

## Weekly One Liners 12th to 17th of August 2024

### 70th National Film Awards

The winners of the **70th National Film Awards** are announced at the **National Media Center in New Delhi** on August 16, with the **Malayalam film Aattam** emerging as the Best Feature Film.

#### 70th National Film Awards 2024 winners

- **Rishab Shetty** won the **Best Actor** award for **Kantara**, the Best Actress honour was shared by **Nithya Menen** for **Thiruchitrabalam** and **Manasi Parekh** for **The Kutch Express**, respectively.
- The **Best Director** honour went to **Sooraj Barjatya** for his film, **Uunchai**. **Ponniyin Selvan I**, **KGF 2**, **Brahmastra** and **Aparajito** were among the other films which won awards at the ceremony.
- The awards were announced by the **chairperson of the Feature Film Jury**, **Rahul Rawail**; **Nila Madhab Panda**, chairperson of the **Non-Feature Film Jury**; and **Gangadhar Mudalair**, chairperson of the **Best Writing on Cinema Jury**.

#### 2023 National Film Awards

In 2023, the Best Actor honour was won by **Allu Arjun for Pushpa: The Rise** and the Best Actress award was won by **Alia**

#### Feature Film Categories

Category	Winner	Film
Best Feature Film	Aattam	Aattam
Best Actor	Rishab Shetty	Kantara
Best Actress	Nithya Menen, Manasi Parekh	Tiruchitrabalam, Kutch Express
Best Director	Sooraj Barjatya	Uunchai
Best Supporting Actress	Neena Gupta	Uunchai
Best Supporting Actor	Pawan Malhotra	Fouja
Best Feature Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment	Kantara	Kantara
Best Debut Film of a Director	Pramod Kumar	Fouja
Best Telugu Film	Karthikeya 2	Karthikeya 2
Best Tamil Film	Ponniyin Selvan – Part 1	Ponniyin Selvan – Part 1
Best Punjabi Film	Baaghi Di Dhee	Baaghi Di Dhee
Best Odia Film	Daman	Daman
Best Malayalam Film	Saudi Velakka CC.225/2009	Saudi Velakka CC.225/2009
Best Marathi Film	Vaalvi	Vaalvi
Best Kannada Film	KGF: Chapter 2	KGF: Chapter 2
Best Hindi Film	Gulmohar	Gulmohar
Best Tiwa Film	Sikaisal	Sikaisal
Best Bengali Film	Kaberi Antardhan	Kaberi Antardhan
Best Assamese Film	Emuthi Puthi	Emuthi Puthi
Special Mention	Manoj Bajpayee, Sanjoy Salil Chowdhury	Gulmohar, Kadhikan

**Bhatt and Kriti Sanon for Gangubai Kathiawadi and Mimi**, respectively. **Rocketry: The Nambi Effect** won the award for Best Feature Film.

About National Film Awards

National Film Awards are the **most prestigious awards**, which are announced **annually** to honour the best filmmaking talent across the country. According to the Directorate of Film Festivals of the **Union Ministry of Information and Broadcasting**. The National Film Awards “aim at encouraging the production of films of aesthetic and technical excellence and social relevance.”

History of this award

**First handed out in 1954**, these awards were known as the **State Awards**. In those years, only best films in different regional languages were recognised and awarded. The awards for actors and technicians working on the films were first given in 1967. **Nargis** was the first actor to win **Best Actress** for her performance in **Raat Aur Din**. **Uttam Kumar** won the Best Actor award for **Antony Firingee** and **Chiriyakhana** in the same year.

List of 70th National Film Awards 2024 winners

**Weekly One Liners 12<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> of August 2024**

Category	Winner	Film
Best Action Direction	KGF: Chapter 2	KGF: Chapter 2
Best Choreography	Tiruchitrabalam	Tiruchitrabalam
Best Lyrics	Fouja	Fouja
Best Music Director	Pritam (Songs), AR Rahman (Background Score)	Various
Best Makeup	Aparajito	Aparajito
Best Costumes	Kutch Express	Kutch Express
Best Production Design	Aparajito	Aparajito
Best Editing	Aattam	Aattam
Best Sound Design	Ponniyin Selvan – Part 1	Ponniyin Selvan – Part 1
Best Screenplay	Aattam	Aattam
Best Dialogues	Gulmohar	Gulmohar
Best Cinematography	Ponniyin Selvan – Part 1	Ponniyin Selvan – Part 1
Best Female Playback Singer	Bombay Jayashri	Saudi Velakka CC.225/2009
Best Male Playback Singer	Arijit Singh	Brahmastra
Best Child Artist	Sreepath	Mallikappuram
Best Film in AVGC	Brahmastra	Brahmastra
Best Non-Feature Film Promoting Social and Environmental Values	Kutch Express	Kutch Express

