Government has notified Production Linked Incentive, PLI, Scheme 2.0 for IT Hardware. The scheme is expected to lead to a total production of nearly three lakh 29 thousand crore rupees worth of IT Hardware and create 75 thousand additional jobs in five to six years.





# Tata Play set to expand bandwidth with exclusive capacity on GSAT-24/टाटा प्ले जीसैट-24 पर विशेष क्षमता के साथ बैंडविड्थ का विस्तार करने के लिए तैयार है

Direct-to-home (DTH) company Tata Play, formerly known as Tata Sky, plans to increase its bandwidth capacity by 50% by adding 24 new Ku-band transponders on the GSAT-24 communication satellite.

Aim: To offer more channels, services, and improve picture quality.

The GSAT-24 satellite was launched by NewSpace India Ltd (NSIL) in June 2022 to specifically cater to Tata Play's DTH requirements.

- NewSpace India Limited headquartered in Bengaluru is a Central Public Sector Enterprise (CPSE).
- It is a commercial arm under Department of Space (DoS), Government of India.
- It was incorporated in March 2019 and was set up to take high technology space-related activities in India.



# ISRO transfers satellite bus technology to private firm

The Indian Space Research Organisation announced the transfer of IMS-1 Satellite Bus technology to Alpha Design Technologies, a Bengaluru-based private company.

The transfer was facilitated by ISRO's commercial arm NewSpace India Limited through an agreement

The IMS-1 satellite bus was developed by the UR Rao Satellite Centre and is a small satellite platform designed to enable low-cost access to space.

This weighs about 100 kilograms and can carry a 30-kg payload.

The bus can serve as a dedicated vehicle for many different payloads, facilitating Earth imaging, ocean and atmospheric studies, microwave remote sensing and space science missions.



# Neerakshi : Underwater Vehicle For Mine Detection/नीराक्षी: माइन डिटेक्शन के लिए अंडरवाटर व्हीकल

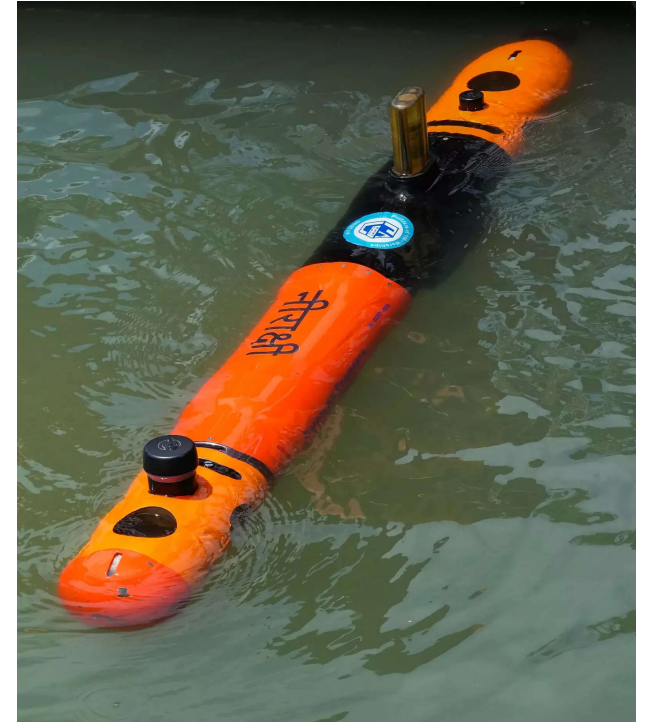
India recently launched 'Neerakshi'- Autonomous Underwater Vehicle for mine detection.

Named "Neerakshi" meaning "Eyes in the Water" is first of its kind in the country and is expected to undergo user trials by the Indian Navy, Coast Guard, and Army before a commercial launch.

It is a collaboration of **Kolkata-based warship maker Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) Ltd** and MSME entity **Aerospace Engineering Private Ltd (AEPL)**.

It can be used for a variety of functions ranging from mine detection to mine disposal to underwater survey.

It is a 2.1-metre long cylindrical unmanned vehicle about a foot in diameter and weighing around 45 kg. It has an endurance of nearly 4 hours, and is capable of operating up to a depth of 300m.





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# Indian Women's Compound Team Wins Gold At World Archery



# Indian women's compound team wins historic gold medal/भारतीय महिला कंपाउंड टीम ने ऐतिहासिक स्वर्ण पदक जीता

The Indian women's compound team won a gold medal at the World Archery Championships 2023.

The team comprising of **Jyoti Surekha Vennam, Parneet Kaur and Aditi Gopichand Swami** secured the nation's first-ever gold medal in this competition.

