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## Sports News

### ❖ India at number four in Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2026



- ✓ The Commonwealth Games 2026 in Glasgow ended on August 3. India won a total of 39 medals, including 13 gold, 17 silver and 9 bronze.
- ✓ India was at number four in the medal tally. At the same time, Australia came first with 171 medals, including 70 gold.
- ✓ England won a total of 110 medals and Canada was third with 62 medals.

| COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2026 FINAL MEDAL TALLY |           |      |        |        |       |
|-------------------------------------------|-----------|------|--------|--------|-------|
| RANK                                      | COUNTRY   | GOLD | SILVER | BRONZE | TOTAL |
| 1                                         | AUSTRALIA | 70   | 45     | 56     | 171   |
| 2                                         | ENGLAND   | 29   | 45     | 36     | 110   |
| 3                                         | CANADA    | 19   | 20     | 23     | 62    |
| 4                                         | INDIA     | 13   | 17     | 9      | 39    |
| 5                                         | SCOTLAND  | 13   | 9      | 17     | 39    |

- ✓ **Total Medals:** India won a total of 39 medals, with 37 medals coming from just 5 major sports.
- ✓ **Top Performance (Boxing):** Boxers won the maximum **10 medals** (7 gold and 3 silver).
- ✓ **Contribution of other games:**

- ✓ **Athletics:** 10 medals (no gold)
- ✓ **Weightlifting:** 8 medals
- ✓ **Para Athletics:** 6 medals
- ✓ **Judo:** 4 medals
- ✓ **Para Powerlifting:** 1 medal
- ✓ Apart from this, India sent a team of only 123 players instead of 210 players. Of these, 38 players returned after winning medals, i.e. the success rate was 31%. In Birmingham, this figure was 29%. This time only 10 games were included in Glasgow, while 19 games were played in Birmingham.
- ✓ Commonwealth Sports President Dr. Donald Ruka handed over the torch to India to host the 2030 Games. Neeraj Chopra, PT Usha and Harsh Sanghvi were present during this time.

### ❖ Neeraj Chopra won the silver medal in javelin throw and Yashvir Singh won the bronze medal



- ✓ India's Neeraj Chopra won the silver medal in the javelin throw while Yashvir Singh won the bronze medal at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games.
- ✓ Neeraj threw a season-best throw of 85.83m in his second attempt.
- ✓ Yashvir won the bronze medal with a personal best of 85.41m in his final attempt.
- ✓ **Key points related to Glasgow Commonwealth Games:**
- ✓ Events: 23 July to 2 August 2026
- ✓ Location: Glasgow, Scotland
- ✓ Type: Commonwealth Games

- ✓ Scotland had previously hosted the Games in 2014 as well.

❖ **India's Yamini Maurya wins silver medal in women's 57kg judo event at Glasgow Commonwealth Games**



- ✓ India's Yamini Maurya has won the silver medal in the women's 57 kg judo event at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games.
- ✓ In the final, she lost to England's Aselya Toprak in a tough match.

❖ **India handed over the torch of 2030 Commonwealth Games**



- ✓ The 11-day Commonwealth Games in Glasgow have come to an end.
- ✓ The closing ceremony began with a performance by Australian singer Delta Goodrem at the Ovo Hydro Arena.
- ✓ After that, the President of Commonwealth Sports, Dr. Donald Rucka, handed over the torch to India, the host of the 2030 Games.
- ✓ In 2030, the Commonwealth Games will complete its 100 years. The first edition took place in 1930 in the city of Hamilton, Canada.

- ✓ India will host the Games for the second time. Earlier, India hosted the Games in 2010. Then all the events were held in Delhi.

❖ **Tanvi Sharma wins Taipei Open Super Women's Singles title**



- ✓ In badminton, Tanvi Sharma has won the Taipei Open Super Women's Singles title. This is Tanvi's first BWF World Tour title.
- ✓ In the final, Tanvi defeated sixth seed Nguyen Thuy Linh of Vietnam.
- ✓ The 17-year-old Tanvi has become the youngest Taipei Open champion, surpassing Taiwan's Tai Tzu Ying.
- ✓ She is also the first Indian woman to win the title after Saina Nehwal in 2008.

❖ **PV Sindhu gets 9th rank at BWF World Badminton Championships**



- ✓ Recently, Indian shuttler PV Sindhu got the top 9 ranking (seeding) at the BWF World Badminton Championships 2026 in Women's Singles.
- ✓ This World Badminton Championship will be held from August 17 to 23 at the Indira

Gandhi Indoor Stadium in New Delhi. Sindhu is a two-time Olympic medalist.

- ✓ At the same time, the men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty have been ranked 5th. Apart from Sindhu and Satwik-Chirag, the former World Championships bronze winner is ranked 14th in the men's singles.

❖ **India dominates Brazil Para Badminton International 2026: SAI NCoE Athletes and Biri Takr shine in Sao Paulo**



- ✓ The Indian para-badminton team put up a stellar performance at the Brazil Para Badminton International 2026 of the BWF Para World Circuit, held in Sao Paulo from July 27 to August 1, 2026.
- ✓ India topped the medal tally by winning a total of 22 medals (9 gold, 6 silver and 7 bronze) and overtook host country Brazil (8 gold).
- ✓ In this, players from the SAI National Centre of Excellence (NCoE) won 9 medals and Arunachal Pradesh's Biri Takar made it to the podium twice. Tucker's gold in men's doubles and bronze in men's singles was part of India's stellar performance in the tournament, in which the Indian team won a total of 22 medals – including 9 gold, 6 silver and 7 bronze medals.

❖ **Boleng to become new hub for Asian rafting**



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- ✓ The town of Bolang in Siang district of Arunachal Pradesh will host the Asian Rafting Championships from 5th to 9th October 2026.
- ✓ The five-day competition will take place on the Simang River, which is a Class III+ tributary of the Siang River.
- ✓ In this event, paddlers from all over Asia will participate in various white-water rafting events.
- ✓ **GK Facts**
- ✓ The Siang River is the name of the upper flow of the Brahmaputra in Arunachal Pradesh.
- ✓ Arunachal Pradesh shares borders with Bhutan, China and Myanmar.
- ✓ White-water rafting is an adventure sport played on rivers with strong currents and rapids.

❖ **Junior Asia Cup: Hockey India announces Indian women's team, Shileima Chanu becomes captain**



- ✓
- ✓ Hockey India announced the Indian women's team for the AHF Junior Asia Cup 2026. The team will travel to China to

participate in the tournament that runs from August 30 to September 13.

- ✓ Along with 18 players in this team, two substitute players have also been given place in the team.
- ✓ The team will be led by midfielder Khaidem Shileima Chanu.
- ✓ Chanu has done a lot of preparation under the supervision of new coach Tim White. She has previously taken charge of the team at the beginning of the year.

❖ **Ariha Pangambam won a historic gold medal at the Asian Aerobic Gymnastics.**



- ✓ Ariya Pangambam has become the first Indian to win a gold medal in the senior individual women's event at the Asian Aerobic Gymnastics Championships.
- ✓ The 22-year-old Ariha, who hails from Manipur, finished first in the final of the championship held from August 4 to 7, 2026, in Tagaytay City, Philippines, with a score of 19.100.
- ✓ He has previously won a gold medal at the National Games in 2023 and 2025 and represented India at FIG Aerobics.

❖ **Ashmita Chaliha wins women's singles title of Victor Korea Masters 2026**



- ✓ Indian badminton player Ashmita Chaliha made a spectacular comeback today to win the women's singles title of the Victor Korea Masters 2026.
- ✓ In the final, Assam's Ashmita defeated China's Han Chian Shi 14-21, 21-14, 21-14 in a three-game match.
- ✓ This is Ashmita's first BWF title.
- ✓ Earlier, Ashmita had defeated compatriot Rakshita Ramraj 21-13, 16-21, 21-13 in the semi-finals yesterday to enter the final. At the same time, Han Chian Shi defeated South Korea's G. Kim 22-20, 18-21, 21-14 in the second semi-final.
- ✓ Ashmita had earlier won a gold medal at the 2024 Asia Team Championships. In the 2019 South Asian Games, she also won a gold medal in both the women's singles and team event.

❖ **Sagnik Roy and Sayantan Kushari won the gold medal in the U-31 event of the 9th World Youth Transnational Championships**



- ✓ In the 9th World Youth Transnational Championship held in Hefei, China, the

Indian pair of Sagnik Roy and Sayantan Kushari won the gold medal in the Under-31 event. In the first phase of the match, 34 pairs participated, out of which the top 14 pairs reached Flight-A. The Indian pair was also involved in it. After this, Sagnik Roy and Sayantan Kushari won the gold medal by taking the top position in the round robin.

