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## National News

### Key Events and Announcements

**Partition Horrors Remembrance Day:** India is observing Partition Horrors Remembrance Day today, commemorating the victims and suffering caused by the partition of the country in 1947.

**President's Address:** On the eve of India's 79th Independence Day, President Droupadi Murmu is scheduled to address the nation.

**President to Inaugurate 'Amrit Udyan' Annuals:** President Droupadi Murmu will inaugurate the Summer Annuals of Amrit Udyan at Rashtrapati Bhawan.

**Solar Manufacturing Milestone:** India has achieved a significant milestone by reaching 100 Gigawatts of solar photovoltaic (PV) module manufacturing capacity. This is a substantial increase from just 2.3 GW in 2014. Prime Minister Narendra Modi has praised this achievement and the nation's push for clean energy.

**Supreme Court to Re-examine Stray Dog Issue:** A three-judge bench of the Supreme Court is set to review its recent order on the stray dog menace in the Delhi-NCR region.

**Cadre Review for BSF:** The Government has approved the first-ever cadre review for Border Security Force (BSF) Group B and C personnel, which includes ranks from Constable to Inspector.

**Weather Forecast:** The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecasted very heavy rainfall across several states, including Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, East Madhya Pradesh, and coastal Andhra.

### Other Notable News

**Australian Army Chief's Visit:** Lieutenant General Simon Stuart, the Chief of Army for the Australian Army, visited the Southern Command Headquarters in Pune as part of his official tour of India.

**Jaishankar to Visit Russia:** External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar is scheduled to visit Russia on August 20-21 to meet with his counterpart, Sergei Lavrov.

**Temple Vandalism in the US:** An Indian temple in the United States was vandalized with pro-Khalistan slogans, prompting India to call for strict action.

**'SHRESTH' Initiative:** The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched the 'State Health Regulatory Excellence Index' (SHRESTH), a new national initiative to benchmark and improve state drug regulatory systems.

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**2. On the eve of India's 79th Independence Day, who is scheduled to address the nation?**

- a) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- b) Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar
- c) President Droupadi Murmu
- d) External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar

**Answer:** c) President Droupadi Murmu

The news report indicates that President Droupadi Murmu is scheduled to address the nation on the eve of India's 79th Independence Day.

**3. What significant milestone has India achieved in the solar energy sector?**

- a) Reaching 100 Gigawatts of solar panel installation.
- b) Reaching 100 Gigawatts of solar photovoltaic (PV) module manufacturing capacity.
- c) Becoming the world's largest consumer of solar power.
- d) Developing a new type of solar cell.

**Answer:** b) Reaching 100 Gigawatts of solar photovoltaic (PV) module manufacturing capacity.

The news highlights that India has achieved a significant milestone by reaching 100 Gigawatts of solar photovoltaic (PV) module manufacturing capacity.

**4. Which country's Army Chief is on an official visit to India and has visited the Southern Command Headquarters in Pune?**

- a) The United States
- b) Russia
- c) China
- d) Australia

**Answer:** d) Australia

The news mentions that Lieutenant General Simon Stuart, the Chief of Army for the Australian Army, visited the Southern

## MCQS

**1. What is the new national initiative launched by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare to benchmark and improve state drug regulatory systems?**

- a) SHRESHTA
- b) SHRESTH
- c) SWAT
- d) SHAKTI

**Answer:** b) SHRESTH

The news states that the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare launched the 'State Health Regulatory Excellence Index' (SHRESTH) as a new national initiative.







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Command Headquarters in Pune as part of his official tour of India.

**5. What is the purpose of the first-ever cadre review for Border Security Force (BSF) Group B and C personnel?**

- a) To introduce new training methods
- b) To approve promotions for all personnel
- c) To review and update the organizational structure for ranks from Constable to Inspector
- d) To increase the number of personnel in the BSF

**Answer:** c) To review and update the organizational structure for ranks from Constable to Inspector

The news states that the government has approved the first-ever cadre review for BSF Group B and C personnel, which includes ranks from Constable to Inspector.



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