

International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism

The International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 2017. It designated 21 August as the International Day of Remembrance and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism in order to honor the victims and survivors of terrorism.

International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief

August 22 was designated as the International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief in a meeting of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA). The international day aims to honour the victims and survivors of heinous acts who often remain forgotten.

NATIONAL Committee Formed to Advise Government on 'Fit India Movement'

An advisory committee comprising members of Indian Olympic Association (IOA), national sports federations (NSFs), government officials, private bodies and celebrated fitness enthusiasts has been formed to advise the government on the "Fit India Movement" which will be launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on August 29. Accordingly, an advisory committee is being constituted with members of government, Sports Authority of India (SAI), IOA and NSFs like Athletics Federation of India, All India Football Federation, Cycling Federation of India and so on

RBI Says RTGS System to Open At 7 AM Instead of 8 AM

In order to increase the availability of the RTGS system, RBI has been decided to extend the operating hours of RTGS and commence operations for customers and banks from 7:00 am instead of 8 am. The extended customer transactions timing will be applicable from August 26.

PM Modi Approves Ajay Kumar Bhalla as New Home Secretary

Ajay Kumar Bhalla, currently serving as an officer on special duty in the home ministry, was appointed as the new Union home secretary. The Appointments Committee of the cabinet headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved Bhalla's appointment as the new home secretary. He replaces Rajiv Gauba, who was appointed as the new cabinet secretary.



Ajay Kumar appointed new Defence Secretary

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), Government of India (GoI) has made Ajay Kumar as the new Defence Secretary but without 2 years' tenure. He will replace Sanjay Mitra. Ajay Kumar is currently serving as the Secretary, Department of Defence Production.

Abdalla Hamdok takes charge as Sudan's new Prime Minister

Abdalla Hamdok has taken the oath as the prime minister of Sudan. This comes a month after Sudan embarked on a three-year transition to civilian rule. Hamdok was sworn in before Abdel Fattah Al-Burhan, chairman of the newly-formed Sovereign Council, at the presidential palace in the capital Khartoum in presence of the chief justice.

Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte resigns

The Prime Minister of Italy, Giuseppe Conte, an independent, announced his resignation to the President of Italy, Sergio Mattarella. The resignation was done after the Deputy PM (Prime Minister) Luigi Di Maio and the leader of the far-right League and Matteo Salvini (also Deputy PM), announced a motion of no confidence against Conte. This resignation marks the end of Western Europe's first fully populist government.

JNU Professor Meeta Narain was conferred the 'Pushkin Medal 2019'

JNU Professor Meeta Narain conferred the 'Pushkin Medal – 2019'. It is the highest honour given to an Indian scholar by the Russian government. Pushkin Medal is given to a scholar of Russian language and literature. It is given for outstanding contribution to Russian studies.

Culture Minister Prahlaad Singh Patel launches book titled- the Diary of Manu Gandhi'

Culture and Tourism Minister Prahlaad Singh Patel launched the book titled- the Diary of Manu Gandhi' at a function in New Delhi. The book has been brought out by National Archives of India, on the occasion of 150th anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in collaboration with Oxford University Press. The Diary of Manu Gandhi originally written in Gujarati language has been edited and translated by a well known scholar Dr. Tridip Suhrud. The first volume of the book covers the period of 1943- 1944. Manu Gandhi was a grand niece of Mahatma Gandhi.

Dwayne Johnson leads Forbes list of highest-paid actors, Akshay Kumar 4th on the list

Action movie hero Dwayne Johnson, star of the "Jumanji" and "Fast and Furious" franchises, topped the annual list of the world's highest-paid actors, Forbes magazine reported. Johnson, the former wrestler once known as The Rock, pulled in \$89.4 million from June 2018 to June 2019. Chris Hemsworth, who played Thor, took in \$76.4 million, while Iron Man actor Robert Downey Jr. earned \$66 million. The fourth-biggest earner was Bollywood actor Akshay Kumar, with \$65 million, and Hong Kong-born actor and martial artist Jackie Chan with \$58 million.