❖ **Maharajan Arumugpandian wins silver medal in men's 65kg category at Asian Junior Weightlifting Championships**



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- ✓ Indian weightlifter Maharajan Arumugpandian has won a silver medal in the men's 65 kg category at the Asian Junior Weightlifting Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan .
- ✓ Maharajan lifted 128 kg in the snatch and 157 kg in the clean and jerk, setting personal bests to lift a total of 285 kg.
- ✓ Vietnam's Huang Thach won the gold medal with a lift of 291 kg.

❖ **India won 17 medals at the Commonwealth U-23 Fencing Championships in Lagos, Nigeria**



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- ✓ India performed on the opening day of the Commonwealth U-23 Fencing Championships in Lagos, Nigeria, winning 17 medals, including four gold, four silver, and nine bronze medals.
- ✓ In the men's saber event, Nikhil Wagh won the gold and Lakshya Badser won the silver medal. Ashwini Arya and Laishram Moramba won bronze medals.
- ✓ In the men's foil event, Tejas Patil won silver and Hemash Sanasam won bronze medals. In the men's AP event, Lokesh Vemani won silver and Shaurya Ashwini and Godwin Ankbes won bronze medals.
- ✓ In the women' s category, Joyce Ashita won the gold in the foil event and Kanaga-Lakshmi won the silver medal.
- ✓ Prachi Lohan won the gold medal in the AP event and Nivedhya Nair and Anupriya won bronze medals. In the saber event, Jefferlin won the gold and Aakhri Sharma won the silver and Shreya Gupta won the bronze medal.

❖ **Shreyas Royal and Bodhana Sivanandan win British Chess Championship 2026**



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- ✓ Two teenagers of Indian origin have caught everyone's attention in British chess.
- ✓ At the 2026 British Chess Championship held in Coventry, 17-year-old Shreyas Royal won the Open title, while 11-year-old Bodhana Sivanandan won the Women's Championship.

- ✓ The victory of these two is a special achievement for the young talent of Indian origin in the UK chess world.
- ✓ Royal moved to the UK from Bangalore with his family at the age of three and became England's youngest grandmaster at the age of just 15.
- ✓ At just 11 years old, Bodhana Sivanandan made history by becoming the youngest player to win the British women's title.
- ✓ She defeated 14-year-old Ireland player Trisha Kanyamarla in a hard-fought rapid-chase playoff.

❖ **Commonwealth Fencing Championships: India's Karan Singh and Sherzin Shantimol win gold medal in senior men's events**



- ✓ India continued their streak of medal winning streaks at the Commonwealth Fencing Championships held in Lagos, Nigeria.
- ✓ Karan Singh and Sherzin Shantimol won gold medals for India in the senior men's events last night. After trailing 7-11, Karan came back strongly to win the match 15-12 to claim the gold medal.
- ✓ Sherzin Shantimol defeated second-seeded South African fencer Peter Kruger 15-6 to take the top spot.
- ✓ In the senior women's event, Indian women fencers again performed brilliantly and won three medals. Tanishka Khatri won the gold medal and Khushi Dabhade won the silver medal.

❖ **For the first time in the city, the Irani Cup gives a new identity to J&K cricket.**



- ✓ Jammu and Kashmir will host the Irani Cup from 1st to 5th October 2026 at the Sher-e-Kashmir Stadium in Srinagar.
- ✓ The five-day first-class match will be played between Jammu and Kashmir and Rest of India.
- ✓ **GK facts related to the news**
- ✓ The Irani Cup is named after former BCCI president and cricket administrator Zail Singh.
- ✓ The Ranji Trophy is India's premier domestic first-class cricket competition.
- ✓ Matches in first-class cricket are played over several days and apply the traditional Test-style rules.
- ✓ Sher-e-Kashmir Stadium is one of the major cricket grounds of Jammu and Kashmir.

❖ **Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa registers his first win in the second round of the Grand Chess Tour competition Sinquefeld Cup**



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- ✓ Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa registered his maiden win by defeating Javokhir Sindarov in the second round of the Sinquefeld Cup of the Grand Chess Tour in the United States.
- ✓ In this match that lasted for 95 moves, Praggnanandhaa maintained his dominance from start to finish.
- ✓ Sindarov tried to draw the match while making his move, but the Indian player kept up the pressure and turned the draw situation into a win. With this win, Praggnanandhaa has one and a half points in two matches.

❖ **World number one Magnus Carlsen retains E-Sports World Cup Chess title**



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- ✓ World number one player Magnus Carlsen has won the e-sports World Cup title for the second time in a row.

❖ **Poland's Iga Swiatek wins women's singles title at Canadian Open**



- ✓
- ✓ Poland's Iga Swiatek has won the women's singles title at the Canadian Open.

- ✓ Seventh seed Swiatek defeated second seed Elena Rybakina in straight sets in the final in Toronto yesterday. Swiatek won her first title of the season with a 6-2, 6-3 win.
- ✓ In the men's singles category, American tennis player Ben Shelton won the title by defeating his compatriot Brandon Nakashima by a score of 6-3, 7-6 in Montreal.
- ✓ With this win, fifth-seeded Shelton clinched the second ATP Masters 1000 title of his career.

❖ **World Badminton Championships begin in New Delhi**



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- ✓ The BWF World Badminton Championships **are starting at the** Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium in New Delhi, which India is hosting for the second time since 2009.
- ✓ Former champion PV Sindhu and India's top doubles pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy-Chirag Shetty will lead the Indian challenge in this competition.
- ✓ The 30th BWF World Championship, which will be played till August 23, will see the world's top players on Indian soil.
- ✓ PV Sindhu is a five-time World Championship medalist – including one gold, two silver and two bronze medals. Unnati Hooda is India's second representative in women's singles.

- ✓ In the men's singles, Lakshya Sen and Aayush Shetty, who won bronze medals in the 2021 event, will be the Indian challengers.

❖ **Government announces National Sports Awards 2025**



- ✓ The Government has announced the National Sports Awards-2025. India's premier women's doubles pair Treesa Jolly and Palllella Gayatri Gopichand along with 15 other players from various sports will be given the Arjuna Award for excellence in sports.
- ✓ Indian football legend Isaiah Arumainayagam will be honoured with the Arjuna Award-Lifetime Award.
- ✓ Athletics coach Parveer Singh, boxing coach Chhote Lal Yadav and shooting coach Neha Nandkumar Chavan will be given the Dronacharya award.
- ✓ The Army Paralympic Node, Pune will be given the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar.
- ✓ The award is given to a corporate and non-governmental organization for outstanding contribution in the promotion and development of sports.

❖ **Rishabh Pant became the first Indian batsman to hit 100 sixes in Test cricket.**



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- ✓ Wicketkeeper-batsman Rishabh Pant completed 100 sixes in Test cricket on the fourth day of the first Test against Sri Lanka today .
- ✓ He has become the first Indian and the fourth player in the world to achieve this feat.

❖ **FIFA releases schedule for 2027 Women's World Cup**



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- ✓ The 2027 FIFA Women's World Cup will be the 10th edition of the competition.
- ✓ The opening match will be played on 24 June 2027 and the final will be held on 25 July 2027.
- ✓ The event will take place for the second and final time in a 32-team format, after which it will be increased to 48 teams in 2031 .
- ✓ **Important facts**
- ✓ The FIFA Women's World Cup started in 1991 and is organized by FIFA.

- ✓ The Maracana Stadium is located in Rio de Janeiro and is one of the most famous football stadiums in the world.

❖ **Wesley won his third Sinquefield Cup title.**



- ✓ Recently, Filipino-American chess player Wesley So won chess's third Sinquefield Cup title.
- ✓ Wesley had previously won the tournament in 2016 and 2025, receiving \$87,500 in prize money.
- ✓ At the same time, India's R Praggnanandhaa missed out on winning the title in the Sinquefield Cup Chess Tournament. After the classical matches, Praggnanandhaa and Wesley So of America were jointly at the top with 5.5-5.5 points.
- ✓ This was followed by two rapid playoffs for the title, but both ended in draws.

❖ **Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra wins silver medal at Lausanne Diamond League**



- Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra has won the silver medal in the Lausanne

Diamond League. He finished second with a throw of 88.05m.

- Neeraj finished just nine centimetres behind Sri Lanka's Ramesh Tharanga Pathiraj. Ramesh took the first place with a throw of 88.14m.
- Anderson Peters finished third with 86.69m. Keshorn Walcott finished fourth with 83.71m.

