

August 14th and 15th news:

National:

Delhi Police gets India's first all-women SWAT team

Delhi will be the first police force in the country to have an all-women SWAT (**Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) team**) team. Home minister Rajnath Singh has formally inducted the unit in Delhi Police. Trained by specialists from India and abroad, 36 women constables from northeastern states have been inducted into the squad after rigorous, 15-month training. It is the brainchild of police commissioner Amulya Patnaik

Bilateral:

Economy:

Pune most livable followed by Navi Mumbai, Rampur in UP is the worst

Three cities in Maharashtra — Pune, Navi Mumbai and Greater Mumbai — top the first Ease of Living Index brought out by the Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. The national capital, New Delhi, is ranked 65 among 111 cities, while Chennai is in 14th place. Kolkata did not participate in the survey. A city's ranking reflects its ability to provide data, as well as its actual performance on four different parameters — institutions or governance, social indicators, economic indicators and physical infrastructure

Bottom 3 Cities in the List are:

- Rampur (111th),
- Kohima (110th),
- Patna (109th).

Chhattisgarh first to provide Right to Skills' Development to youth

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Raman Singh said that his state is the first among the 28 other states in the country to provide Right to Skills' Development to the youth. According to the Chief Minister around 2.7 lakh youth has already been employed in several fields. Trained individuals have also been working in cities like Bengaluru and Chennai

Science and Technology:

Chandrayaan-2 Lander To Be Named 'Vikram' After Sarabhai

The lander on the Chandrayaan-2 mission, which is scheduled to be launched on 3rd January, 2019 will be named 'Vikram' after Vikram Sarabhai, the father of Indian space programme. This mission, unlike Chandrayaan-1 which only orbited the Moon, involves a Lander soft-landing on the lunar surface and unloading a Rover to study and take measurements from the Moon, while the orbiter will go around the Earth's satellite.

Environment:

India's 1st Genetic Bank For Wildlife Conservation Inaugurated In Hyderabad

Country's first genetic resource bank, which could have far reaching implications in conservation and revival of extinct and endangered species in the near future, was inaugurated at Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology's (CCMB) Laboratory of Conservation of Endangered Species (LaCONES) facility in Hyderabad.

Dubbed as National Wildlife Genetic Resource Bank and inaugurated by Union Minister for Science and Technology and Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Dr. Harsh Vardhan, the genetic bank will cryopreserve living cell lines, gametes and embryos of endangered wild animal species in India

Sports:

Viraj Madappa Becomes Youngest Indian Golfer To Win Asian Tour Title

Indian golfer Viraj Madappa became the youngest Indian to win on the Asian Tour, as he won his first title on the Asian Tour at Take Solutions Masters in Bengaluru. Viraj Madappa scored a total of 16-under 268 at the Asian Tour event. He is 20 years old. Earlier this record was held by Gaganjeet Bhullar, who won the Indonesia Invitational when he was 21 years and three months old.

Nihal Sarin Becomes 53rd Chess Grandmaster from India

International Master Nihal Sarin became the 53rd Grandmaster of India despite losing his final round game to Richard Rapport of Hungary in the ninth and final round of Abu Dhabi Masters. The 14-year-old Nihal tallied 5.5 points out of a possible nine and the final GM norm came the Kerala boy's way with one round to spare.

Obituary

Atal Bihari Vajpayee: Former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee has passed away on 16th August. Atal Bihari Vajpayee was three times Prime Minister of India. First Term: May 1996, Second Term: 1998-1999 and Third Term: 1999-2004.

He is the founder of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). He served as the eleventh Prime Minister of India. He headed the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance in the Indian Parliament, and became the first Prime Minister unaffiliated with the Indian National Congress to complete a full five-year term in office. During his time, India conducted its second and third nuclear tests in Pokhran.

Ajit Wadekar: Former India cricket captain Ajit Wadekar, who led the team to path-breaking Test wins in England and the West Indies, passed away after prolonged illness. The aggressive batsman was a trailblazer in Indian cricket despite a mere 37 Test appearances, leading India to triumphs in England and the West Indies in 1971. Wadekar scored 2,113 runs in his Test career, including one hundred, and was also the country's first ODI captain.