

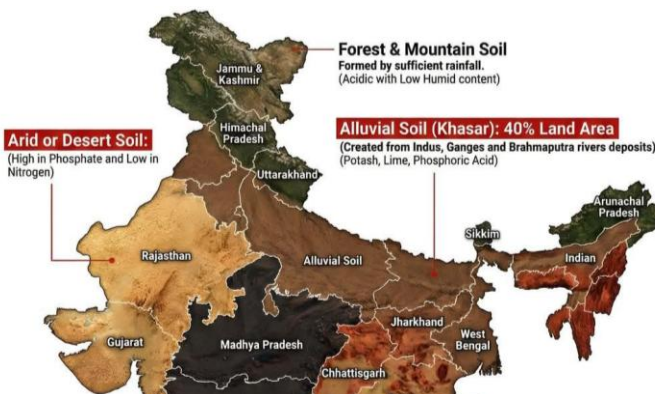
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Sophie Adenot Becomes First French Woman to Walk in Space



- Adenot was accompanied by NASA astronaut Anil Menon.
- She became the second European woman to perform a spacewalk, after Italy's Samantha Cristoforetti, who conducted her first spacewalk in 2022.
- She travelled to the ISS as part of SpaceX Crew-12.

NBSS&LUP Develops India's First Digital Soil Texture Map



- It is an institute under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).
- Its headquarters is in Nagpur, Maharashtra.
- NBSS&LUP stands for National Bureau of Soil Survey and Land Use Planning.

Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir Elected Bangladesh's President



- Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir succeeded Mohammed Shahabuddin as the President of Bangladesh.
- He was elected the 23rd President of Bangladesh.
- He is a senior leader of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP).

Pradeep Rai Elected Supreme Court Bar Association President



- Senior Advocate Pradeep Rai has been elected as the President of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) for the 2026–27 term.
- He succeeds Senior Advocate Vikas Singh, who served as SCBA President for the 2025–26 term.
- Meenesh Dubey was elected Joint Secretary, while Reepak Kansal was elected Treasurer.

Flying Wedge Defence Unveils FWD Supreme Lite

- Flying Wedge Defence & Aerospace (FWDA) is a Bengaluru-based Indian defence technology company.
- It has been promoted as India's first AI-piloted fighter jet demonstrator.
- The aircraft incorporates Rocket Assisted Take-Off (RATO) capability.

PhonePe–MeitY MoU to Strengthen PM GatiShakti



- Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) signed an MoU with PhonePe on 20 August 2026.
- The MoU aims to strengthen PM GatiShakti through granular and hyperlocal data intelligence.
- PhonePePulsePro will provide data insights for the PM GatiShakti mission.

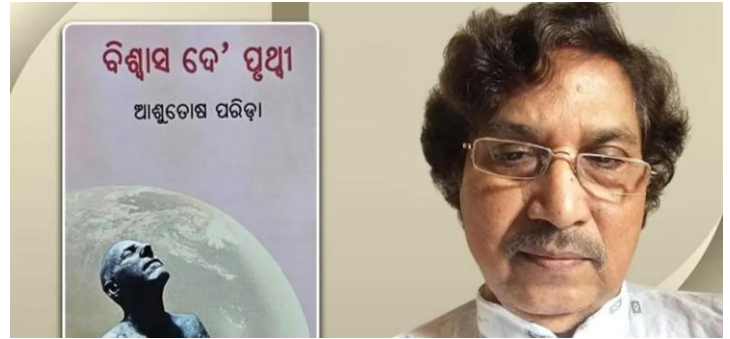
Treesa Jolly & Gayatri Gopichand Create History at BWF Worlds 2026



- Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand secured a medal at the BWF World Championships 2026.
- The BWF World Championships 2026 are being held at the Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in New Delhi, India.

- They defeated China's Jia Yi Fan and Zhang Shu Xian in the quarterfinal.

Ashutosh Parida to Receive Sarala Puraskar 2026



- Dr. Ashutosh Parida, a noted Odia poet and essayist, has been selected for the 47th Sarala Puraskar.
- He will receive the award for his poetry collection 'Bishwas De Pruthwi'.
- The award is instituted by the Indian Metals Public Charitable Trust (IMPACT).

FOREIGN TRAVELLERS & RULERS OF INDIA

Megasthenes — Chandragupta Maurya

Fa-Hien — Chandragupta II

Hiuen Tsang — Harshavardhana

Ibn Battuta — Muhammad bin Tughlaq

Jean-Baptiste Tavernier — Shah Jahan

Peter Mundy — Shah Jahan

William Hawkins — Jahangir

WHAT HAPPENED TODAY?

23-08-2026 / SUNDAY

Madras Day 2026 will be observed on August 22, 2026.

It will mark the 23rd anniversary of Madras Day and the 387th anniversary of the founding of Madras in 1639.