

July 16th news:

National:

PM Modi launches several development projects in Mirzapur

On the 2nd day of his two-day Uttar Pradesh visit, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the Bansagar canal project to the nation in Mirzapur; also laid foundation stone of Mirzapur Medical College and inaugurated 100 Jan AushadiKendras and a bridge over river Ganga.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi dedicated the Bansagar Canal Project to the Nation in Mirzapur, Uttar Pradesh. This project will provide a big boost to irrigation in the region, and will be greatly beneficial for the farmers of Mirzapur and Allahabad districts of Uttar Pradesh.

Bansagar Dam project is a joint venture of Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Bihar. The total canal network under it is 171 kms long.

Canals will bring waters from Shahdol district in Madhya Pradesh for Adwa Barrage, Meza Dam and Jirgo reservoir. This project will benefit 1 lakh 70 thousand farmers of Mirzapur and Allahabad districts.

The Prime Minister also laid the Foundation Stone of the Mirzapur Medical College, besides inaugurating 100 Jan AushadhiKendras in the State.

He also dedicated a bridge over the River Ganga at Balughat, Chunar, which will facilitate connectivity between Mirzapur and Varanasi. These gifts will transform the backward areas of Poorvanchal.

Bilateral:

India, Bangladesh sign revised travel agreement

India on 15th July signed a revised travel agreement with Bangladesh to ease visa restrictions for citizens from the neighboring country. Under the Revised Travel Arrangement (RTA)-2018, freedom fighters and elderly Bangladeshi nationals will get five year multiple visa from India.

Sports:

FIFA World Cup 2018: France are the WORLD CHAMPIONS

France beat Croatia 4-2 in an incredible World Cup final in Moscow on 15th July to lift the trophy for the second time in their history.

The first team to score four times in a final since Brazil in 1970, is France. France joins Uruguay and Argentina in winning the World Cup for a second time, after their 1998 triumph over Brazil when Didier Deschamps -- now the coach -- was the captain. The game will be remembered as the highest-scoring World Cup final since England's win over West Germany in 1966, and for Mbappe becoming the youngest player to score in the final since Pele in 1958.

Russia hands over World Cup hosting duties to Qatar

Russian President Vladimir Putin on 15th July handed over the mantle of World Cup host to the emir of Qatar, whose country will stage the 2022 edition of the tournament.

Novak Djokovic beats Kevin Anderson to win fourth Wimbledon title

Novak Djokovic claimed a fourth Wimbledon title after beating South African Kevin Anderson on 15th July

Dhoni becomes 4th Indian batsman to score 10,000 runs in ODIs

Mahendra Singh Dhoni on 14th July became the fourth Indian to reach the milestone of 10,000 runs in ODIs during the second match of the three-game series against England at Lord's. Dhoni joined an elite list which features some of India's greatest batsmen in Sachin Tendulkar, Sourav Ganguly and Rahul Dravid. Dhoni is currently placed 12th in the list of all-time highest run-getters in ODIs.

Sri Lanka's Kumar Sangakkara is the only wicketkeeper-batsman to feature in the list with 14,234 runs to his name. He is the second highest run-getter in the ODIs, behind only the legendary Sachin Tendulkar.

Earlier in the day, Dhoni also became the fourth wicket-keeper to complete 300 ODI catches after Adam Gilchrist (417), Mark Boucher (403) and Kumar Sangakkara (402)