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National News

Politics and Governance

PM Modi's Birthday: Prime Minister Narendra Modi is celebrating his 75th birthday. The BJP and its governments are launching a fortnight-long "Sewa Pakhwada" (Service Fortnight) and a host of welfare and development initiatives to mark the occasion. PM Modi is in Madhya Pradesh to lay the foundation stone for a PM MITRA (Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel) Park and to launch two national campaigns: 'Swasth Nari, Sashakt Parivar' (Healthy Women, Empowered Families) and the eighth Rashtriya Poshan Maah (National Nutrition Month).

Defence: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh has urged the armed forces to prepare for "invisible challenges" from unconventional threats like information, ideological, ecological, and biological warfare. A committee has been formed to create a plan for a missile defence shield under 'Mission Sudarshan Chakra (MSC)'.

Trade: India and the U.S. have agreed to "intensify efforts" to finalize a trade deal. This comes after Pakistan's Foreign Minister revealed that India has categorically refused any third-party mediation in resolving bilateral issues with Pakistan.

Infrastructure and Economy

Swachhata Hi Seva 2025: The 9th edition of the "Swachhata Hi Seva" (SHS) campaign, a key part of the Swachh Bharat Mission, is launching today. It will culminate on Gandhi Jayanti (October 2) with a nationwide voluntary

cleanup drive, "Ek Din Ek Ghanta Ek Saath." Union Minister Manohar Lal has announced the adoption of Delhi's Bhalswa dumpsite for cleanup and transformation, starting today.

Mumbai Transport: The State Transport Authority in Maharashtra has granted provisional licenses to Ola, Uber, and Rapido for bike taxi services in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region. Mumbai Monorail services will be suspended from September 20 to facilitate upgrades.

Apprenticeship Stipend Hike: The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has increased the monthly apprenticeship stipend to a new range of Rs. 6,800 to Rs. 12,300.

Cricket Sponsorship: Apollo Tyres has won the front-of-jersey sponsorship rights for the Indian cricket team for Rs. 579 crore.

Other Significant Events

Natural Disasters: Fresh rains have caused destruction in the Himalayan states of Uttarakhand and Himachal Pradesh. Heavy rainfall warnings have been issued for four districts in Telangana.

Vaishno Devi Yatra: The pilgrimage to the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in Jammu and Kashmir has resumed after a 22-day halt due to a landslide.

School Closures: Schools will remain closed in several states, including Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Odisha, and others, due to Vishwakarma Puja, which is a significant regional festival.





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MCQS

1.What is the name of the new missile defence shield plan for which a committee has been formed in India?

- A. Mission Kavach
- B. Mission Raksha
- C. Mission Sudarshan Chakra (MSC)
- D. Mission Agni-5

Answer: C. Mission Sudarshan Chakra (MSC)
A committee has been constituted to create a comprehensive plan for a new missile defence shield under the name 'Mission Sudarshan Chakra (MSC)', as announced by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.

2.What major event is being launched to mark Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 75th birthday?

- A. A nationwide vaccination drive.
- B. The "Sewa Pakhwada" (Service Fortnight).
- C. The expansion of the Bullet Train project.
- D. The launch of a new digital currency.

Answer: B. The "Sewa Pakhwada" (Service Fortnight).

The BJP and its governments are initiating a fortnight-long "Sewa Pakhwada" (Service Fortnight) to commemorate PM Modi's 75th birthday, which will include various welfare and development initiatives.

3.Which companies have been granted provisional licenses for bike taxi services in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region?

- A. Ola and Rapido only.
- B. Uber and Rapido only.
- C. Ola, Uber, and Rapido.
- D. Uber and Meru.

Answer: C. Ola, Uber, and Rapido.





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The State Transport Authority in Maharashtra has granted provisional licenses to Ola, Uber, and Rapido, allowing them to operate bike taxi services in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region.

4.Which company has secured the front-of-jersey sponsorship rights for the Indian cricket team for ₹579 crore?

- A. Apollo Tyres
- B. Byju's
- C. Dream11
- D. Adidas

Answer: A. Apollo Tyres

Apollo Tyres has won the sponsorship rights for the Indian cricket team's jersey, a deal valued at ₹579 crore, replacing the previous sponsor.



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