



79TH INDEPENDENCE DAY

India Celebrates 79th Independence Day With Pride, Unity & Resolve



- PM Narendra Modi hoists Tricolour at Red Fort, addresses the nation
- Calls for 'Viksit Bharat' by 2047 and self-reliant India
- Pays tribute to freedom fighters, armed forces, farmers, women & youth
- Announces major initiatives in infrastructure, technology, defence and welfare
- Emphasises unity in diversity as the nation's greatest strength

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday hoisted the National Flag at the historic Red Fort to mark India's 79th Independence Day. In his 12th consecutive address to the nation, he outlined the vision of a developed India by 2047 and announced key initiatives in infrastructure, digital innovation, defence production and social welfare. The celebrations were held across the country with patriotic fervour.

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IMD Predicts Heavy Rain over Several States



The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has forecast heavy to very heavy rainfall in parts of Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Karnataka, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and Konkan region over the next 48 hours. Red alert issued in isolated areas.

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Markets Rally on Strong Economic Data



Sensex jumps 784 points to close at 81,450; Nifty ends above 24,900. Positive global cues and strong domestic economic data boost investor sentiment.

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NATIONAL NEWS

President Murmu Addresses Nation on Eve of Independence Day



President Droupadi Murmu urged citizens to work together for a 'strong, inclusive and prosperous India'. She highlighted the importance of ethics, compassion and innovation in nation-building.

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New Education Policy Implementation Gains Momentum



NEP 2020 rollout accelerates across states with focus on foundational literacy, vocational education and digital learning. Centre releases additional funds to support reforms.

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Indian Railways to Operate 3,500 Special Trains for Festive Season



In view of upcoming festivals, Indian Railways announces 3,500 special trains to manage passenger rush. Advance reservation booking facilities enhanced.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

India Hosts G20 Trade Ministers' Meeting in New Delhi



Trade ministers from G20 countries discuss global economic cooperation, supply chain resilience and sustainable development during two-day meet in the capital.

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Japan Launches Next Generation H3 Rocket Successfully



Japan successfully launches H3 rocket, carrying an advanced communication satellite. The mission strengthens Japan's position in the global space industry.

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AT A GLANCE



Petrol, Diesel Prices Unchanged; Check Latest Rates

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Centre Extends PM-Kisan Scheme Benefits

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Inflation Eases to 4.1% in July: Govt Data

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ISRO to Launch Earth Observation Satellite in Sept

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Cricket: India to Tour Australia for 5-Match Test Series

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WEATHER TODAY



DELHI
29°C

MUMBAI
28°C



KOLKATA
30°C



CHENNAI
31°C



BENGALURU
25°C



HYDERABAD
29°C



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Continuing his address, the Prime Minister said India's diversity is its strength and the spirit of unity will take the country to new heights. He urged states to become growth engines and work in competitive cooperation. He reiterated the government's commitment

to youth empowerment, women-led development and technology-driven governance.

The PM also highlighted steps taken to strengthen border infrastructure and improve the lives of soldiers and their families.

PM's Key Highlights (Contd.)

- Launched Sudarshan Chakra Mission to boost defence preparedness
- Announced next-generation reforms in agriculture, MSMEs and exports
- Called for 'Jan Bhagidari' in realising the dreams of Viksit Bharat
- Reaffirmed zero tolerance against terrorism
- Emphasised environmental protection and Green India initiatives

MORE NATIONAL NEWS

Vice President Pays Homage to Freedom Fighters



Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar paid floral tributes at the National War Memorial and saluted the bravery of freedom fighters.

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Nation Pays Tributes at National War Memorial



Wreath laying ceremonies were held across the country to honour the supreme sacrifice of our armed forces.

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'Har Ghar Tiranga' Campaign Sees Massive Participation



Citizens across India enthusiastically participated in the 'Har Ghar Tiranga' campaign, celebrating the 79th Independence Day.

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NATIONAL NEWS CONTINUED

India's Space Sector Set for New Milestones



ISRO Chairman said India is gearing up for Gaganyaan mission and future lunar and interplanetary exploration projects.

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Government Announces Major Infrastructure Push



Several new highway, rail and port projects were announced to boost connectivity, trade and economic growth.

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Rupee Rises 18 Paise to Close at 83.12 Against USD



Positive global cues and steady FII inflows supported the rupee, while crude oil prices remained stable.

