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# NATIONAL NEWS

## PM Narendra Modi Released 109 High-Yielding, Climate Resilient & Biofortified Varieties of Crops

On 11th August 2024, Prime Minister (**PM**) Narendra Modi, released **109 new varieties of 61 crops** developed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (**ICAR**) at ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute (**IARI**), Pusa, New Delhi, Delhi.

The high yielding, climate resilient and biofortified varieties of the 61 crops includes **34 field crops** and **27 horticultural crops.**

# Business News

## NPCI Spins Off BHIM into a Separate Arm; Lalitha Nataraj Appointed CEO

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) is spinning off its Bharat Interface for Money (BHIM) app into a standalone subsidiary to bolster its presence in the digital payments market. Lalitha Nataraj, previously with IDFC FIRST Bank and ICICI Bank, has been appointed as CEO of this new entity.

# Defence News

## DRDO Successfully Test Long Range Glide Bomb 'GAURAV' From Su-30 MK-1

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) on August 13, 2024 successfully carried out the maiden flight test of the long-range glide bomb (LRGB) Gaurav from a Su-30 MK-I fighter jet of the Indian Air Force.

# Important Days

## Partition Horrors Remembrance Day 2024

Partition Horrors Remembrance Day, known in Hindi as “Vibhajan Vibhishika Smriti Diwas,” is a solemn national memorial day observed annually on August 14th in India. This day serves as a poignant reminder of the immense suffering and loss experienced during the 1947 partition of India. Established in 2021 by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, this commemoration aims to honor the victims and acknowledge the profound impact of partition on millions of lives.