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India observed Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's 81st death anniversary on August 18, 2026. Separately, the United States sanctioned the International Criminal Court's President and a senior trial lawyer, and SAIL's Bhilai Steel Plant launched a real-time carbon-emissions dashboard.

INDIA OBSERVES 81ST DEATH ANNIVERSARY OF NETAJI SUBHAS CHANDRA BOSE

August 18, 2026 marks **81 years** since **Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose's** reported death following a plane crash in **Taihoku** (present-day Taipei) on **August 18, 1945**.

Background

The circumstances of Bose's death remain historically contested. He led the **Indian National Army (INA)** and the **Azad Hind (Provisional Government of Free India)**, representing the armed-struggle strand of India's freedom movement, distinct from the Congress-led constitutional strand. For background, this anniversary is distinct from **Parakram Diwas**, observed annually on January 23 as his birth anniversary.

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NETAJI'S 81ST DEATH ANNIVERSARY:

Reported death: August 18, 1945, Taihoku, Formosa (present-day Taipei)

Led: Indian National Army (INA), Azad Hind government

Background: birth anniversary observed separately as Parakram Diwas, January 23

UNITED STATES SANCTIONS ICC PRESIDENT AND SENIOR TRIAL LAWYER

The **US Treasury** sanctioned International Criminal Court **President Tomoko Akane** (Japan) and senior trial lawyer **Abdoulaye Seye** (Senegal) on **August 18, 2026**, citing their role in ICC investigations of officials from states that have not consented to ICC jurisdiction.

Background

The move is widely read as retaliation over ICC action concerning Israel. The ICC called the sanctions a **“flagrant attack”** on its independence; several states, including the Netherlands, voiced disapproval. **India is not a State Party to the Rome Statute** and has historically taken a cautious, **sovereignty-first** position on the ICC.

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US SANCTIONS ON ICC OFFICIALS:

Sanctioned: Tomoko Akane (ICC President, Japan), Abdoulaye Seye (Senior Trial Lawyer, Senegal)

ICC response: sanctions “strongly rejected” as an attack on its independence

India’s status: not a State Party to the Rome Statute

SAIL’S BHILAI STEEL PLANT LAUNCHES REAL-TIME CO2 EMISSIONS DASHBOARD

SAIL’s Bhilai Steel Plant inaugurated a **“CO2 Dashboard”** on **August 18, 2026**, enabling real-time, shop-level tracking of carbon emissions.

Background

Developed with **EMD-Kolkata** and consultant **M/s Centra World**, and inaugurated by Director-in-charge **Chittaranjan Mahapatra**, the dashboard is intended to identify emission anomalies and support decarbonisation of plant operations, part of a wider trend of SAIL plants adopting real-time monitoring and reporting (MRV) systems.

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SAIL BHILAI CO2 DASHBOARD:

Launched: August 18, 2026; developed with EMD-Kolkata, M/s Centra World

Inaugurated by: Chittaranjan Mahapatra, Director I/c, BSP

Purpose: real-time, shop-level carbon-emissions tracking

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