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IMD: Rainfall Above Normal in Most Parts of India



The India Meteorological Department predicted continued good rains in several states in the coming days.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS CONTINUED

Trump-Putin Summit in Alaska Ends Without Agreement



The leaders discussed Ukraine war and global security issues but failed to reach a breakthrough.

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Israel Approves New Gaza Operation; Ceasefire Talks Stall



Israel's security cabinet approved an expanded operation in Gaza City. Ceasefire and hostage release talks remain at an impasse.

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China's Economy Shows Signs of Slowing in July



Retail sales and industrial output grew slower than expected. Youth unemployment remains a major concern.

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Europe Faces Heatwave; Wildfires Disrupt Normal Life



Record-breaking temperatures in parts of Spain, France and Greece sparked wildfires and travel disruptions.

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IN BRIEF

• UN Appeals for \$2.5 Billion for Global Humanitarian Aid

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• Oil Prices Ease as Global Demand Outlook Weakens

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• South Korea to Hold Early Presidential Polls

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• WHO Declares Mpox Outbreak in Africa a Public Health Emergency

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FRIDAY, 15 AUGUST 2026

HYDERABAD & TELANGANA

Telangana Ministers Hoist National Flag Across the State on Independence Day



Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy hoisted the National Flag at the Independence Day celebrations held at L.B. Stadium, Hyderabad. He paid rich tributes to freedom fighters and highlighted the state government's commitment to people's welfare, development and creating job opportunities.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- CM reiterates 'Telangana Rising 2047' vision
- Focus on education, health, irrigation and employment
- Salutes armed forces for their valour
- Appeals to citizens to build a progressive and inclusive society

TELANGANA NEWS

Kaleshwaram Commission Submits Interim Report to Govt



The Justice P.C. Ghose Commission on Kaleshwaram project irregularities submitted its interim report to the government. The report examines design flaws, cost overruns and alleged procedural lapses.

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State Launches 'Indiramma Housing' Scheme Phase-II



The government announced the second phase of Indiramma Housing Scheme to provide pucca houses to additional beneficiaries in rural and urban areas.

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CITY NEWS

Hyderabad Witnesses Grand Independence Day Celebrations



The Tricolour was hoisted at Secunderabad Parade Grounds. Schools, colleges and public institutions celebrated with patriotic fervour.

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Metro Rail Services Extended on I-Day



Hyderabad Metro announced extended service timings to facilitate travel for people attending Independence Day functions across the city.

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Cyberabad Police Organises 'Run for Unity'



Cyberabad Police conducted 'Run for Unity' in Hitech City to promote fitness, unity and national integration among youth.

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Heavy Rains Lashes Several Districts



Heavy rainfall in Warangal, Khammam, Mahabubabad and Nalgonda districts disrupted normal life. Authorities are monitoring the situation and relief teams are on standby.

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OTHER TELANGANA DISTRICT NEWS



Srisailem Reservoir Water Level Rises

Water level in Srisailem reservoir increased after heavy inflows from upstream. Officials are closely monitoring the situation.

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Cotton Farmers Seek Better MSP Assurances

Farmers in Adilabad and Nizamabad urged the government to ensure Minimum Support Price for cotton and timely procurement.

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Yadadri Temple Records Heavy Devotee Rush

Thousands of devotees visited Sri Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple in Yadadri on the occasion of Independence Day holidays.

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Collector Reviews Development Works in Mahabubnagar

District Collector held a review meeting on ongoing development projects and welfare schemes in the district.

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AROUND HYDERABAD

ORR Traffic to Get Better with New Upgrades



ORR authorities announced traffic management upgrades and new signage to ease congestion.

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Moosarambagh Flyover Work Nears Completion



The Moosarambagh flyover project is in the final stages and will be opened soon.

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Tank Bund Illuminated in Tricolour



Hussain Sagar Tank Bund was illuminated in tricolour lighting as part of Independence Day celebrations.

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GHMC Launches Special Cleanliness Drive



GHMC carried out a special cleanliness drive across the city on the occasion of Independence Day.

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TODAY'S WEATHER

HYDERABAD



28°C

Mostly Cloudy
Light to Moderate Rain
Max: 31°C | Min: 24°C
Humidity: 78%
Wind: 12 km/h

SAT
16 AUG

30°C
24°C

SUN
17 AUG

30°C
24°C

MON
18 AUG

31°C
24°C

Source: IMD Hyderabad

“ Freedom is not just the absence of chains, but the presence of opportunity.