**Film Writing**

Category	Winner	Work
Best Critic	Deepak Dua	–
Best Book on Cinema	Kishore Kumar: The Ultimate Biography	–

**Non-Feature Film Categories**

Category	Winner	Film
Best Non-Feature Film	Ayena	Ayena
Best Debut Film	Madhyantara	Madhyantara
Best Biographical/Historical/Compilation Film	Aanaksi Ek Mohenjo Daro	Aanaksi Ek Mohenjo Daro
Best Arts/Culture Film	Ranga Vibhoga/Varsa	Ranga Vibhoga/Varsa
Best Script	Mono No Aware	Mono No Aware
Best Narrator	Murmurs of the Jungle	Murmurs of the Jungle
Best Music Direction	Fursat	Fursat
Best Editing	Madhyantara	Madhyantara
Best Sound Design	Yaan	Yaan
Best Cinematography	Mono No Aware	Mono No Aware
Best Direction	From the Shadow	From the Shadow
Best Short Film	Xunyota	Xunyota
Best Animated Film	The Coconut Tree	The Coconut Tree
Best Non-Feature Film Promoting Social and Environmental Values	On the Brink Season 2 – Gharial	On the Brink Season 2 – Gharial
Best Documentary	Murmurs of the Jungle	Murmurs of the Jungle

**Paris Olympics 2024**

The Paris Olympics 2024 marks a significant milestone in the history of the modern Olympic Games. This edition of the Summer Olympics is expected to bring together athletes from around the world in a celebration of sports, unity, and international cooperation. Here's a comprehensive look at the details of the Paris Olympics 2024:

**Theme and Mascot of Paris Olympics 2024**

- **The Phryges:** official mascots of the Paris 2024 Games
- The theme of this year's Olympic Day is **'Let's Move and Celebrate'** to inspire and encourage people to embrace the joy of movement this summer.

**Olympic Games in a few figures**

- **Billions** of television viewers worldwide
- **350,000** hours of TV broadcast
- **Millions** of spectators
- **35** venues
- **10,500** athletes
- **20,000** accredited journalists
- **45,000** volunteers

**Top 10 Country in Medal Tally**

Rank	NOCs	Gold Medals (G)	Silver Medals (S)	Bronze Medals (B)	Total Medals
1	United States of America	40	44	42	126
2	People's Republic of China	40	27	24	91
3	Japan	20	12	13	45
4	Australia	18	19	16	53
5	France	16	26	22	64
6	Netherlands	15	7	12	34
7	Great Britain	14	22	29	65
8	Republic of Korea	13	9	10	32
9	Italy	12	13	15	40
10	Germany	12	13	8	33
62	Pakistan	01	0	0	1
71	<b>India</b>	0	1	5	6

**Indian Medal Tally**

- Opening Ceremony: Badminton superstar PV Sindhu and table tennis ace Sharath Kamal;
- Closing Ceremony: Double bronze medal winning shooter Manu Bhaker and bronze winning Indian men's hockey player PR Sreejesh;
- Abhinav Bindra selected as torchbearer for the 2024 Paris Olympics;
- Gagan Narang Appointed as India's Chef-De-Mission for Paris Olympics 2024;
- A contingent of **117** Indian athletes has been competing for medals and sporting glory at the ongoing Paris Olympics 2024.

- **+600,000** meals served at the Athletes' Village every day

**Paris 2024 Olympic Games key figures**

- **The XXXIII (33rd) Olympiad**
- **26 July to 11 August 2024**
- **19 days of competition** (handball, football and rugby take place from 24 July)
- **329 events**
- **Athletes from over 200 NOCs and the IOC Refugee Olympic Team**
- **32 sports (including the 4 additional sports)**
- **754 sessions (competitions and ceremonies)**
- **10,500 athletes**

**Paris Olympics Edition**

- **Paris Olympics 2024:** This edition marks the 33rd Summer Olympic Games and the third time Paris will host the Olympics, with previous editions in 1900 and 1924. The Paris 2024 Olympics is particularly significant as it commemorates the centenary of the last Paris Olympics.