❖ **World Athletics Silver Level Championships 2026: Rohit Yadav wins Javelin Throw and Murali Sreeshankar win Long Jump events**



- Indian athletes Rohit Yadav won the javelin throw and Murali Sreeshankar won the long jump events at the World Athletics Silver Level Championships 2026 held at the Kalinga Stadium in Bhubaneswar yesterday.
- Rohit Yadav won the title with a personal best of 87.6-8m in his sixth and final attempt.
- In the men's long jump event, Murali Sreeshankar won the first position with a jump of 8.07m.
- In the women's long jump event, national record holder Ancy Sojan took first place with a jump of 6.7-1m.
- Shaili Singh finished second with a jump of 6.5-6m, while Mubassina Mohammed took third with a jump of 6.3-1m.

❖ **Sports Ministry approves 492-member contingent for Asian Games**



- The Sports Ministry has approved a 492-member contingent for the Asian Games starting next month in Japan. This includes 265 male and 227 female athletes. This time the highest number of 73 participants of athletics have been included.
- The athletics team includes javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra, long jumper Murali Sreeshankar, long-distance runner Gulveer Singh, decathlon player Tejaswin Shankar and 100m hurdler Jyothi Yarraji, among others.
- India's 20-member badminton squad includes veterans like PV Sindhu, Lakshya Sen and Ayush Shetty. The team also includes the women's doubles pair of Gayatri Gopichand and Treesa Jolly, as well as the men's doubles pair of Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty.
- The boxing team has 11 members, including 75 kg weight category player Lovlina Borgohain, 90 kg plus player Narendra Berwal and 55 kg weight category player Jadumani Singh.

❖ **Indian Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa created history, became the first Indian to win the Grand Chess Tour**



- ✓
- ✓ Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa has become the first Indian to win the Grand Chess Tour.
- ✓ He defeated defending champion Fabiano Caruana 15-13 in the final played in St. Louis, USA .
- ✓ Praggnanandhaa started the final six points behind Caruana but took the lead by winning both rapid games.
- ✓ He then maintained his lead in all four blitz games, winning 15-13 and also securing his place on next year's Grand Chess Tour by winning the first prize of \$200,000.
- ✓ In the third-place match, Wesley So also made a comeback against Vincent Keymer. After the rapid game between the two players was tied, So won all four blitz games to win 18-12. Astronomy

❖ **French pair win gold at Badminton World Championships**



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- ✓ Recently, France's Thom Gikel and Delphine Delrue won gold in the Badminton World

Championships mixed doubles. The pair of Gikel-Delphine is the first pair from France to win gold in this championship.

- ✓ The pair of Gikel-Delphine defeated the pair of top seeds Feng Yan Zhe and Huang Dong Ping 22-20, 19-21, 21-15 in the final.
- ✓ Along with this, France also made history in the men's singles.

### ❖ Ethiopia's Yomif Kejelcha breaks half marathon world record



- ✓ Ethiopia's Yomif Kejelcha won the World Athletics Label road race in Buenos Aires on Sunday.
- ✓ He re-established the world record for the half marathon with a brilliant time of 56 minutes 51 seconds.
- ✓ The Ethiopian runner took 29 seconds less than the previous record of 57:20 set by Uganda's Jacob Kiplimo in Lisbon in March.
- ✓ In this way, he regained the record that was taken away from him by Kiplimo after he bettered his time of 57:30 in Valencia in October 2024.

### ❖ India's Velvan Senthilkumar wins PSA Budapest Squash Open title



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- ✓ India's Velvan Senthilkumar defeated home contender Balazs Farkas 3-0 to win the title in the final of the PSA Budapest Squash Open held in Hungary.
- ✓ In the quarterfinals, she defeated world number 18 and Asian Games gold medallist Ain Yew Ng 3-0 and then won in the semi-finals by defeating her compatriot Veer Chotarani 3-2.

### ❖ Women's Hockey World Cup: India secured 5th position



- ✓ In the match for 5th-6th place in the FIH Women's Hockey World Cup 2026 on Thursday, the Indian team defeated Germany 3-1 to conclude their historic campaign.
- ✓ With this spectacular win against the world's fifth-ranked team Germany, India got the fifth position.
- ✓ This is the best performance of the Indian women's team in the FIH World Cup since the first Women's World Cup played in 1974. The Indian team was in fourth place in that World Cup.

## Defense News

- ❖ Vice Admiral AN Pramod, AVSM, YSM, assumes charge as Vice Chief of Naval Staff



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- ✓ Vice Admiral AN Pramod, AVSM, YSM assumed charge as the Vice Chief of the Naval Staff on August 01, 2026 .
- ✓ An alumnus of the 38th Integrated Cadet Course of the Naval Academy, Goa, Vice Admiral AN Pramod was commissioned into the Indian Navy on 01 July 1990.
- ✓ The Flag Officer is a C King Air Operations Officer and a Communication and Electronic Warfare Specialist.
- ✓ He is also an alumnus of the Naval Higher Command Course of the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington and the Naval War College, Goa.
- ✓ In his distinguished career spanning over 36 years, the Flag Officer has held numerous command, operations, training and staffing positions in the Navy, both aboard and ashore.

❖ **Diving Support Craft 'Jalavataran' inducted into Navy**



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- ✓ Recently, the fifth and last ship of the Diving Support Craft (DSC) project launched the Diving Support Craft i.e., DSCA24 Jalavtaran at Titagarh, Kolkata.

- ✓ The ship can be operated underwater. It is used to assist naval divers in various operations at sea.
- ✓ The ship is used for undersea repairs, inspections, search and rescue.
- ✓ DSC A24 is the fifth and last ship of this project built under this Make in India. These are equipped with modern diving systems, which are suitable for operational diving missions.

❖ **Air Marshal Sandeep Thareja to be new Director General of Armed Forces Medical Services**



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- ✓ The Central Government has appointed Air Marshal Sandeep Thareja as Director General, Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAfMS).
- ✓ He is currently serving as Director General Medical Services (Air).
- ✓ Air Marshal Thareja will take over the responsibility after the retirement of the current DGAfMS Surgeon Vice Admiral Aarti Sarin (VSM, AVSM, VSM).

❖ **Vice Admiral Manish Chadha, AVSM, VSM assumes charge as Director General of Naval Operations**



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- ✓ Vice Admiral Manish Chadha Khadakwasla  
He is an alumnus of the 78th course conducted at the National Defence Academy located here.
- ✓ He was commissioned into the Indian Navy on 01 Jul 1991. Vice Admiral Manish Chadha is a specialist in Communication and Electronic Warfare.
- ✓ He is also an alumnus of the 61st Staff Course at the Defence Services Staff College, Wellington and has also completed the Higher Command Course from the National Defence University, Washington, USA.

❖ **Bhawna Kanth became India's first woman fighter leader**



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- ✓ Indian Air Force Squadron Leader Bhawana Kanth became the first woman pilot in India to successfully complete the Fighter Combat Leader (FCL) course on 6 August 2026. She completed the course at the

Tactics and Air Combat Development Establishment (TACDE) in Gwalior, which trains selected Indian Air Force pilots in air warfare tactics and leadership.

✓ **Important facts**

- ✓ The Fighter Combat Leader Course is a 20-week program for advanced air warfare training.
- ✓ The first batch of women fighter pilots in India was inducted in June 2016.

❖ **Indian Navy – US Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal Exercise 2026 to be held at Southern Naval Command, Kochi**



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- ✓ Exercise Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) between the Indian Navy and the US Navy will be conducted from 10 to 14 August 2026 at the Southern Naval Command, Kochi.
- ✓ The aim of the bilateral exercise is to enhance interoperability and further strengthen professional cooperation between the specialist diving and ordnance disposal teams of the two navies.
- ✓ The five-day exercise will include exchange of Subject Matter Experts (SME), joint training, demonstration of equipment and hands-on exercises based on various conditions.

❖ **Australia-US military exercise Talisman Saber 2027 will be the largest edition ever**



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- ✓ The dates for the joint military exercise Talisman Saber 2027 of Australia and the US have been set.
- ✓ The exercise will be held from 09 August 2027 to 22 August 2027 and is considered to be the largest and most ambitious edition ever.
- ✓ It will increase the participation of many partner countries in the Indo-Pacific region.
- ✓ Talisman Saber is a major bilateral military exercise led by Australia and the US. It aims to strengthen joint operations, synergy and joint planning.
- ✓ The expansion of Talisman Saber 2027 shows that defence cooperation in the Indo-Pacific is now taking a more coordinated and multilateral form.
- ✓ The Indo-Pacific comprises the Indian Ocean and the western and central Pacific Oceans.

❖ **'Shruti' joins Indian Navy to strengthen maritime security and surveillance**



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- ✓ A significant step was taken towards the induction of a new generation indigenous

Offshore Patrol Vessel 'Shruti' into the Indian Navy fleet.

