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## INTERNATIONAL

### 1) Dugong/ Sea Cow

- Dugong has been declared extinct in China. Dugong is one of the four surviving species in the Order Sirenia and the only vegetarian marine mammal.
- They are said to have inspired ancient tales of mermaids.

## NATIONAL

### 1) Supertech Twin Towers

- The Supreme Court of India ordered the Supertech Twin Towers (Noida Twin Tower) in Noida, popularly known as the highest skyscraper in India, to be torn down.
- Supertech Limited, a development company based in Noida, began work on the Emerald Court project.
- Noida Twin Towers were destroyed by Edifice Engineering, a Mumbai-based company.

### 2) India's first earthquake memorial

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi has dedicated India's first earthquake memorial, named Smruti Van at Bhuj in Gujarat. Smruti Van is a unique memorial carrying the names of more than 12 thousand people who lost their lives in the devastating earthquake that struck here in January 2001.
- The grand structure, which is the first such memorial in the country is spread over 470 acres on Bhujio Hill near Bhuj town.

## APPOINTMENTS AND RESIGNATIONS

### 1) Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan

- The Appointments Committee of Cabinet has appointed Ananth Narayan Gopalakrishnan, an associate professor at SP Jain Institute of Management and Research (SPJIMR), as a whole-time member of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). He will hold office for three years.

## BOOKS AND AUTHORS

### 1) "Free Fall: My Experiments with Living"

- Mallika Sarabhai classical dancer and activist bares it all in her upcoming self-help





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memoir, “Free Fall: My Experiments with Living”. The book, which will hit the stands on August 30, is about “coming to terms with yourself, your body and finding the lifestyle that works for you”. It is published by Speaking Tiger.

## 2) ‘India’s Economy From Nehru To Modi:: A Brief History’

- A new book named “India’s Economy From Nehru To Modi:: A Brief History” written by Pulapre Balakrishnan will be launched shortly.
- The book, India’s Economy From Nehru To Modi:: A Brief History’ is written about the economic progression of India from the time of Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru to the current time of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

## IMPORTANT DAYS

### 1) National Sports Day

- The National Sports Day or Rashtriya Khel Divas is celebrated on 29th August in India as a tribute to hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand who was born on this date in 1905. It was 2012 when the day was first designated and celebrated as India’s National Sports Day.
- National Sports Day’s primary motto is to promote awareness about the importance of sports.

### 2) International Day against Nuclear Tests

- International Day against Nuclear Tests is observed on 29th August to raise awareness about the devastating effects of testing nuclear weapons. This year marks the thirteenth anniversary of the event.
- Nuclear tests cause extensive damage to not just human society, but also to the environment, plant and animal life.

## SPORTS

### 1) Virat Kohli becomes 1st Indian to play 100 Matches in each format

- Virat Kohli has become the first Indian and just the second player overall in international cricket history to have played 100 matches each in all three formats of the game.
- He added another milestone to his name when he was named in India’s playing XI for the highly anticipated Asia Cup 2022 match with Pakistan.

