

## August 18, 2024: Current Affairs

### National

#### Inauguration of Maritime Rescue Coordination Center



Defense Minister Rajnath Singh will inaugurate the Indian Coast Guard's Maritime Rescue Coordination Center in Chennai on August 18, 2024. This center aims to enhance maritime safety and rescue operations in the region.

#### MoU between Nepal Academy and BHU



An MoU has been signed between Nepal Academy and Banaras Hindu University (BHU) for research on Nepali language, literature, culture, and philosophy. This collaboration aims to deepen cultural and academic ties.

### International

#### Sweden Offers Money for Citizens to Leave the Country



Sweden introduced a new policy offering money to citizens who wish to leave the country. Previously applicable only to immigrants, the policy now includes all Swedish citizens, reflecting the government's efforts to control the rising population of migrants.

## Defense

### India-Japan 2+2 Ministerial Meeting



India and Japan will hold their third 2+2 Ministerial Meeting in New Delhi on August 20, 2024. This meeting between defense and foreign ministers will focus on enhancing strategic and security cooperation.

## Economy

### India to Become Third Largest Economy by 2027



IMF's First Deputy Managing Director, Dr. Gita Gopinath, predicted that India will become the third-largest economy by 2027. She highlighted the country's strong growth in consumption and the need to create millions of jobs.

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