

Current Affairs August 14, 2024

Important Days

****Partition Horrors Remembrance Day 2024****



Partition Horrors Remembrance Day, known in Hindi as “Vibhajan Vibhishika Smriti Diwas,” is a solemn national memorial day observed annually on August 14th in India. This day serves as a poignant reminder of the immense suffering and loss experienced during the 1947 partition of India.

States News

****Madhya Pradesh Pioneers Cash for Sanitary Napkins Scheme****



Under the leadership of Dr. Mohan Yadav, Madhya Pradesh has launched a first-of-its-kind scheme in India to provide cash directly to adolescent girls for purchasing sanitary napkins. This innovative approach sets Madhya Pradesh apart from other states that typically distribute free sanitary napkins.

Defence News

****DRDO Successfully Tests Long Range Glide Bomb 'GAURAV' From Su-30 MK-1****



The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully carried out the maiden flight test of the long-range glide bomb (LRGB) **GAURAV** from a Su-30 MK-I fighter jet of the Indian Air Force on August 13, 2024.

Sports News

****ICC Players of the Month for July 2024 Announced****



England's Gus Atkinson and Sri Lanka's Chamari Athapaththu have been crowned as the standout performers in men's and women's cricket, respectively, for their exceptional contributions during the month.

International News

****China Tests Largest Cargo Drone as Low-Altitude Economy Expands****



China has taken a significant step in advancing its low-altitude economy by testing its largest unmanned cargo aircraft yet. This move highlights the country's push to expand its drone capabilities, with the goal of creating a \$279 billion industry by 2030.

****Ancient Solar Calendar Discovered in Turkey****



In a groundbreaking discovery, archaeologists may have uncovered the world's oldest solar calendar at the renowned archaeological site of Göbekli Tepe in southern Turkey. This finding, published in the journal *Time and Mind* on July 24, offers a fascinating glimpse into the sophisticated astronomical knowledge of our ancient ancestors.

Business News

****NPCI Spins Off BHIM into a Separate Arm; Lalitha Nataraj Appointed CEO****



The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) is spinning off its Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM) app into a standalone subsidiary to bolster its presence in the digital payments market. Lalitha Nataraj, previously with IDFC FIRST Bank and ICICI Bank, has been appointed as CEO of this new entity.

Appointments News

****Rana Ashutosh Kumar Singh Assumes Role as MD at SBI****



Rana Ashutosh Kumar Singh has been appointed as the Managing Director (MD) of the State Bank of India (SBI), overseeing the Risk Compliance and Stressed Assets Resolution Group (SARG) departments. This change follows government approval last week.

****PR Sreejesh Appointed as New Head Coach of India's Junior Men's Hockey Team****



Hockey India (HI) has officially announced that retiring goalkeeper PR Sreejesh will be the new head coach for the Indian junior men's hockey team. This decision follows India's recent bronze medal victory at the 2024 Olympics.

Plutus Academy