Athlete	Medal	Event
Manu Bhaker	Bronze	Women's 10m air pistol shooting
Manu Bhaker-Sarabjot Singh	Bronze	Mixed team 10m air pistol shooting
Swapnil Kusale	Bronze	Men's 50m rifle 3 positions shooting
Indian hockey team	Bronze	Men's hockey
Neeraj Chopra	Silver	Men's javelin throw
Aman Sehrawat	Bronze	Men's 57kg wrestling

### National Affairs

- **Punjab, Telangana, Kerala, and West Bengal** have yet to implement the **Right to Education (RTE) Act, 2009**. Union Minister of State for Education, Jayant Chowdhary, disclosed this in the Rajya Sabha. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- The Society for Applied Microwave Electronics Engineering & Research (SAMEER), an R&D institute under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), has signed a **Transfer of Technology (ToT)** agreement with **Toshniwal Hyvac Pvt. Ltd.** and **Sir Automation Industries**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- **Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal** has announced the restoration of the Diamond Imprest Licence, a move aimed at revitalizing **India's gems and jewellery sector**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- Indian Railways and the National Capital Region Transport Corporation (NCRTC) have partnered to promote the **'One India-One Ticket'** initiative, aiming to streamline travel for passengers using both **mainline railway services and Namo Bharat trains**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** on 15th August, stressed on the **need to bring a 'Secular Civil Code'** instead of using the term **'Universal Civil Code'**, hinting at the government's intention to broad-base the policy and avoid friction on the contentious issue, both within the ruling NDA and outside. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- The government is set to launch **'Kisan Ki Baat'**, a **monthly radio programme** aimed at bringing scientific knowledge to farmers, Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan announced on August 15. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- **Prime Minister Narendra Modi** will serve as the **chief guest at the inaugural ET World Leaders Forum**, scheduled for August 31 in New Delhi. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- The **Union Government** on August 15, launched the **AI-based National Pest Surveillance System (NPSS)** that will help farmers to connect with agriculture scientists and experts on controlling pests using their phone. ([Click here to read complete details](#))

- India has initiated an **anti-dumping investigation** into the **import of hot rolled flat products** from **Vietnam** following complaints that these products are being sold at significantly low prices, negatively impacting the domestic steel industry. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- The **Lok Sabha speaker** on August 17, named the constituents of the **six new Parliamentary Committees** including the Public Accounts Committee (PAC) which examines government expenditure. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- India has reduced the windfall tax on **petroleum crude oil to Rs 2,100 per metric tonne**, effective August 17, down from **Rs 4,600 per tonne**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- The **Union Cabinet** has greenlit significant airport infrastructure projects in **West Bengal and Bihar**, with a total investment of **approximately ₹2,962 crore**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))

### States in the News

- The **Bihar government** on August 8, mandated **registration of temples, mutts and trusts**, and directed **all District Magistrates** in the State to ensure that the bodies are registered and details of their immovable assets are submitted to the **Bihar State Board of Religious Trusts (BSBRT)** soon. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- The Maharashtra government has recently declared the **geoglyphs and petroglyphs in Ratnagiri** as protected monuments under the **Maharashtra Ancient Monuments and Archaeological Sites and Remains Act, 1960**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))

### International Affairs

- The **Neelakurinji** (*Strobilanthes kunthiana*), a remarkable flowering shrub native to the montane grasslands of southwest India, has recently been added to the **International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- In a groundbreaking discovery, archaeologists may have uncovered the **world's oldest solar calendar** at the renowned archaeological site of **Göbekli Tepe** in southern Turkey. ([Click here to read complete details](#))

- **India and Australia** recently held two significant **bilateral meetings** to enhance their Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. Australia hosted the **6th India-Australia Maritime Security Dialogue in Canberra**, while India hosted the **14th India-Australia Joint Working Group on Counter-Terrorism in New Delhi**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- Germany's recent inclusion in the U.S.-led United Nations Command (UNC) in South Korea marks a significant expansion of the command's member states, now totaling 18 nations. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- **Sweden** has confirmed its **first case of the mpox Clade I variant**, marking the first occurrence of this more **dangerous strain outside Africa**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- A **human rights team** from the **United Nations** will visit Dhaka next week to discuss with the **Bangladesh interim government**, investigations into the human rights violations during the recent **unrest in Bangladesh**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))

