

Current Affairs

August 15

1. US, Iraq Discuss Transition of Forces—not Their Withdrawal *Source: Kurdistan24*
<https://www.kurdistan24.net/en/story/36285-US,-Iraq-Discuss-Transition-of-Forces%E2%80%94not-Their-Withdrawal>
2. Hunter Biden asked State Department to help with Ukrainian energy company project when dad was VP, records show *Source: The Independent*
<https://www.independent.co.uk/news/world/americas/us-politics/hunter-biden-burisma-ukraine-records-b2596153.html>
3. 'They Need a Scapegoat': US Favored Japanese Leader to Step Down *Source: Sputnik*
<https://sputnikglobe.com/20240815/they-need-a-scapegoat-us-favored-japanese-leader-to-step-down-1119775163.html>
4. New round of Gaza ceasefire negotiations begins without Hamas *Source: The Guardian*
<https://www.theguardian.com/world/article/2024/aug/15/new-round-of-gaza-ceasefire-negotiations-begin-without-hamas>
5. Nord Stream: hunt continues for saboteur of gas pipeline *Source: Tortoise media*
<https://www.tortoisemedia.com/2024/08/15/nord-stream-hunt-continues-for-saboteur-of-gas-pipeline/>
6. Erdogan reaffirms support for Palestine in meeting with Abbas *Source: TRT World*
<https://www.trtworld.com/turkiye/erdogan-reaffirms-support-for-palestine-in-meeting-with-abbas-18195977>
7. Taliban Celebrate Three Years in Power with Parade at Bagram Air Base *Source: Newsweek*
<https://www.newsweek.com/taliban-celebrate-three-years-afghanistan-bagram-1939112>
8. "Shows frustration by making LoP Rahul Gandhi sit in fifth row during the I-Day celebrations": Congress *Source: ANI*
<https://www.aninews.in/news/national/general-news/shows-frustration-by-making-lop-rahul-gandhi-sit-in-fifth-row-during-the-i-day-celebrations-congress20240815194018/>
9. Why do plants wiggle? New study provides answers *Source: University of Colorado at Boulder*
<https://www.colorado.edu/today/2024/08/15/why-do-plants-wiggle-new-study-provides-answers#:~:text=They%20discovered%20that%20the%20plants,to%20sunlight%20as%20a%20group.>
10. Zebrafish use surprising strategy to regrow spinal cord *Source: WashU Medicine*
<https://medicine.wustl.edu/news/zebrafish-use-surprising-strategy-to-regrow-spinal-cord/>

Today In *History*

Find Out What happened On August 15

Important events of August 15

- 1947 – India Independence Day.
- World War II: Korean Liberation Day.
- **1519:** Panama City was built. *Source:* Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute
- **1854:** The East India Railway operated the first passenger train from Calcutta (now Kolkata) to Hooghly in 1854. *Source:* thepaperclip.in
- **1862:** Madras high court was established. *Source:* Hon'ble President of India
- **1907:** Indian Bank – It was established on 15 August 1907 as part of the Swadeshi Movement. *Source:* MoDe India
- **1945:** World War II: Korean Liberation Day is celebrated in 1945. *Source:* National Folk Museum of Korea
- **1947:** Yugvani (Magazine) - Monthly magazine published from Dehradun (Uttarakhand) in 1947. It was initially published as a fortnightly newspaper which later became the leading weekly newspaper of the hills. *Source:* International Journal of Arts, Humanities and Management Studies
- **1947:** Defence Gallantry Awards-Paramvir Chakra, Mahavir Chakra and Vir Chakra were established. *Source:* Gallantry Awards
- **1947:** India gained independence from British rule after nearly 190 years of British East India Company and Crown Rule. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru became the first Prime Minister of independent India. *Source:* PM India
- **1960:** Congo gained independence from France. *Source:* Office of the Historian (.gov)
- **1971:** Bahrain became independent from British rule. *Source:* University of Central Arkansas
- **1972:** Postal Index Number i.e. PIN Code was introduced. *Source:* The Indian Express
- **1979:** Faridabad became the 12th district of Haryana. *Source:* Faridabad District Court
- **1982:** Color Television Broadcasting started in India. *Source:* Prameyanews
- **1989:** Clark was sworn in as President of South Africa. *Source:* Los Angeles Times
- **2008:** On the occasion of Independence Day, President Pratibha Patil unveiled the statue of freedom fighter Shaheed Bhagat Singh in the Parliament House complex. *Source:* Rashtrapati Bhavan