

Bihar Special

Martyrs' Day

Why in the news?

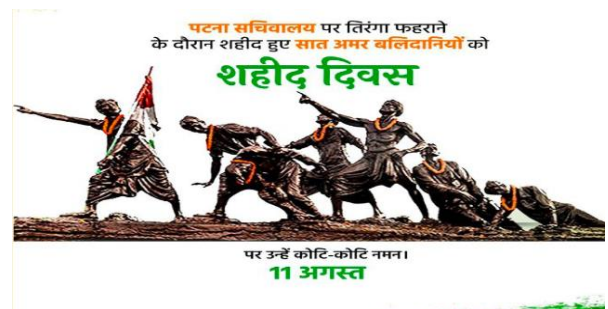
On August 11, 2024, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar remembered the immortal martyrs and paid heartfelt tribute to them at Saptamatruka located at Shaheed Memorial Complex, Patna.

- ❖ On August 11, 1942, seven young patriots were martyred while attempting to hoist the tricolour at the Patna Secretariat.
- ❖ **Martyrs:** The seven brave youths were Umakant Prasad Sinha, Ramanand Singh, Satish Prasad Jha, Jagpati Kumar, Devipad Chaudhary, Rajendra Singh, and Ram Govind Singh.

Background of the Movement

- ❖ **Quit India Movement (1942):** In August, 1942, the Indian National Congress passed the Quit India Resolution in Bombay, demanding the end of British rule in India. This was endorsed by the All India Congress Committee on August 7-8, 1942, where Mahatma Gandhi gave the famous "Do or Die" slogan.

- ❖ **Government Response:** To suppress the movement, the British government arrested Mahatma Gandhi and all members of the Congress Working Committee on August 9, 1942. Many nationalists in Bihar were also detained.
- ❖ **Local Repression:** District Magistrate W.G. Archer arrested Rajendra Prasad and sent him to Bankipur Jail. Other leaders like Baldev Sahai and prominent figures such as Phoolan Prasad Verma, Shrikrishna Sinha, and Anugrah Narayan Sinha were also arrested.
- ❖ **Student Involvement:** On the morning of August 11, 1942, a crowd of 6,000 students gathered at the Patna Secretariat with the peaceful aim of hoisting the Congress flag. Despite their non-violent intentions, they faced armed resistance from British military police.



Bihar's First Supercomputer: Param Buddha

Why in the news?

Bihar has achieved a major milestone in technology with the development of its first supercomputer.

- ❖ **Development Center:** The supercomputer, named 'Param Buddha,' is created by the Center for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC) in Patna.
- ❖ **Capabilities:** Param Buddha is equipped with advanced Artificial Intelligence (AI) capabilities, making it a cutting-edge machine.

Applications and Benefits

- ❖ **Research Enhancement:** The supercomputer will simplify research in key areas such as health, education, agriculture, and science.
- ❖ **Data Processing:** It will make processing large volumes of data more efficient and accessible, facilitating quicker results.
- ❖ **Agriculture:** It will aid in studying crop diseases and treatments.
- ❖ **Health:** It will assist in studying the effects of diseases and long-term impacts of medications.

परम बुद्ध

बिहार का अपना सुपर कम्प्यूटर



Special guest invited from Bihar in Independence Day flag hoisting ceremony

Why in the news?

Eight beneficiaries from Bihar of the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana are invited to the Independence Day flag hoisting ceremony by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi.

❖ Farmers Invited:

- Sunil Kumar Jaiswal (West Champaran district)
- Uma Shankar Sah (Siwan district)
- Ramjeet Sharma (Patna district)
- Amrendra Kumar (Darbhanga)
- Ravi Ranjan Kumar (Aurangabad)
- Rakesh Kumar (Nalanda)
- Ved Byas Choudhary (Bhagalpur)
- Jitendra Kumar Singh (Vaishali)

- ❖ **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi:** It is an initiative by the government of India that gives farmers up to ₹6,000 per year as minimum income support. The initiative was announced by Piyush Goyal during the 2019 Interim Union Budget of India on 1 February 2019.

Additional information:

- ❖ Nine women village heads from Bihar are also scheduled to travel to New Delhi on August 15, 2024 to attend the Independence Day function as special guests.

International Relations

India- Timor-Leste Relationship

Why in the news?

India's President Droupadi Murmu recently visited Timor-Leste, marking the first-ever visit by an Indian President to the country.

- ❖ India will soon open its embassy in Timor-Leste, and Timor-Leste will establish a resident mission in New Delhi.
- ❖ **Significance:** Currently, travellers from Timor-Leste to India had to obtain visas from the Indian embassy in Indonesia, which will change once the new embassy in Dili is established.

Presidential Honours

- ❖ **Grand Collar of the Order of Timor-Leste:** President Murmu was awarded the Grand Collar of the Order of Timor-Leste, the highest honour in the country, by President José Ramos-Horta.
- ❖ **Recognition:** The honour was given in recognition of her achievements in public service, dedication to education, social welfare, and women empowerment.

Signing of MoUs

- ❖ **Bilateral Agreements:** Three Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) were signed in the presence of President Murmu of India and Prime Minister Gusmao of Timor-Leste:
 - Cultural Exchanges
 - Collaboration between Prasar Bharati and Timor-Leste Radio & Television (RTTL).
 - Exemption from visa requirements for holders of diplomatic, official, and service passports.



India and Maldives Inaugurate Infrastructure Projects in Addu

Why in the news?