The Indian women defeated the Mexican team .

World Archery Championship 2023 was held in Berlin, Germany.

The tournament also serves as a qualifier for the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Jyothi, Kaur, Swami win India's first-ever gold medal at Archery Worlds

## 5% of birds in India are endemic, says Zoological Survey of India publication.

Recently, the publication, titled "75 Endemic Birds of India," was released by the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI).

According to a recent release, approximately 5% of bird species discovered in India are endemic and do not exist in any other regions globally.

Endemic Bird Diversity in India: India is home to 1,353 bird species, which represents approximately 12.40% of global bird diversity. Out of these 1,353 bird species, 78 (5%) are endemic to the country.



Species with no record: It was highlighted that three species have not been recorded in the last few decades. They are the:

Manipur Bush Quail listed as 'Endangered' by the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species with its last recorded sighting in 1907;

the Himalayan Quail listed as 'Critically Endangered' with its last recorded sighting in 1876; and

the Jerdon's Courser listed as 'Critically Endangered' with its last confirmed sighting in 2009.

Geographical Distribution: The Western Ghats have the highest number of endemic species (28), followed by the Andaman and Nicobar Islands (25). The Eastern Himalayas, Southern Deccan plateau, and central Indian forest each have a few endemic species.

It was founded on 1 July 1916 by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change of the Government of India



# Short News

- Finance Ministry has imposed a definitive anti-dumping duty on certain optical fibre imports from **China, South Korea and Indonesia**.
- Chief Minister Manik Saha launched the massive vaccine catch-up campaign of **Intensified Mission Indradhanush (IMI) 5.0** for three months in the state of Tripura in Aug 2023.
- World Health Organization has announced, **Iraq has now joined the league of 17 other countries that have eliminated trachoma**, which is world's leading infectious cause of blindness in Aug 2023.

- **Keki Mistry** appointed as strategic advisor for Cyrus Poonawalla Group's
- Assam government has signed an MoU with the Badminton Association of India to set up the **National Centre of Excellence for Badminton in the state.**
- The leading smartphone processor manufacturer, **Qualcomm appointed Savi Soin as the President of Qualcomm India.**
- **9th edition of Malabar River Festival opens in Kerala**

- HDFC Bank's Jagdishan Highest Paid Bank CEO in FY23 with Rs 10.55cr Pay
- Sports Authority of India (SAI) under the Umbrella Campaign '**Cheer4India**' **has launched a short movie series 'Halla Bol'** on the journey of Asian Games bound athletes to motivate them for Hangzhou Asian Games and spread awareness about the upcoming Asian Games.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually laid the foundation stone for the redevelopment of 508 railway stations.
- **A special art exhibition titled "Together We Art" begins at Bihar Museum, Patna**

# Ans:d

President Droupadi Murmu has inaugurated 'Unmesha' – International Literature Festival and 'Utkarsh' – Festival of Folk and Tribal Performing Arts in which state?

(a) Uttar Pradesh / उत्तर प्रदेश

(b) Gujarat / गुजरात

(c) Rajasthan / राजस्थान

(d) Madhya Pradesh / मध्य प्रदेश

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Ans:b

Who among the following current Cabinet Secretary of India?

(a) Tushar Mehta / तुषार मेहता

(b) Rajiv Gauba / राजीव गौबा

(c) Rajiv Mehrishi / राजीव महर्षि

(d) Ajay Kumar Bhalla / अजय कुमार भल्ला

Ans:d

Who will be honoured with Diversity in Cinema Award at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne (IFFM)?

(a) Rashmika Mandanna / रश्मिका मंदाना

(b) Diana Penty / डायना पेंटी

(c) Tamanna Bhatia / तमन्ना भाटिया

(d) Mrunal Thakur / मृणाल ठाकुर

# Ans:d

Bengal veteran Manoj Tiwary has announced her retirement. He was related to which sport?

(a) Hockey / हॉकी

(b) Tennis / टेनिस

(c) Badminton / बैडमिंटन

(d) Cricket / क्रिकेट



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Ans:C

Foxconn subsidiary inked ₹1,600 crore deal with which state to set up electronic components manufacturing facility?

[A] Maharashtra

[B] Gujarat

[C] Tamil Nadu

[D] Karnataka

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Ans:b

When is National Javelin Day celebrated annually?

(a) 06 August

(b) 07 August

(c) 08 August

(d) 09 August

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# Question of the day

Who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Cambodia?

(a) Hun Sen

(b) Norodom Sihamoni

(c) Hun manet

(d) none of these

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Thank you



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