

26 August 2024: Current Affairs

National

National Space Day: 'Sapno ki Udaan' E-Magazine Launched



On National Space Day, August 23, 2024, India released 'Sapno ki Udaan', an e-magazine aimed at inspiring students. Union Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched the magazine, celebrating the first anniversary of Chandrayaan-3's landing on the lunar South Pole.

23 Lakh Government Employees to Benefit from UPS



The government has announced the Unified Pension Scheme (UPS) for 23 lakh employees, amid protests from some non-BJP-ruled states over the New Pension Scheme (NPS)

International

North Korean Leader Reveals New 'Suicide Drones'



Kim Jong Un has unveiled a new type of “suicide drone” designed to carry explosives and crash into targets. The drones were tested successfully, with state media reporting their effective performance during a recent demonstration.

Economy and Finance

****Arun Agarwal Appointed Chairman of Texas Economic Development Corporation****



Arun Agarwal, an Indian-American entrepreneur, has been appointed Chairman of the Texas Economic Development Corporation (TEDC) Board of Directors, highlighting Texas's commitment to diversity and economic growth.

Science & Tech.

****Cabinet Approves 'Vigyan Dhara' Scheme****

Ministry of Information and Public Relations
Government of India

Cabinet Decision
24th August, 2024

Vigyan Dhara Scheme

- Unified Central Sector Scheme by the Department of Science & Technology (DST)
- Proposed outlay is ₹10,579.84 crore during 15th Finance Commission period (2021-22 to 2025-26)

The Union Cabinet has approved the continuation of the 'Vigyan Dhara' scheme, integrating three previous schemes to enhance the Science, Technology, and Innovation (STI) ecosystem in India.

****India Welcomes First Civilian Space Tourist, Gopichand Thotakura****



Gopichand Thotakura, India's first civilian space tourist, returned to Delhi after joining Blue Origin's New Shepard-25 mission. Thotakura's trip lasted about ten minutes, reaching an altitude of 105 km

Important Dates

****Mother Teresa's 114th Birth Anniversary****



August 26 marks the 114th birth anniversary of Mother Teresa, celebrated for her global legacy of compassion and service. She was born in Albania and honored with the Nobel Peace Prize and Bharat Ratna among other accolades.