### Agreements/MoUs Signed

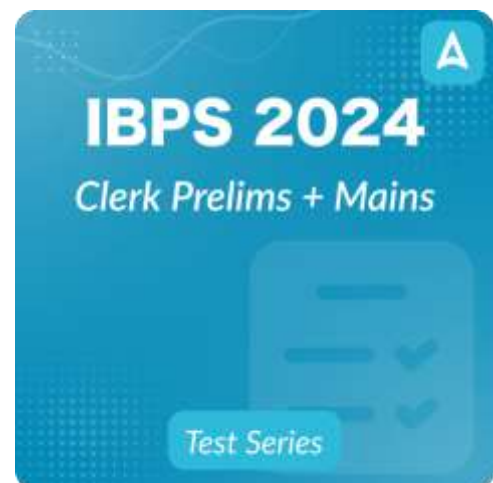
- **India and New Zealand** have signed a **Bilateral Customs Cooperation Arrangement** to facilitate easier trade between the two nations. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and NewSpace India Limited (NSIL), the **commercial arm of ISRO**, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to facilitate the launch of Nepal's Munal satellite. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between the **National Health Authority (NHA)** and **Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS)** in the presence of Union Health Minister, **Shri J P Nadda**, on August 13. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises, **MSME** has signed a Memorandum of Understanding, **MoU** with the Small Business Administration (SBA) of the Government of the United States of America to promote Cooperation on Small and Medium-size Enterprises (SMEs). ([Click here to read complete details](#))

### Books and Authors

- **Rajya Sabha Deputy Chairman Harivansh Narayan Singh** attended the launch of '**75 Great Revolutionaries of India**,' a book by MP Bhim Singh. Singh praised the work for highlighting **lesser-known freedom fighters**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))

### Banking/Economy/Business News

- **NPCI International Payments Limited (NIPL)** has achieved a major milestone by surpassing 100,000 cross-border Unified Payments Interface (UPI) Person-to-Merchant (P2M) transactions in Nepal. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has introduced stricter regulations for **Housing Finance Companies (HFCs)** to bring their public deposit norms in line with those for **Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs)**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- Bharti Global, the international investment arm of Bharti Enterprises, is set to **acquire a 24.5% stake** in the **British telecom giant BT Group plc** for approximately **\$4 billion**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- **India's retail inflation rate**, as measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI), fell to **3.54% in July**, reaching a nearly 5-year low. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- India's net direct tax collection surged by **22.5% to Rs 6.93 trillion** from **April 1 to August 11, FY25**, compared to Rs 5.65 trillion in the same period last year. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- The RBI on August 12, announced setting up a committee under deputy governor **Michael Debabrata Patra** on benchmarking the statistics regularly disseminated by it against global standards. The 10-member 'Expert Committee on Benchmarking of its Statistics' has been asked to submit report by the end of November 2024. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- **Amazon India and Gentari Green Mobility India** have announced a strategic partnership aimed at significantly boosting **Amazon's electric vehicle (EV) fleet** for last-mile deliveries. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- Punjab National Bank (PNB) has introduced the **PNB ANTAH DRISHTI Braille Debit Card**, a new initiative aimed at enhancing financial accessibility for **visually impaired individuals**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))