- ✓ Yard 3037 'Shruti' was launched at Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata.
- ✓ The ship is being designed and built indigenously.
- ✓ This series of new generation Offshore Patrol Vessels will go a long way in strengthening the Indian Navy's maritime surveillance and quick response capability.
- ✓ The ship takes its name 'Shruti' from India's rich cultural and Vedic heritage.
- ✓ 'Shruti' refers to all the four Vedas. The ship's insignia depicts the Ursa Major constellation and the red and white lighthouse.

❖ **The joint air exercise "Eagles of Civilization 2026" between the Egyptian Air Force and the People's Liberation Army Air Force began in August 2026**



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- ✓ The joint air exercise "Eagles of Civilization 2026" between the Egyptian Air Force and the People's Liberation Army Air Force (PLAAF) began in August 2026.
- ✓ The exercise involved Chinese J-16 fighter jets, aerial refueling aircraft, special mission aircraft and helicopters, which arrived at an Egyptian airport after a nearly 6,000-kilometre flight from China.
- ✓ Important facts for exams

- ✓ J-16: is a Chinese two-engine multipurpose fighter aircraft, operated by the People's Liberation Army Air Force.
- ✓ Dassault Rafale: is a French-made multipurpose fighter aircraft, used by the Egyptian Air Force.
- ✓ 2nd Bilateral Air Exercise: Egypt and China held their second bilateral air exercise in August 2026.
- ✓ Air-to-air warfare exercises are a standard part in joint military exercises involving fighter aircraft.

❖ **An Indian Army contingent left for Thailand to participate in the 15th edition (2026) of the Indo-Thailand joint military exercise 'Maitri '**



- ✓ The Indian Army contingent has left for Thailand to participate in the 15th edition (2026) of the Indo-Thailand joint military exercise 'Maitri'.
- ✓ The exercise is being conducted from 18 to 31 August 2026 at Vibhavadi Rangsit Camp, Surat Thani, Thailand.
- ✓ The last edition of the exercise was conducted at Umroi, Meghalaya in September 2025.
- ✓ The contingents of the Indian Army and the Thai Royal Army comprise 85 soldiers each.
- ✓ The Indian Army contingent comprises mainly soldiers of 9 Gorkha Rifles while the Thai Army contingent comprises soldiers of

the 3rd Battalion of the 25th Infantry Brigade of the 5th Division.

- ✓ The exercise will include company level joint training which will focus on operations in jungle and semi-urban areas.
- ✓ Initiated in 2006, the exercise strengthens military cooperation and bilateral relations between the two countries.

❖ **Navy gets new anti-submarine shallow water craft 'Mangrol'**



- Cochin Shipyard Limited has handed over Mangrol, the third ship of the indigenously designed and built Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC) series, to the Indian Navy.
- The vessel was delivered on 21 August 2026 at Kochi.
- Ready for operations in coastal and shallow waters, the ship will be useful for low intensity maritime operations, surveillance and search and rescue operations.
- Cochin Shipyard Limited is headquartered in Kochi, Kerala and is one of India's leading shipbuilding companies.
- ASW SWC Full Name : Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft

❖ **India's first indigenous AK-203 Lion Rifle test-fired in Amethi**



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- ✓ Indo-Russian Rifles Private Limited (IRRPL) has manufactured and tested India's first 100% indigenous AK-203 assault rifle, named Lion, at the Korwa Ordnance Plant in Amethi, Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ The prototype uses only domestic Indian components and raw materials, signaling a significant shift from licensed assembly to fully local production.
- ✓ **Important facts**
- ✓ The AK-203 rifle belongs to the Kalashnikov family and uses a 7.62×39 mm cartridge.
- ✓ Korwa Ordnance Centre is located in Amethi district of Uttar Pradesh.
- ✓ The Indian Army needs about 6 lakh AK-203 rifles.

❖ **Indian Army raises its first Baaz Battalion equipped with state-of-the-art drones in Punjab**



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- ✓ The Indian Army has raised its first falcon battalion equipped with state-of-the-art drones in the border state of Punjab to enhance aerial surveillance, quick response and battlefield reach.

- ✓ The battalion will serve as a surveillance system in the air and an edge over the enemy on the battlefield.
- ✓ The 11th Corps of the Army, also known as the Vajra Corps, also known as the Protectors of Punjab, is the first Corps to put the Baz Battalion into operation. The name 'Baaz' is derived from a bird of prey.

❖ **Indo-Thailand joint military exercise MAITRAI-15 held in Thailand**



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- ✓ In the Indo-Thailand joint military exercise 'Maitri-15', soldiers from both the countries are sharing each other's warfare, close combat techniques and counter-terrorism operations along with weapons and tactics.
- ✓ During the exercise, the Royal Thai Army showcased its famous Muay Thai martial arts, while the Indian Army demonstrated close combat and self-defence techniques through Army Martial Arts Routine (AMAR).

❖ **NSG launches first women commando conversion course to train women**



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- ✓ The National Security Guard (NSG) Training Academy in Manesar has started its first

'Women Commando Conversion Course' (MCCC).

- ✓ It is a special programme designed to train women personnel of state police forces and Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) for counter-terrorism operations.
- ✓ This is an important step towards increasing the presence of women in an area that has traditionally been dominated by male commandos.
- ✓ The 12-week programme began on August 24. The aim is to make select women personnel physically strong, technically proficient and operationally ready commandos who can handle the difficult tasks related to counter-terrorism and internal security.

❖ **Second Nivastar Class Diving Support Vessel 'NIPUN' to be commissioned on August 31**



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- ✓ The Indian Navy will commission 'NIPUN' on August 31 at the Naval Dockyard, Mumbai.
- ✓ NIPUN is the second Diving Support Vessel of the Nistar class. The induction of this ship will enhance the Navy's capability to undertake deep sea diving and underwater assistance.
- ✓ The ship will assist in diver operations in challenging conditions at sea as well as assist in submarine rescue operations.
- ✓ NIPUN has been designed and built indigenously. It has been built by Hindustan

Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam. The ship is equipped with modern diving systems, navigation and medical aid.

❖ **First indigenous multi-role vessel 'Samarth' handed over to Indian Navy**



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- ✓ Larsen & Toubro Limited (L&T), the first indigenous multi-role vessel (MPV) 'Proto' built by Kattupalli, was delivered to the Indian Navy on 27 August 2026.
- ✓ The ship has more than 75% indigenous content and is designed to be a multi-use testing and evaluation platform.
- ✓ In addition, the ship is designed to undertake maritime surveillance and reconnaissance, offshore patrol and assist in Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief operations, if required.
- ✓ The ship has been very thoughtfully named 'Supporter', which means 'Supporter'. The name reflects the ship's role as a dependable helper in many missions.

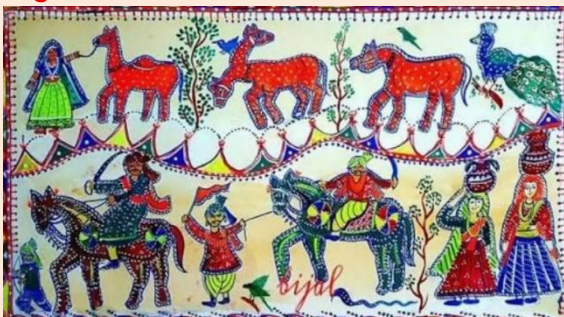
**National News**

❖ **The Dhimsa dance from Andhra Pradesh recently registered its name in the Guinness World Records**



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- ✓ Dhimsa dance is primarily a traditional tribal folk dance of the state of Andhra Pradesh, with its roots mainly associated with the Araku Valley and Eastern Ghats regions of the state.
- ✓ The traditional Dhimsa dance performed by more than 13,000 tribal women and girl students at Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport, Bhogapuram, Andhra Pradesh has been recognized as the "Largest Dhimsa Dance Performance" by Guinness World Records.
- ✓ **About Dhimsa Dance**
- ✓ Dhimsa is the traditional folk-dance style of the tribes inhabiting the Araku Valley of Andhra Pradesh.
- ✓ It is considered an important symbol of the cultural identity, social unity and community life of the tribal community.
- ✓ The dance is usually performed by a group of 15–20 women.
- ✓ Major Instruments: Mori, Thudum, Dappu.

❖ **Pithora painting from Gujarat receives GI tag**



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- ✓ Pithora painting, an ancient mural painting art of the Rathwa tribe of Gujarat, has received the GI tag, marking a significant milestone in the preservation of India's unique tribal art.
- ✓ This recognition preserves the authenticity of this amazing art, protects against copying and provides new economic opportunities for artists.
- ✓ These paintings are usually done inside homes to worship Baba Pithora, who is considered the deity who brings wealth, health, peace, and good fortune.
- ✓ These pictures have bright colors and many amazing illustrations, such as...
- ✓ Horses are worshipped as gods.
- ✓ Tribal deities.
- ✓ The sun and the moon.
- ✓ Animals and birds.
- ✓ Plants and trees.
- ✓ Agriculture.
- ✓ Daily activities.
- ✓ A symbol of earth and spirituality.