— Jawaharlal Nehru

Let us honour the past by building a better future for generations to come.



FRIDAY, 15 AUGUST 2026

SPORTS

India Beat Bangladesh by 6 Wickets in Thrilling Independence Day Test



India registered a comprehensive 6-wicket victory over Bangladesh in the Independence Day Test at the Arun Jaitley Stadium, Delhi. Chasing 198, India reached the target on Day 4 with KL Rahul (68*) and Shubman Gill (52) steering the chase after early jitters. Mohammed Siraj was the pick of the bowlers with 4/48, while Ravindra Jadeja claimed 3 wickets.

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Neeraj Chopra Clinches Gold at Lausanne Diamond League



India's star javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra won the gold medal with a best throw of 89.12m at the Lausanne Diamond League. This is his third consecutive title this season.

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PV Sindhu Enters Quarterfinals of World Championships



Two-time Olympic medalist PV Sindhu advanced to the quarterfinals after defeating Japan's Aya Ohori in straight games 21-17, 21-15.

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SHORT SPORTS

► Harmanpreet Leads India Women to T20I Series Win

India women's team defeated South Africa by 7 wickets in the third T20I to clinch the series 2-1. Harmanpreet Kaur scored an unbeaten 57.

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► Manu Bhaker Wins Another Shooting Medal

Manu Bhaker bagged bronze in the 25m pistol event at the ISSF World Cup in Lima.

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► India to Host AFC Women's Asian Cup 2026

The Asian Football Confederation announced that India will host the AFC Women's Asian Cup 2026.

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► Chess: D Gukesh Rises to World No. 2 Ranking

Teenage grandmaster D Gukesh climbed to World No. 2 in the latest FIDE rankings.

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MORE SPORTS

Indian Hockey Team Beats Australia 3-2 in Friendly



Goals from Harmanpreet (2) and Mandeep Singh sealed a thrilling win for India in the five-match series opener.

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R Praggnanandhaa Reaches Quarterfinals in Norway Chess



R Praggnanandhaa defeated Fabiano Caruana in the final round of the group stage to enter the quarterfinals of Norway Chess.

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India U19 Team Enters Final of Asia Cup



India U19 beat Sri Lanka U19 by 8 wickets to enter their fourth consecutive Asia Cup final.

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Sable Sets New National Record in 3000m Steeplechase



Avinash Sable clocked 8:13.12s at the Diamond League to set a new national record.

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Rowing: India Wins Gold in Asian Games Test Event



Indian men's quadruple sculls team clinched gold at the Asian Games test event in Hangzhou.

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CINEMA & GLAMOUR

CINEMA NEWS

'War 2' Crosses ₹300 Crore Worldwide in First Week



The much-awaited action thriller 'War 2' starring Hrithik Roshan and Jr NTR is unstoppable at the box office. The film has collected over ₹300 crore worldwide in its first week.

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Rajinikanth's 'Jailer 2' Goes on Floors



The shoot of 'Jailer 2' officially began in Chennai. The film is directed by Nelson and produced by Sun Pictures.

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Rashmika to Star in New Pan-India Film



Rashmika Mandanna has been roped in as the female lead in a big-budget pan-India project.

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Akshay Kumar Announces 'Kesari 2'



Akshay Kumar took to social media to announce 'Kesari 2' based on a true story of bravery.

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GLAMOUR & LIFESTYLE

Sara Ali Khan Enjoys Vacation in Europe



Sara Ali Khan shared stunning pictures from her Europe getaway. Fans loved her stylish looks and travel diaries.

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Kiara Advani Announces Her Pregnancy



Kiara Advani and Sidharth Malhotra announced that they are expecting their first child.

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Deepika Padukone Spotted in Mumbai



Deepika Padukone was spotted at the airport, looking elegant in a white outfit.

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Ananya Panday Turns Showstopper



Ananya Panday turned showstopper at a fashion event in Mumbai.

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BOX OFFICE TOP 5 (INDIA)

1. War 2 – ₹142 Cr
2. Coolie – ₹65 Cr
3. Saiyaara – ₹38 Cr
4. Dhadak 2 – ₹22 Cr
5. Son of Sardaar 2 – ₹18 Cr



COMING SOON



Baaghi 4
(25 Aug 2026)



The Raja Saab
(5 Sep 2026)



Stree 3
(13 Sep 2026)



Vishwambhara
(19 Sep 2026)



Kantara: Chapter 2
(2 Oct 2026)