- India's industrial production, as measured by the **Index of Industrial Production (IIP)**, grew by **4.2% in June 2024**, marking the slowest growth in **five months**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- **State-owned Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL)** has been awarded a significant contract by **Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC)** to set up a **1,600 MW thermal power project**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- **Axis Bank**, in partnership with **Visa**, has unveiled the '**Primus**' credit card, an ultra-premium offering tailored exclusively for **India's ultra-high-net-worth individuals (UHNWIs)**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- RBL Bank has introduced a special "**Vijay Fixed Deposits**" scheme to commemorate **India's 78th Independence Day**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- **L&T Finance Ltd.** has transitioned from an **NBFC-Core Investment Company (NBFC-CIC)** to a Non-Banking Financial Company (Investment and Credit Company) (**NBFC-ICC**) following the merger of its wholly-owned subsidiaries, including L&T Finance, L&T Infra Credit Ltd., and L&T Mutual Fund Trustee Ltd. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- India's urban unemployment rate slightly decreased to **6.6% in Q1 FY25 from 6.7% in Q4 FY24**, as per the **Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) data** released by the **National Statistical Office (NSO)**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- The latest "**Men and Women**" report by the **National Statistical Office (NSO)** reveals a stark financial disparity between **men and women in India**. While women own a significant portion of bank accounts. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- **Foreign direct investment (FDI)** in India's food processing sector experienced a significant decline of **30% in the fiscal year 2023-24**, totaling **Rs 5,037.06 crore**, down from **Rs 7,194.13 crore in 2022-23**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- The **National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI)** is spinning off its **Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM)** app into a standalone subsidiary to bolster its presence in the digital payments market. **Lalitha Nataraj**, previously with IDFC FIRST Bank and ICICI Bank, has been **appointed as CEO** of this new entity. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- **Rana Ashutosh Kumar Singh** has been appointed as the **Managing Director (MD)** of the **State Bank of India (SBI)**, overseeing the Risk Compliance and Stressed Assets Resolution Group (SARG) departments. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- **Shri Sandeep Poudrik** has officially taken over as the **Secretary of the Ministry of Steel**, succeeding in his role at **Udyog Bhawan**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- Former Foreign Secretary **Vinay Mohan Kwatra** assumed charge as the **Ambassador of India to the United States** on August 13. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- **Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida** announced on August 14, that he will be stepping down from the post next month, and **will not contest in the upcoming vote** to elect a new chief for the **ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP)**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- Thailand's Parliament on August 16, elected **Paetongtarn Shinawatra** as their **youngest Prime Minister**, days after her father **Thaksin Shinawatra** was removed by a court order. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- The government on August 14, appointed acting **Enforcement Directorate chief Rahul Navin** as full-time director of the anti-money laundering agency for two years. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the **appointment of Salee Sukumaran Nair** as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of **Tamilnad Mercantile Bank (TMB)** for a three-year term. ([Click here to read complete details](#))

### Appointments/Resignations

- **Senior IAS Officer T.V. Somanathan** has been appointed as the new **Cabinet Secretary of India**, succeeding **Rajiv Gauba**, whose term ends this month. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- **NHPC Limited** has announced the appointment of **Shri Raj Kumar Chaudhary** as its new **Chairman & Managing Director**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- **President Paul Kagame** was sworn in on August 11, for a **fourth term** after sweeping to victory in elections last month with more than **99% of the vote**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))

### Defence News

- The bilateral air exercise "**Udara Shakti 2024**" between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) concluded successfully on August 9, 2024. This exercise, hosted by the RMAF at its base in **Kuantan, Malaysia**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- India is on the brink of commissioning its **second nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarine, INS Arighat**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- The **Mitra Shakti** military exercise, an annual bilateral engagement between the Indian Army and the Sri Lankan Army, commenced on **August 12, 2024**. This year's exercise, held at the **Sri Lankan Army Training School in Maduru Oya**, marks a significant milestone in the military cooperation between these two South Asian nations. ([Click here to read complete details](#))

### Awards and Recognitions

- Bollywood's charismatic 'King Khan', graced the **77th Locarno Film Festival** with his presence on August 10, receiving a career achievement award that further gilds his storied career. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- Out of **208 gallantry awards**, **52** have been awarded to the personnel deployed in Left-wing extremism areas, **31 in the Jammu and Kashmir** region, and **17 to those from Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))

### Summits and Conferences News

- India will host the **3rd Voice of Global South Summit** on 17 August 2024. This unique initiative began as an extension of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi's vision of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas aur Sabka Prayas', and is underpinned by India's philosophy of **Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))

### Ranks and Reports

- Union Minister for Education **Shri Dharmendra Pradhan** on August 12, released the **India Rankings 2024**, which implements the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) drafted for this purpose by the Ministry of Education in 2015. ([Click here to read complete details](#))

### Sports News

- The first-ever **Global Women's Kabaddi League** will commence next month (September) in **Haryana**. Officially named the **Global Pravasi Women's Kabaddi League (GPKL)**, this groundbreaking tournament will feature **female athletes from over 15 countries**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- The International Cricket Council (ICC) has revealed the recipients of the ICC Players of the Month awards for July 2024. England's **Gus Atkinson** and Sri Lanka's **Chamari Athapaththu** have been crowned as the standout performers in men's and women's cricket. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- Hockey India (HI) has officially announced that retiring goalkeeper **PR Sreejesh** will be the **new head coach for the Indian junior men's hockey team**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- **Para shuttler Pramod Bhagat** has been suspended by the Badminton World Federation for a period of **18 months** for breaching the **anti-doping regulations**. Now, Pramod will miss the **Paris 2024 Paralympic Games**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))