❖ **Glav Lake becomes Arunachal Pradesh's first Ramsar site; Total number of Ramsar sites in India takes to 101**



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- ✓ Glav Lake in Arunachal Pradesh has been declared as the 101st Ramsar site in India.
- ✓ The selection of Glav Lake as a Ramsar site is also historic for Arunachal Pradesh, as it is the first Ramsar site in the state.

- ✓ Glav Lake is a pristine freshwater lake in the Eastern Himalayas and a major centre of biodiversity, located under the Kamallong Tiger Reserve and Wildlife Sanctuary.
- ✓ The lake is nourished by perennial mountain streams and surrounded by dense vegetation, preserving the rich vegetation diversity.
- ✓ The Union Minister informed that more than 150 tree species and 49 orchid species are found in this wetland, underscoring the ecological importance of Glav Lake and its surrounding landscape.
- ✓ **Capital:** Itanagar
- ✓ **Established:** 20 February 1987 (full statehood)
- ✓ **Borders:** Assam, Nagaland, Bhutan, Myanmar and China (Tibet)

❖ **Khijadia Bird Sanctuary: A Breeding Ground for the Black-Necked Stork**



- ✓ The Khijadia Bird Sanctuary in Jamnagar, Gujarat, has been identified as an important breeding ground for the black-necked stork, according to a scientific study published in the Journal of Threatened Taxa.
- ✓ The maximum seasonal population of black-necked stork in the sanctuary was recorded at 21 birds, which included breeding pairs and non-breeding adult birds.
- ✓ The black-necked stork (*Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus*) is one of the largest wetland birds

in India and has fragmented breeding populations across the country.

- ✓ After the Wildlife (Protection) Amendment Act, 2022, this species is listed under Schedule II of the Wild Life (Protection) Act, 1972.
- ✓ It is classified in the Near Threatened category on the IUCN Red List mainly due to habitat loss and population decline.
- ✓ Khijadia Bird Sanctuary in Jamnagar, Gujarat was declared a Wildlife Sanctuary in 1981 and was designated as a wetland of international importance under the Ramsar Convention in February 2022.

❖ **Parliament passes Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026**



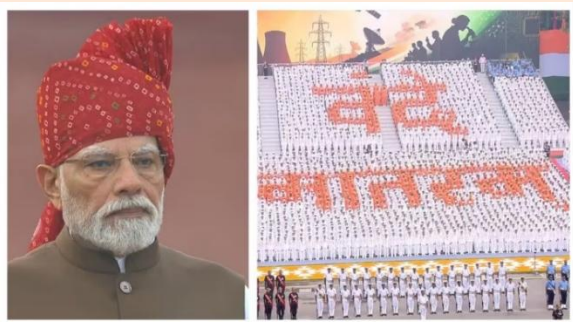
- ✓ Parliament has passed the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026 . The Rajya Sabha sent the bill back to the Lok Sabha after discussion.
- ✓ The Bill amends the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1956. Under this, the number of judges in the Supreme Court, excluding the Chief Justice of India, will be increased from the present 33 to 37.
- ✓ In May this year, President Droupadi Murmu promulgated an ordinance to increase the number of judges in the Supreme Court from 33 to 37.

❖ **'Suryapath Tiranga' conveys India's message of unity among 54 countries**



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- ✓ The 'Suryapath Tiranga' global relay organized under the 'Har Ghar Tiranga 2026' campaign on India's 80th Independence Day was completed on 15th August 2026.
- ✓ This 19-hour coordinated flag hoisting series proceeded from east to west through Indian diplomatic missions and posts located in 54 countries, and finally culminated in San Francisco, USA.
- ✓ **GK facts related to the news**
- ✓ The 'Suryapath Tiranga' passed through Indian Missions and Posts located in 54 countries.
- ✓ It was a 19-hour coordinated flag hoisting relay that ran from east to west.
- ✓ The relay started in Suva, Fiji and ended in San Francisco.

❖ **'Vande Mataram' sung for the first time at Independence Day celebrations at Red Fort**



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- ✓ The nation is celebrating the 80th Independence Day with gaiety.

- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi addressed the nation from the ramparts of the Red Fort on the occasion.
- ✓ For the first time, the national song Vande Mataram was sung on the occasion. This year's event emphasized the role of youth power in building a developed India by 2047.

❖ **For the first time since Independence, caste will be asked in the census**



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- ✓ The Office of the Registrar General of India under the Ministry of Home Affairs has notified the questionnaire related to Household Schedule for Census-2027 .
- ✓ It has 40 questions. These include details of parents, Aadhaar, mobile number, total number of bank accounts, details of movement to and from the place of work, questions related to religion and caste.
- ✓ The census is an important tool for governance and provides the basis for the country's development plans for the next decade. The last census was conducted in the year 2011.

❖ **President Murmu gives assent to Bill to criminalise insult to Vande Mataram**



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- ✓ President Droupadi Murmu has given assent to a bill that criminalises intentional obstruction or prevention of singing of the national song Vande Mataram.
- ✓ Under this law, Vande Mataram will get the same legal protection that the national anthem currently enjoys. This information was given in a statement issued by the government.
- ✓ With the assent of the President, the Prevention of Insults to National Dignity (Amendment) Bill, 2026 has become a law.
- ✓ The bill was passed in the Lok Sabha on July 30, 2026, while the Rajya Sabha had approved it a day earlier. Under this law, Vande Mataram has the same status as the national anthem 'Jana Gana Mana'.

❖ **Tamil Nadu extends maternity leave for third child**



- The Tamil Nadu state government has announced 365 days of maternity leave for women government employees for the third child.
- The policy is applicable to female government employees employed in the Tamil Nadu State Service and provides the same leave period as the first two deliveries.
- Under the revised benefit, the leave for the third child has been increased from 12 weeks (84 days) to 365 days, with full pay.
- The announcement was made during a discussion on Demands for Grants for the

Department of Human Resource Management in the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly in Chennai.

**International News**

❖ **India invites Russia to participate in 18th BRICS Summit**



- ✓ India, which is chairing BRICS in 2026, has invited Russia to participate in the 18th BRICS Summit to be held in New Delhi on 12th and 13th September.
- ✓ External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said preparations for the summit are in progress and India will host it as the chair country.
- ✓ Meanwhile, Bangladesh's Foreign Ministry has said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also invited his Bangladeshi counterpart Tarique Rahman to attend the BRICS Summit.
- ✓ **Key Static Facts of the 18th BRICS Summit (2026):**
  - ✓ Host Country: India
  - ✓ Chairmanship: India (took over from Brazil on 1 January 2026)
  - ✓ Event Dates: 12 – 13 September 2026
  - ✓ Venue: Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi
  - ✓ Theme: "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability"
- ✓ **BRICS**
- ✓ Founded: In 2009 as 'BRIC' (South Africa joined in 2010).

- ✓ Members: 11 countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, UAE, Saudi Arabia, Indonesia).
- ✓ Headquarters: No permanent secretariat.
- ✓ Bank: Establishment of the 'New Development Bank' (NDB) in Shanghai.
- ✓ Presidency: India is hosting the 18th Summit of 2026.
- ✓ Objective: Protecting the interests of developing countries ('Global South') and economic cooperation.

❖ **Maldives payment system Fawara now integrated with India's UPI**



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- ✓ Maldives has launched a real-time cross-border money transfer service in India, linking its instant payment system Fawara to India's UPI.
- ✓ The Monetary Authority of Maldives described this as an important step towards enhancing digital financial connectivity and economic cooperation between the two countries.
- ✓ Under this facility, money will be sent directly to UPI-enabled accounts from Maldives to beneficiaries in India in Indian Rupees. Initially, this service will be available to customers of Bank of Maldives and Islamic Bank of Maldives.
- ✓ **Maldives**
- ✓ Capital: Male
- ✓ Continent: Asia (Indian Ocean)
- ✓ Independence: 26 July 1965 (from Britain)

❖ **Uzbekistan Foreign Minister Bakhtiyar Saidov visits India**



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- ✓ Recently, Uzbekistan's Foreign Minister Bakhtiyar Saidov visited India. Saidov met President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan on the first day.
- ✓ During the visit, he will hold bilateral talks with External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar at Hyderabad House. The talks are likely to cover a range of key issues including trade, investment, energy, connectivity, education, culture and regional security.
- ✓ The Protocol for the Establishment of Diplomatic Relations between India and Uzbekistan was signed on 18 March 1992.
- ✓ India and Uzbekistan had on May 27 signed the Bilateral Market Access Protocol in connection with Uzbekistan's accession to the World Trade Organisation.

