

The week from 10 August 2026 to 16 August 2026

India celebrated its 79th Independence Day with great patriotic fervour, as schools and institutions hoisted the tricolour flag, honoured freedom fighters, and encouraged students to contribute towards nation-building and technological self-reliance. Citizens across the nation participated in vibrant cultural programs that commemorated decades of hard-fought freedom.

The Lok Sabha successfully passed the Tribunals Reforms Bill, aiming to streamline the functioning of various judicial tribunals across the country and improve the overall delivery of justice for citizens. This legislative measure seeks to reduce pendency, optimise resource allocation, and ensure a more transparent and efficient appellate framework for people seeking timely legal redress.

The central government officially notified 22 new international ports, including the strategic Attari land border, as entry points for e-visa holders, boosting international travel, tourism, and cross-border commercial connectivity. This major policy update is expected to significantly enhance regional economic integration, cross-border movement, and invite a higher volume of foreign tourists.

The Tamil Nadu Assembly unanimously passed a resolution mandating that the revered state song, 'Tamil Thaa Vazhthu', must be sung first at the beginning of all official gatherings and educational functions across the state. This significant cultural decree emphasises deep-rooted regional pride and ensures that foundational state symbols are consistently honoured.

The India Meteorological Department declared the initial withdrawal phases of the southwest monsoon from parts of western Rajasthan, marking the seasonal shift toward cooler autumn weather patterns in northwest regions. This annual meteorological transition signals the eventual conclusion of the heavy rainy season, prompting agricultural communities to begin preparations for the upcoming autumn harvesting and winter crop sowing cycles.

The Maharashtra Food and Drug Administration issued show-cause notices over surrogate advertisements, urging prominent public figures and commercial brands to maintain transparency and strictly follow regulations protecting youth from harmful products. Regulatory authorities emphasised that deceptive promotional tactics disguised as brand extensions will face strict legal scrutiny to safeguard public health and consumer interests.

Communities worldwide marked the International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples, with schools highlighting the importance of protecting ancient native languages, traditional folklore, and sustainable ecological wisdom.

European climate monitors reported record breaking summer temperatures across the continent, prompting renewed global emphasis among student groups on urgent climate action and sustainable green energy adoption. Scientists warned that persistent extreme heatwaves underscore the critical need for aggressive international cooperation and stricter carbon reduction policies to mitigate long-term global warming.



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