### Schemes and Committees News

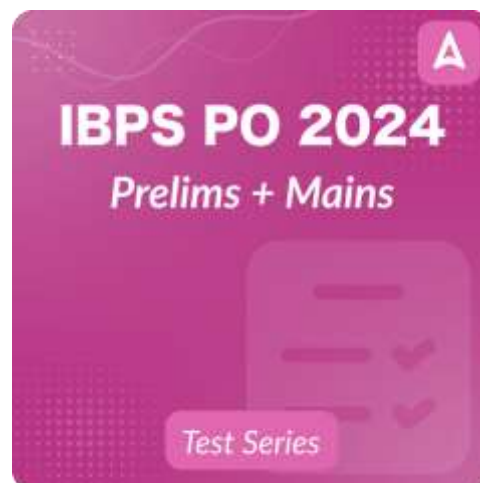
- The **Union Minister for Jal Shakti, C.R. Patil**, has launched the **2.0 version** of the 'FloodWatch India' mobile app, developed by the Central Water Commission (CWC). ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- The **Eknath Shinde-led Maharashtra government** is set to officially launch the '**Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana**' today on the occasion of **Raksha Bandhan**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))

### Science and Technology News

- China has taken a significant step in advancing its **low-altitude economy** by testing its **largest unmanned cargo aircraft yet**. This move highlights the country's push to expand its drone capabilities, with the goal of creating a **\$279-billion industry by 2030**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- The **Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)** on August 13, 2024 successfully carried out the maiden flight test of the **long-range glide bomb (LRGB) Gaurav** from a **Su-30 MK-I fighter jet** of the Indian Air Force. ([Click here to read complete details](#))

### Important Days News

- **International Youth Day**, observed annually on **August 12th**, is a global celebration that recognizes the contributions of young people to society and addresses the challenges they face. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- **World Biofuel Day**, observed annually on **August 10th**, commemorates the groundbreaking achievement of German engineer **Sir Rudolf Diesel**, who successfully operated an engine using peanut oil on August 9, 1893. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- Every year on **August 12th**, people around the globe observe **World Elephant Day**. This annual event aims to raise awareness about the challenges faced by the world's largest land mammals. ([Click here to read complete details](#))



- **World Organ Donation Day** is observed every year on **August 13** to raise awareness about the importance of organ donation and encourage people to register as organ donors. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- India is not the only country that celebrates August 15 as Independence Day. ([Click here to read complete details](#))

### Obituaries News

- **Susan Wojcicki**, a pioneering figure in the tech industry and **former CEO of YouTube**, has passed away at the age of 56 following a **two-year battle with cancer**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- Former **External Affairs Minister Natwar Singh** passed away at 95, due to a prolonged illness on August 10. He took his last breath at Medanta Hospital in **Gurugram near Delhi**. ([Click here to read complete details](#))
- Dr. Ram Narain Agarwal, a **renowned Indian scientist** and the driving force behind India's missile program, passed away on Thursday in Hyderabad at the age of 84. Known affectionately as the '**Father of Agni Missiles**'. ([Click here to read complete details](#))

### Static Takeaways

- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) Established: 2008
- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) Chairman: Ajay Kumar Choudhary
- National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) MD & CEO: Dilip Asbe
- NHPC Limited (National Hydroelectric Power Corporation) Headquarters: Faridabad, Haryana, India
- NHPC Limited (National Hydroelectric Power Corporation) Established: 1975
- NHPC Limited (National Hydroelectric Power Corporation) Chairman & Managing Director: Shri Raj Kumar Chaudhary
- National Statistical Office (NSO) Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- National Statistical Office (NSO) Established: 1950 (as Central Statistical Organisation)

- National Statistical Office (NSO) Chief Statistician of India: Prof. Rajeeva Laxman Karandikar
- RBL Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
- RBL Bank Established: 1943
- RBL Bank MD & CEO: R Subramaniakumar
- Axis Bank Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
- Axis Bank Established: 1993
- Axis Bank MD & CEO: Amitabh Chaudhry
- Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) Established: 1964
- Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd (BHEL) Chairman & Managing Director: Sadashiv Murthy Koppu
- National Health Authority (NHA) Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- National Health Authority (NHA) Established: 2019
- National Health Authority (NHA) CEO: Deepti Gaur Mukerjee
- National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) Headquarters: New Delhi, India
- National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) Established: 2014
- National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) Director: Dr. Anup Kumar
- Australia Capital: Canberra
- Australia Established: 1 January 1901 (Federation)
- Australia Prime Minister: Anthony Albanese
- Turkey Capital: Ankara
- Turkey President: Recep Tayyip Erdoğan