❖ **Nauru, an island country in the Pacific Ocean, has changed its name.**



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- ✓ Nauru, an island country located in the Pacific Ocean, has officially changed its name to the Republic of Naoero.
- ✓ The country's president, David Adeyeang, announced that the new name reflects the traditional spelling and pronunciation in the country's national language.
- ✓ With the name change, the country's international code will be changed from NRU to NRO.
- ✓ The citizens there will now be known as Dei-Naoero instead of Nauruan.
- ✓ With a population of about 12,000 people, the Republic of Naoero is the third smallest country in the world by population after Tuvalu and Vatican City.

❖ **UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohamed visited India from August 26-28**



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- ✓ UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed arrived in India later this month.
- ✓ During the visit from August 26 to 28, she will meet senior government officials in New Delhi and discuss ways to further strengthen UN-India cooperation.
- ✓ Amina Mohamed travelled to China earlier this week, where she chaired the third Dialogue on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Human Development on Thursday and Friday.
- ✓ On August 23, she arrived in Mongolia's capital Ulaanbaatar as a representative of Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

- ✓ There she participated in the 17th session of the United Nations Conference on Combating Desertification (UNCCD COP-17). She came to India while returning to New York from Mongolia.

❖ **Sophie Adeno created history, became the first French woman to walk in space.**



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- European Space Agency astronaut Sophie Adeno recently made history by stepping out into space.
- She became the first French woman and the second European woman to do a spacewalk.
- Accompanied by NASA astronaut Anil Menon, he took part in a mission that lasted 6 hours and 23 minutes outside the International Space Station.
- This mission entered as US Spacewalk 97. In technical language, it is called Extravehicular Activity (EVA), which means planned work performed outside the spacecraft or station.
- According to the European Space Agency, Sophie Adeno and Anil Menon will exit again for EVA-98 on August 25, 2026. The next spacewalk is scheduled to complete the installation of the spare SGANT antenna.

❖ **US President Donald Trump announces 'biggest oil deal ever' with Venezuela**



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- ✓ US President Donald Trump has announced the biggest ever oil deal with Venezuela.
- ✓ The deal with Venezuela will give the US control of more than 65 billion barrels of crude oil reserves.
- ✓ President Trump said that this agreement has been achieved without any burden on American taxpayers and it will more than double the total oil reserves of the United States.
- ✓ The agreement comes nine months after a US military operation ordered by Trump that arrested Venezuelan leader Nicolas Maduro and handed him over to the United States on drug trafficking charges.

#### ❖ **Trump signs order to rename Lake Ontario**



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- ✓ U.S. President Donald Trump signed an executive order in the Oval Office directing the federal government to rename Lake Ontario "America's Lake."
- ✓ The order directed the U.S. Department of the Interior to update the Geographic Name

Information System within 30 days and required federal agencies to use the new name on maps and documents.

- ✓ **Important facts for exams**
- ✓ Lake Ontario is the easternmost of the five Great Lakes.
- ✓ The Great Lakes are shared between Canada and the United States.

## Science & Technology

#### ❖ **India successfully test-fires Agni-4**



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- ✓ India test-fired the nuclear-capable Agni-IV ballistic missile from the Integrated Test Range at Chandipur in Odisha on 6 August 2026.
- ✓ The launch was carried out under the Strategic Forces Command and the Ministry of Defence said all mission objectives and operational parameters were verified.
- ✓ **Agni Missile-4**
- ✓ Agni-4 is one of the Agni series of surface-to-surface missiles of India.
- ✓ The Agni family includes missiles of various ranges and configurations, and the series is part of India's land-based strategic missile capability.
- ✓ Agni-4 is a two-stage solid fuel missile of about 20 meters long. It has a range of

about 4,000 km and can carry a payload of about 1,000 kg.

❖ **India's first manned mission 'Gaganyaan' to be launched in 2027**



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- ✓ Union Minister for Science and Space, Dr Jitendra Singh informed Parliament that the target of making the Indian Space Station (BAS) fully operational by the year 2035 has been set.
- ✓ ISRO has prepared the complete design of the Indian space station with 5 modules. The government has approved the construction and launch of the first module of BAS-01. At present, the system engineering of BAS-01 and the development of various technologies related to it is going on in different centers of ISRO.
- ✓ This will be followed by two more unmanned missions with the same structure as the first manned mission. After this, the first manned Gaganyaan mission is targeted to be launched by the year 2027.
- ✓ **Important facts**
- ✓ Gaganyaan is India's first human spaceflight mission.
- ✓ HLVM3 stands for Human Rated Launch Vehicle Mark-3.

- ✓ Vyommitra is a semi-human robot that is planned for the first unmanned flight of Gaganyaan.

❖ **Anil Menon completes his first space flight**



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- ✓ Indian-origin NASA astronaut Anil Menon completed his first space activity during a spacewalk outside the International Space Station on August 6, 2026 .
- ✓ The operation, called US Spacewalk 96, lasted for 6 hours and 27 minutes and ended on August 7, 2026, at 3:00 pm Eastern Standard Time ( EST) (12:30 AM Indian Standard Time).
- ✓ This spacewalk was the first of three EVA operations planned for the Expedition 75 crew in August 2026.

❖ **India's first privately built 800 kN full-flow staged combustion LOX-methane rocket engine**



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- ✓ Bengaluru-based space-tech startup 'Astrobase Space Technologies' recently unveiled India's first privately developed 800 kN 'Full-Flow Staged Combustion' (FFSC) rocket engine 'EVEREST'.

- ✓ This is a major achievement for India's commercial space sector.
- ✓ **Key Features of FFSC Technique**
- ✓ **Dual Pre-Burner:** It consists of two different pre-burners (one oxidizer-rich and the other fuel-rich).
- ✓ **Zero propellant waste:** Before going into the main combustion chamber, the fuel (methane) and oxidizer (liquid oxygen) are completely converted into gas, eliminating waste.
- ✓ **Improved Efficiency:**
- ✓ The chamber pressure **exceeds 300 bar**.
- ✓ The 'specific impulse' (fuel efficiency) is maximum.
- ✓ Thermal stress is low on the critical turbine seal.

❖ **NASA invites ISRO for lunar base event**



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- ✓ NASA has invited the Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) to join its lunar base program under the Artemis Accords.
- ✓ These discussions related to lunar cooperation and scientific data sharing were related to the signing of the Artemis Accords by India on 21st June 2023.
- ✓ **Important facts for exams**
- ✓ The Artemis Accords are a set of non-binding principles for civilian space exploration and use.
- ✓ The Artemis Accords were initiated in 2020 by the United States for civil space cooperation.

- ✓ India signed the Artemis Accords on 21 June 2023.
- ✓ NISAR stands for NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar.
- ✓ COPUOS 's full name is the United Nations Committee on the Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

❖ **China's Long March 7A rocket explodes after launch**



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- ✓ The Long March 7A is a 60-meter-high Chinese launch vehicle used for satellite missions.
- ✓ On August 10, 2026, it took off with the Chinasat-4B communications satellite from the Wenchang Space Launch Site located on Hainan Island and encountered an unusual incident during the flight about 85 seconds after launch.
- ✓ **Long March 7A rocket**
- ✓ The Long March 7A is part of China's Long March rocket family, which includes several orbital launch vehicles developed for space missions. This rocket uses the YF-100 engine, which is a liquid-fuel engine and is also connected to other Chinese launch systems.
- ✓ **Chinasat-4B satellite**
- ✓ Chinasat-4B was a communications satellite designed for global radio, television, and telecommunications services.

- ✓ The launch vehicle broke down at low altitude and low velocity over the South China Sea, destroying its payload.

❖ **India is planning an Indian space station by 2035**



- ✓ India has approved the first module of the proposed Indian Space Station (BAS), which is planned to be completed by 2035.
- ✓ The station is designed as a low-earth orbit platform and is connected to India's human spaceflight programme under the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).
- ✓ The Indian space station is planned as a 52-tonne space station located at an altitude of 400 to 450 km in low Earth orbit.
- ✓ The station is designed to accommodate a crew of three to four astronauts for three to six months. The proposed station will have five modules.

**Brand ambassador**

❖ **Akshay Kumar becomes brand ambassador of Acer**



- ✓ Acer has appointed Bollywood superstar Akshay Kumar as its brand ambassador.
- ✓ The appointment comes in celebration of the company's 50th global anniversary and 27th year in India.
- ✓ This partnership reflects Acer's expansion into the broader home ecosystem, integrating the company's technological legacy with Kumar's impressive personality.