- ❖ On August 11, 2024, India and the Maldives inaugurated several infrastructure projects funded by New Delhi in Addu city of Maldives.
- ❖ **Addu Reclamation and Shore Protection Project**
 - **Purpose:** To develop Addu as a regional hub for tourism and economic growth
- ❖ **Addu Roads and Drainage Development**
 - **Purpose:** Addu-Detour link road, which will enhance connectivity within the Addu atoll
- ❖ **Gan International Airport Redevelopment**
 - **Objective:** To connect Addu atoll with the rest of the world, boost investor confidence, and enhance local tourism.



India, Maldives Launch Major Infrastructure Projects

Science And Technology

Agreement Between MEA and NSIL

Why in the news?

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) of India and NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), ISRO's commercial arm, signed an agreement to assist in the launch of Nepal's Munal satellite.

- ❖ **Development of the Munal Satellite**
 - The Munal satellite was developed by the Nepal Academy of Science and Technology with design and fabrication assistance from Antarikshya Pratishan, a Nepalese space startup.
- ❖ **Purpose of the Munal Satellite**
 - The satellite is designed to create a vegetation density database of Earth's surface, aiding in environmental monitoring and agricultural planning.
- ❖ **Upcoming Launch**
 - The Munal satellite is expected to be launched soon using NSIL's Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle (PSLV), showcasing India's support for regional space initiatives.



Sports

Paris Olympic medals 2024

Why in the news?

International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach, alongside French swimmer Léon Marchand, extinguished the Olympic flame in Paris, France on August 11, 2024.

Closing Ceremony

- ❖ **Olympic Flag Handover:** The Olympic flag was handed over to Los Angeles, USA, which will host the 34th Summer Olympics in 2028.
- ❖ **Indian Flag Bearers:** Manu Bhaker and PR Sreejesh represented India as flag bearers at the closing ceremony.
- ❖ **Venue:** The closing ceremony took place at **Stade de France**, France's largest stadium, unlike the opening ceremony held on the River Seine.

33rd Summer Olympics

- ❖ **Host City:** Paris, France
- ❖ **Schedule:** July 26 - August 11, 2024
- ❖ **Number of Events:** Approximately 330 events across 32 sports
- ❖ **Opening flag bearer from India:** Badminton player PV Sindhu and table tennis player Sharath Kamal were the Indian flag bearers at the opening ceremony.

Mascot and Motto of the 2024 Paris Olympics

- ❖ **Mascot:** Olympic Phryge - based on traditional French Phrygian Hat. Its colours were blue, white and red, reflecting the colour of the French Flag.
- ❖ **Slogan:** Games Wide Open (French: Ouvrons Grand les Jeux)





Indian Medal Winner at the Paris Olympics

	Players	Event	Medal
1	Manu Bhaker	Women's 10m Air Pistol	Bronze
2	Manu Bhaker & Sarabjot Singh	10m Air Pistol Mixed Team Shooting	Bronze
3	Swapnil Kusale	Men's 50m Rifle 3 Positions	Bronze
4	Men's Hockey Team	Men's Hockey	Bronze
5	Neeraj Chopra	Javelin	Silver
6	Aman Sehrawat	Wrestling 57 kg Freestyle	Bronze

Overall Medal Tally at the 2024 Paris Olympics

Rank	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	United States of America	40	44	42	126
2	China	40	27	24	91
3	Great Britain	14	22	29	65
4	France	16	26	22	64
5	Australia	18	19	16	53
6	Japan	20	12	13	45
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71	India	0	1	5	6



Persons In News

TV Somanathan

Why in the news?

TV Somanathan, currently the Finance Secretary, has been appointed as the Cabinet Secretary of India.

- ❖ His tenure as Cabinet Secretary will be for two years, starting from August 30, 2024.

1987 batch IAS Officer

TV Somanathan appointed as Cabinet Secretary

Currently serving as Union Finance Secretary, Mr. Somanathan will take charge from **August 30th** for his **2 Years Tenure**, succeeding Mr. Rajeev Gauba.

Mr. Somanathan also held other significant portfolios under Central & State Govt.



Paul Kagame sworn in as President of Rwanda

Why in the news?

Recently, Rwanda's President Paul Kagame has taken oath of office for the fourth term. He has received more than 99 percent votes.

- ❖ Rwanda's Chief Justice Faustin Nzeliyo administered the oath of office to him. The President has pledged to maintain peace, sovereignty and unity.



Important Days/ Dates

International Youth Day 2024

Why in the news?

International Youth Day is observed annually on August 12.

- ❖ Theme: International Youth Day 2024 is "From Clicks to Progress: Youth Digital Pathways for Sustainable Development".



Obituary

Kunwar Natwar Singh

Why in the news?

Former External Affairs Minister and Congress leader Kunwar Natwar Singh passed away at the age of 95.

Background and Career

- ❖ **Political Career:** He joined the Congress party in 1984 after leaving the Indian Foreign Service (IFS).
- ❖ **Awards:** Singh was awarded the Padma Bhushan, India's third highest civilian award, in 1984.
- ❖ **Role as External Affairs Minister:** Served as India's External Affairs Minister from 2004 to 2005.
- ❖ **Significant Achievement:** He was involved in negotiations leading to the India-US civil nuclear deal in July 2005.

Former EAM Natwar Singh Dies At 93



News in Short

- ❖ Reliance Industries (RIL) commissioned its first solar giga-factory in the current fiscal year (FY25) in order to advance a green pathway towards achieving net zero carbon emissions from operations by 2035.
- ❖ Shruti Gupta, from Raipur, Chhattisgarh, has been selected in the U.S. Army after surpassing over 100,000 other candidates.



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