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Important Day

Women's Equality Day

- Women's Equality Day is observed on 26th August every year.
- The objective of this day to encourage the women in self dependence and make them aware of their rights.
- The day was first celebrated as designed to commemorate the 19th Amendment adopted in the 1920 in the United States of America to implement rights to vote among the women.

National



Baggage Sanitization and Wrapping machine

- Baggage Sanitization and Wrapping machine has been launched at Ahmadabad Railway Station, Gujarat.
- It has been launched by the Ahmadabad Railway Division.
- This recently launched machine aims to ensure safe travels amid the pandemic.
- The machine uses Ultraviolet radiation for 360 degree sanitization of the luggage.

Tamil Nadu women top the list of MUDRA loan Scheme

- The data provided by the Ministry of Finance of Rajya Sabha, Tamil Nadu has topped the list of Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY) in availing loans to women.
- In the list, West Bengal and Karnataka has ranked in second and third position.

AFSPA has been extended in Assam for Six more months

- The Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act, 1958 is to be extended for six more months in the state of Assam.
- The cause of extending duration of AFSPA in Assam is the recent insurgent attacks on security forces.
- The act AFSPA gives special powers to the armed forces to maintain public order in disturbed areas. The act was first enacted in 1958.

Aerospace Scientist G Satheesh Reddy gets Two-Year Extension as Chairman of DRDO

- The Renowned Aerospace Scientist **Dr G. Satheesh Reddy** was given a **two year extension** as chairman of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) & as secretary of the Department of Defence Research & Development by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet.

International



African Continent Becomes free from Polio

- The Africa Regional Certification commission (ARCC), an independent body set up by the World Health Organization (WHO) has certified the African Continent free from polio virus.

The hottest air temperature

- The hottest air temperature recorded in Death Valley in California's Mojave Desert.
- The temperature was recorded as 130 Fahrenheit and 54.4 celsius.

Obituary



Pascal Lissouba

- Pascal Lissouba, the former president of the Republic of Congo passed away.
- He served as the President of the Republic Congo from 1992 to 1997.
- The capital of Republic of Congo: Brazzaville
- The President of the Republic of Congo: Denis Sassou Nguesso.
- The Prime Minister of the Republic of Congo: Clement Mouamba.

Sports



Mental Calculation World Cup

- Neelakantha Bhanu Prakash Jonnalagadda from Hyderabad has bagged first ever Gold Medal for India in Mental Calculations World Cup.
- The game has been launched by Mind Sports Olympiad. (MSO).

Retirement

- Indian Table Tennis Star, **Poulomi Ghatak** has announced retirement.

Defence



INS Viraat decommissioned

- The aircraft carrier, **INS Viraat** that served for Indian Navy for more than **30 years** is to be **dismantled** at **Alang, Gujarat**. The ship was **decommissioned** three year back.
- **INS Viraat** is the **longest serving ship** of the **Indian Navy**. It was inducted into the **Indian Navy** in **1987**.

Local



TRIPURA

International Online Yoga Competition

- Tripura achieved successful place in the International Online Yoga Competition held in Turkish capital Istanbul. The event was held online for the first time ever due to COVID-19 pandemic.
- Tripura won Six medals (3 gold medals, 1 Silver medal and two bronze medals).
- Shambhu Chakraborty, Tanmoy Debnath and Pooja Bhattacharaya won the gold medals for Tripura.
- Puja Banik won silver medals
- Sourav Ghosh and Debajit Debnath won Bronze medals for Tripura.

Awards in Self reliance

- The State Government of Tripura has decided to give awards to youth to encourage and motivate them in self reliance
- The awards include
 1. **Good Samaritan Award:** Good Samaritan Award will be given those who help the road accident victims.
 2. **Best Startup Entrepreneur Award:** Best Startup Entrepreneur Award is to motivate youth and coming forward for new entrepreneurship in the field of industry.

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3. **Best Entrepreneur Award** in the field of Agriculture and Horticulture, Fishery, Animal Husbandry, village and industry like Handloom and Handicrafts and Bee Keeping and Industrial enterprise.
4. **Best Mobile app Award: Best Mobile app Award** is to encourage youth to show their creativity in Digital platforms
5. **Best Cooperative Society Award: Best Cooperative Society Award** is to encourage cooperative societies to do more work for the common rural people.

District Magistrate West Tripura

- Sailesh Kumar Yadav took over charge as District Magistrate West Tripura.
- He succeeds Sandip Mahatme Sailesh.
- He also served as the Commissioner Agartala Municipal Corporation, Director of Urban Development.

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