**Awards/Prize**

❖ **Dr. Annapurni Subramaniam receives Vikram Sarabhai Medal**



- ✓ Recently, Indian astrophysicist Dr. Annapurni Subramaniam was awarded the COSPAR Vikram Sarabhai Medal 2026.
- ✓ Dr. Annapurni is the first Indian woman scientist to receive this medal. So far, a total of 4 Indians have received this medal.
- ✓ Dr. Annapurni was given this medal during the 46th COSPAR Scientific Assembly held in Florence, Italy for his contribution to space research.
- ✓ Dr. Annapurni is known for her research on stars, star clusters and nearby galaxies.
- ✓ **COSPAR Vikram Sarabhai Medal**
- ✓ The 'COSPAR Vikram Sarabhai Medal' is given to scientists from developing countries for their exceptional contribution in the field of space research.

- ✓ The medal was established in 1990 in honour of Dr. Vikram Sarabhai, the father of India's space programme.

❖ **Deepak Dhar awarded Dirac Medal 2026, further strengthens global recognition of Indian science**



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- ✓ The 2026 Dirac Medal for Indian physicist Deepak Dhar was announced by the Abdus Salam International Center for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) in Trieste, Italy.
- ✓ This honor was received jointly by Bernard Derrida of France, Marc Mezzard of Italy and Haim Sompolsky of Israel-America.
- ✓ This achievement further strengthens the international reputation of Indian theoretical physics.
- ✓ **GK Facts**
- ✓ The Dirac Medal was introduced in 1985 by the ICTP, Trieste.
- ✓ The award is given every year on August 8, the birth anniversary of Paul Dirac.
- ✓ Paul Dirac was a British theoretical physicist and is counted among the founders of quantum mechanics.
- ✓ Deepak Dhar became the first Indian to receive a Boltzmann medal in 2022.

❖ **78 Gallantry Awards announced for Defence Forces and Central Armed Police Forces personnel**



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- ✓ The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu has approved 78 gallantry awards to personnel of the Defence Forces and Central Armed Police Forces on the eve of Independence Day.
- ✓ Of these, 13 awards have been given posthumously. These awards include nine Kirti Chakras, 19 Shaurya Chakras, 36 Sena Medals, three Nao Sena Medals and five Vayu Sena Medals.
- ✓ Lt Col Maneo Francis and Major Jitendra Rathi have been selected for the Kirti Chakra.
- ✓ Havildar Gajendra Singh, Head Constables Jagbir Singh, Bashir Ahmed, Constables Jaswant Singh, Balwinder Singh, Tariq Hussain and Inspector Sunil Kumar will be awarded the Kirti Chakra posthumously.

❖ **President of India presents Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship and Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards for the years 2024 and 2025**



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- ✓ The President of India, Smt. Droupadi Murmu presented the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship and Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards for the years 2024 and 2025 to eminent artists in New Delhi on August 13, 2026.

❖ **Lakshmanan Meiyappan becomes youngest CA**



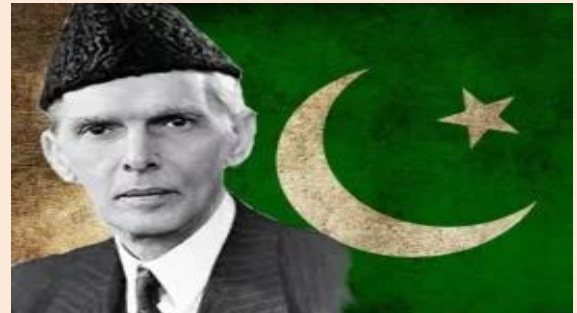
- ✓ Dubai-based Lakshmanan Meiyappan has been ranked as the world's youngest male chartered accountant by Guinness World Records.
- ✓ He achieved this feat at the age of just 16 years and 141 days.
- ✓ After completing the Class 10 board exams, he started taking finance and accounting studies seriously.
- ✓ His mother is an ACCA herself and gave Meiyappan the initial knowledge of accounting during the lockdown.

❖ **Over 200 Indian peacekeepers deployed under UN mission honoured with UN Medal**



- ✓ More than 200 Indian peacekeepers deployed under the United Nations Mission in South Sudan have been awarded the prestigious UN Medal for Distinguished Service.
- ✓ The UN Mission in South Sudan informed in a social media post that 210 Indian peacekeepers, including 6 women and 7 staff officers, were awarded UN medals for their outstanding service in Juba. The mission described it as a proud moment for India's Blue Helmets.
- ✓ India is the second largest contributor of uniformed personnel to UN peacekeeping operations. India currently deploys more than 4,200 military and police personnel, including 155 women, in UN peacekeeping operations in various countries.

❖ **Two doctors from Mumbai to be honoured with Nishan-e-Imtiaz**



- ✓ Pakistan has proposed the names of two Mumbai-based Parsi doctors for the country's highest civilian award, Nishan-e-Imtiaz.
- ✓ The proposed awardees include Dr. Jal Ratanji Patel, a physician, and Dr. Jal Dhaybho-Ku, a radiologist who was associated with Bombay in 1946.
- ✓ These doctors were associated with Muhammad Ali Jinnah's medical examination in Bombay in 1946. According

to historical accounts, they examined his X-rays and concluded that he had incurable tuberculosis and his life expectancy was one to two years.

- ✓ Muhammad Ali Jinnah was the founder of Pakistan and died in 1948.
- ✓ The proposed civilian honours are scheduled to be formally presented at the swearing-in ceremony of the President on the occasion of Pakistan Day in March 2027.

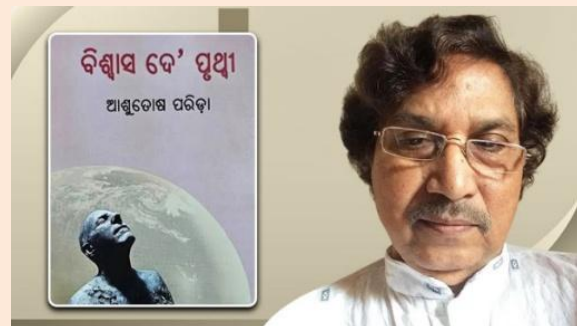
❖ **National Teachers ' Awards 2026: 48 teachers to be honoured**



- The National Teachers' Award 2026 will be given to 48 school teachers this time. President Droupadi Murmu will felicitate these teachers on 5th September 2026 at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi.
- This date is celebrated as Teacher's Day in India, so this celebration holds special significance for the education world.
- In India, Teacher's Day is celebrated on 5th September as the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. He was born on 5th September 1888 and was the second President of the country. The purpose of Teacher's Day is to underline the role of teachers in school education and educational institutions.
- The 48 awardees selected this time include 26 male and 22 female teachers. These teachers come from 27 States, 7 Union

Territories and 6 Central Government Organizations.

❖ **Ashutosh Parida to receive 47th Sarala Award**



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- ✓ Odia poet, essayist and former CSIR-IMMT scientist Dr. Ashutosh Parida has been selected for the 47th Sarala Award for his poetry collection 'Vishwas De Prithvi'.
- ✓ The award ceremony will be held on 25th October 2026 at Bhubaneswar, Odisha and the honour consists of a citation, a copper plaque and a cash prize of Rs. 7 lakhs.
- ✓ The Sarala Award is associated with Odia literature and is administered by the Indian Metals Public Charitable Trust.
- ✓ Vishwas De Prithvi was published by Prabha Prakashan in 2024.

❖ **Mizoram footballer Lallianzuala Changte named Indian Footballer of the Year 2026**



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- ✓ Mizoram footballer Lallianzuala Changte has been adjudged the best Indian footballer of the year 2026. The 29-year-old

Changte recently joined Mohun Bagan from Mumbai Football Club.

- ✓ He received the award from Indian football legend Bhaichung Bhutia last night. The award, organised by the Football Players Association of India, is decided on the basis of votes from fellow players. Changte had earlier won the honour for the 2023-24 season as well.
- ✓ Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhoma congratulated Changte. The Mizoram Football Association described the achievement as a proud moment and said it will inspire the next generation of Mizo footballers.

❖ **Hockey India announces cash prize of Rs 50 lakh for women's hockey team**



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- ✓ Hockey India has announced a cash prize of Rs 50 lakh for the Indian women's team for their fifth-place finish at the FIH Women's Hockey World Cup held in Belgium and the Netherlands.
- ✓ India defeated Germany 3-1 in Amstelveen on Thursday. This is India's best performance since finishing fourth in the first World Cup in 1974.
- ✓ The Indian team, led by captain Salima Tete, lost only one match in the competition. India played a draw with China, England and Australia.

