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SAFTA misuse. Remembrance Day.

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SAFTA fraud.

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Remembrance Day.

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Editor's briefing and contents

A customs fraud case and a remembrance observance lead this edition. A thin day; only verified items are included.

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Reading guide

2 verified stories, each linked to its source. Earlier developments are explicitly carried forward. Not every possible update is covered. The separate 5-question test uses this same dataset. Original practice, not an actual previous-year paper.



Government Schemes

DRI busts areca nut import racket: over Rs 2,500 crore potential revenue loss, nine arrested

16 August 2026 | Press Information Bureau

PIB said the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI), in a month-long intelligence-led operation, dismantled a network importing South-East Asian areca nuts by falsely declaring Bangladesh as the country of origin to avail concessional duty under the South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA). The probe revealed a potential revenue loss of over Rs 2,500 crore and nine persons were arrested.

Areca nut imports attract Basic Customs Duty of 100 per cent, but eligible imports under SAFTA are fully exempt. The licence of the Customs Broker firm that cleared most of the fraudulent imports was suspended.

Key facts

Agency: Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI)

Potential revenue loss: over Rs 2,500 crore

Arrests: nine

Basic Customs Duty on areca nut: 100%

Exam takeaway: SAFTA exemptions depend on meeting Rules of Origin criteria.

One-minute recall: DRI areca nut SAFTA fraud (PIB, 16 August 2026).

Press Information Bureau

Appointments, Awards and Important Days

Partition Horrors Remembrance Day observed on 14 August 2026

14 August 2026 (reported 15 August) | Press Information Bureau

PIB said the Ministry of Culture observed Partition Horrors Remembrance Day on 14 August 2026 with commemorative programmes in Delhi, Amritsar and Kolkata, remembering the victims of Partition.

The main observance in New Delhi was held at Central Park, Connaught Place, attended by Vivek Agarwal, Secretary, Ministry of Culture.

Key facts

Day observed: 14 August 2026

Ministry: Ministry of Culture

Cities named: Delhi, Amritsar, Kolkata

Main Delhi venue: Central Park, Connaught Place

Exam takeaway: Partition Horrors Remembrance Day is observed every year on 14 August.

One-minute recall: Partition Horrors Remembrance Day observed (PIB, 15 August 2026).

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Rapid revision and vocabulary

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DRI: Directorate of Revenue Intelligence.

SAFTA: South Asian Free Trade Area.

BCD: Basic Customs Duty.

Rules of Origin: Criteria to decide a good's country of origin.

Customs Broker: Licensed agent clearing imports.

Rapid-revision prompts

What is DRI?

What is SAFTA?

What is Partition Horrors Remembrance Day?

Sources and publication information

Every figure comes from the linked source page for that story. Where an official page was not read, the story names the publication that reported it. Items we could not verify, or whose outcome was not settled, were left out. This edition has 2 stories because that is what we could verify for the day.

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