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Death Anniversary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee

- On **August 16, 2020** **India** commemorated death anniversary of **Atal Bihari Vajpayee**.
- The Prime Minister of India **Narendra Modi** paid **respect** to the former Prime Minister.
- Vajpayee served as the **Indian Prime Minister** for three terms.

National



Atal Tunnel

- The Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur has announced that the Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi will inaugurate “Atal Tunnel” by the end of September 2020.
- The tunnel is being built under Rohtang pass in the Pir Panjal on the Leh-Manali highway. It is located at 3,100 metres above the sea level. The length of the tunnel is 8.8 kilometres.
- The route is important as it feeds military supplied to the military sub sector that are located in Siachen Glacier and Aksai Chin.

India ranks first in Organic farming

- The Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers announced that India ranks first in Organic Farming.
- India also ranks ninth in terms of areas under Organic Farming.
- Sikkim was the first state on the world to become completely organic.
- The other states that have similar targets include Uttarakhand, and Tripura.

International



BRICS Anti-Drug working Group

- The fourth Session of Anti-Drug working Group of BRICS was held virtually.
- All the member countries of the BRICS group such as India, Brazil, Russia, China and South Africa Participated in the session.
- The meeting focused on misuse of technologies for drug trafficking .
- During the meeting India stressed on common point that emerged during discussion including need for real time information sharing.
- The drug trafficking and usage in India is high. India is taking immense measures to control drug usages individually and also along with international groupings.

Taiwan Purchases F-16 jets from U.S

- Taiwan recently signed an agreement to buy 66 of the latest F-16 jets from the U.S.
- This is the first purchases of Taiwan from the US since 1992. This is expected to escalates the tension between US and China

Sports



Retirement

- The most known and famous India Cricket Players **Mahendra Singh Dhoni** and **Suresh Raina** announced **retirement** from **international cricket**.

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