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National News

Politics and Diplomacy:

PM Modi's Japan Visit: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on an official visit to Japan, met with the governors of 16 Japanese prefectures. He called for strengthening "state-prefecture cooperation" as a vital part of the India-Japan Special Strategic and Global Partnership. Discussions focused on collaboration in areas like technology, innovation, investment, and skills.

India-China Relations: During his visit to Japan, PM Modi also stated that stable India-China relations are key to global peace and prosperity. This comes ahead of his scheduled participation in the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit in Tianjin, China on August 31, where he is expected to meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping.

RBI Governor's New Role: Former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Urjit Patel has been appointed as an Executive Director at the International Monetary Fund (IMF).

Bihar Elections: Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin has commented on the upcoming Bihar elections, saying that the Election Commission of India's (ECI) calculations would not succeed. This statement was made before he began a tour to Germany and the United Kingdom to attract investments for Tamil Nadu.

Infrastructure and Economy:

GDP Growth: The Indian economy has recorded a 7.8% GDP growth rate for the first quarter of FY 2025-26, which is the highest in the last five quarters.

Commonwealth Games Bid: India has formally submitted a proposal to host the 2030 Commonwealth Games in Ahmedabad. The Union Cabinet had previously backed this bid.

Karnataka Property Fee: The property registration fee in Karnataka has been doubled from 1% to 2%.

Weather and Disasters:

Heavy Rainfall: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast heavy to very heavy rainfall at isolated places across Northwest India for the next five days, including Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

School Closures: Due to the severe monsoon rains, schools are closed in several states, including Telangana, Punjab, Jammu & Kashmir, and Himachal Pradesh. In Kerala, schools are on a planned holiday for the Onam festival.

Cloudburst: Uttarakhand's Chief Minister has ordered swift relief and rescue operations following a cloudburst in the districts of Rudraprayag and Chamoli. A separate incident in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district saw a landslide that flattened a house, with seven people feared dead.

Other News:

Sports: India's GDP growth rate of 7.8% has been noted as a significant economic achievement. In sports, the Indian hockey team is set to begin its Asia Cup campaign against China.





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Bollywood: Shah Rukh Khan and Deepika Padukone have been booked in Bharatpur for a "defective" car.

Bank Holidays: Banks across India are open today, August 30, as it is the fifth Saturday of the month.

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1.During his visit to Japan, with whom did Prime Minister Narendra Modi meet to discuss "state-prefecture cooperation"?

- a) The Japanese Prime Minister, Fumio Kishida
- b) The governors of 16 Japanese prefectures
- c) Indian business leaders based in Japan
- d) The Japanese Emperor

Answer: b) The governors of 16 Japanese prefectures

The news states that PM Modi met with the governors of 16 Japanese prefectures to strengthen "state-prefecture cooperation."

2.What is the new role of former RBI Governor Urjit Patel?

- a) Executive Director at the World Bank
- b) Chairman of the State Bank of India
- c) Executive Director at the International Monetary Fund (IMF)
- d) Chief Economic Advisor to the Government of India

Answer: c) Executive Director at the International Monetary Fund (IMF)

The report clearly mentions that Urjit Patel has been appointed as an Executive Director at the IMF.

3.What was India's GDP growth rate for the first quarter of FY 2025-26?

- a) 6.5%
- b) 7.2%
- c) 7.8%
- d) 8.1%

Answer: c) 7.8%

The news highlights that the Indian economy recorded a 7.8% GDP growth rate for the first quarter of FY 2025-26.





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4. For which event has India submitted a formal bid to host in Ahmedabad in 2030?

- a) The Asian Games
- b) The FIFA World Cup
- c) The Commonwealth Games
- d) The Olympic Games

Answer: c) The Commonwealth Games
India's formal proposal is for hosting the 2030 Commonwealth Games in Ahmedabad.

5. What change has been made to the property registration fee in Karnataka?

- a) It has been halved
- b) It has been doubled
- c) It has been eliminated for residential properties
- d) It has been reduced by 0.5%

Answer: b) It has been doubled
The property registration fee in Karnataka has been doubled from 1% to 2%.

6. Which states have been forecasted to receive heavy to very heavy rainfall over the next five days, according to the IMD?

- a) Kerala and Tamil Nadu
- b) Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand
- c) Rajasthan and Gujarat
- d) West Bengal and Odisha

Answer: b) Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand
The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecasted heavy to very heavy rainfall in Northwest India, specifically mentioning Himachal Pradesh and Uttarakhand.

7. A landslide in which district of Jammu and Kashmir has reportedly flattened a house, with seven people feared dead?

- a) Srinagar
- b) Reasi
- c) Anantnag

d) Poonch

Answer: b) Reasi

The news mentions that a landslide incident in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district led to a house being flattened.

8. Why were Shah Rukh Khan and Deepika Padukone reportedly booked in Bharatpur?

- a) For a traffic violation
- b) For a "defective" car
- c) For unauthorized filming
- d) For a public gathering without permission

Answer: b) For a "defective" car

The news states that the two actors were booked in Bharatpur for a "defective" car.

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