**Important Days**

❖ **World Breastfeeding Week 2026: August 1 to August 7**



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- ✓ World Breastfeeding Week is celebrated across the world from August 1 to August 7 every year. This campaign is jointly carried forward by the World Health Organization, UNICEF, health ministries of various countries and many social organizations. Its purpose is not only to motivate the mother to breastfeed, but also to create an environment where every woman can breastfeed her baby without any problem. The theme of World Breastfeeding Week 2026 is "Breastfeeding for a sustainable start to life: strengthen the way that works".

❖ **Indian Organ Donation Day 2026: 3 August**



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- ✓ Indian Organ Donation Day is observed annually on August 3, commemorating the first successful deceased donor heart transplant that took place in India on August 3, 1994.

- ✓ On this day, people from various organizations across India pay tribute to the lives of those who have donated their organs and bring hope to both patients and their families in need of organ donation.
- ✓ The main theme for Indian Organ Donation Day 2026 is "Organ Donation - Jeevan Sanjeevani Abhiyan", which takes forward this nationwide year-long awareness campaign.

❖ **Hiroshima Day 2026 celebrated on August 6, 2026**



- ✓ Hiroshima Day was observed on August 6, 2026, marking the 81st anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima during World War II.
- ✓ Hiroshima was atomic bombed on August 6, 1945, during the final phase of World War II.
- ✓ The United States targeted the Japanese city of Hiroshima with an atomic bomb.
- ✓ The bomb, known as the "Little Boy", was dropped from a B-29 bomber aircraft Enola Gay.
- ✓ The day pays tribute to those who lost their lives, commemorates the grief of survivors, and raises awareness about the devastating consequences of nuclear war.
- ✓ It also reinforces the global commitment to peace, nuclear disarmament and preventing such tragedies in the future.

❖ **National Javelin Throw Day : August 7**



- ✓ Every year National Javelin Day is celebrated on August 7.
- ✓ On 7th August 2021, Neeraj Chopra won a historic gold medal for India in the javelin throw event at the Tokyo Olympics 2020.
- ✓ The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) had announced to celebrate August 7 every year on August 10, 2021, as National Javelin Throw Day in honor of this historic achievement.
- ✓ To promote javelin throw in the country and motivate the youth to take up athletics.

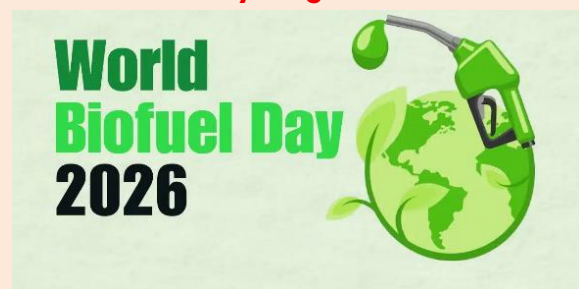
❖ **National Handloom Day : August 7**



- ✓ National Handloom Day is celebrated every year on 7th August.
- ✓ The day commemorates the Swadeshi Movement, which began in 1905, which promoted indigenous products and encouraged self-reliance. The occasion celebrates India's weaving traditions and recognizes the socio-economic and cultural contributions of handloom workers.

- ✓ Celebrated in 2026, this event marks a turning point in this journey. The establishment of National Handloom Day in 2015 provided a dedicated national platform to this long-standing legacy.

#### ❖ **World Biofuel Day: August 10**



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- ✓ World Biofuel Day is celebrated every year on August 10.
- ✓ The day commemorates the 1893 experiment of Sir Rudolf Diesel, the inventor of the diesel engine, in which he ran an engine with peanut oil.
- ✓ Objective: To reduce reliance on fossil fuels and promote clean, renewable energy sources.

#### ❖ **World Elephant Day: August 12**



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- ✓ World Elephant Day is celebrated every year on August 12 to raise awareness about the conservation of the world's largest terrestrial creature and to protect their natural habitat.
- ✓ This day gives an opportunity to draw the world's attention to the threats faced by elephants and the need to conserve them.

Elephants are sometimes referred to as the 'ecosystem engineers' of the forest.

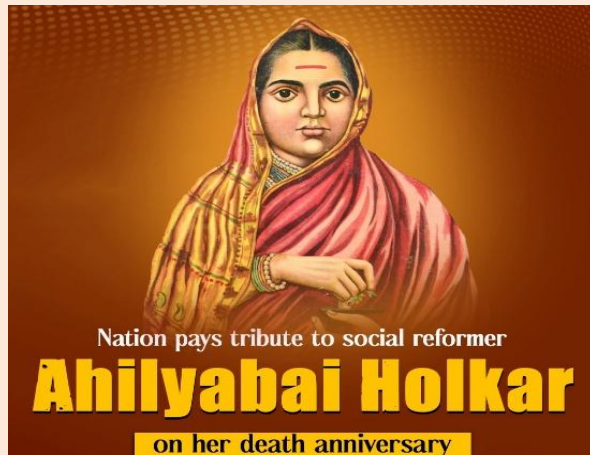
- ✓ India is one of the most important countries in the world in terms of conservation of Asian elephants.
- ✓ The country is home to more than 60% of the world's wild Asian elephant population.
- ✓ The elephant is the National Heritage Animal of India and is protected under Schedule-I of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972.
- ✓ Project Elephant was launched by the Government of India in 1991-92 to protect elephants and their habitats. On 12 August 2012, for the first time, the day was officially launched by Canadian filmmaker Patricia Sims and Thailand's 'Elephant Reintroduction Foundation'.

#### ❖ **International Youth Day : 12 August**



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- ✓ Celebrated on 12th August every year, International Youth Day provides an opportunity to highlight the possibilities, achievements and challenges of youth power.
- ✓ This day is also an occasion to reflect on how the youth can be made more effective partners in the development of the country and the world by providing them with better education, skills and employment opportunities.

#### ❖ **Death anniversary of Lokmata Ahilyabai Holkar: August 13**



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- ✓ Maharani Ahilyabai Holkar's death anniversary 2026 is observed on August 13 to honour her legacy of just governance, temple restoration, social reform, and women empowerment.
- ✓ This great queen of the Malwa kingdom died on 13 August 1795 in Rajwada, Indore.
- ✓ He is fondly remembered for his just governance and public welfare works.
- ✓ Maharani Ahilyabai Holkar was born on 31 May 1725 in a simple family in the small village of Chondi, Maharashtra.
- ✓ She is affectionately called "Lokmata" (Mother of the People) as she treated her subjects like her family and worked tirelessly for their welfare.

### ❖ World Organ Donation Day: August 13

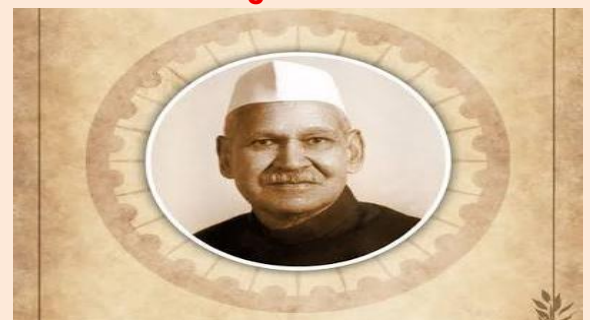


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- ✓ World Organ Donation Day is observed every year on August 13.
- ✓ The main purpose of this day is to tell people about the importance of organ

donation and to clear the misconceptions associated with it.

- ✓ Organ failure has been one of the major morbidities, leading to the loss of many lives in the pandemic and even before.
- ✓ **History of Organ Donation Day**
- ✓ Ronald Lee Herrick was the first to donate organs. In 1954, he donated his kidney to his twin brother, and Dr. Joseph Murray carried out this successful organ transplant procedure.
- ✓ Later in 1990, he was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine for bringing progress in organ transplantation.
- ✓ In India, to promote organ donation, National Organ Day is celebrated on November 27, which was initiated in 2010 by the National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organization (NOTTO) under the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare and will continue till 2022.
- ✓ In 2023, Organ Donation Day in India has been shifted to August 3, which commemorates the first successful deceased donor heart transplant in India on August 3, 1994.

### ❖ The birth anniversary of Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma, former President of India, will be celebrated on August 19

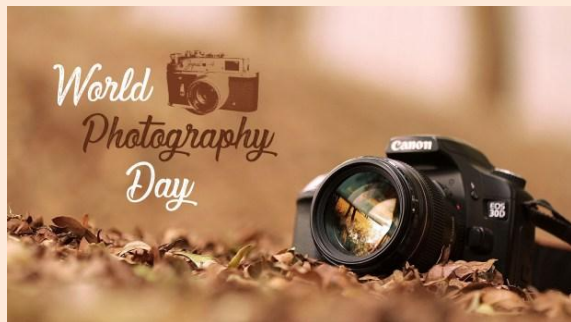


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- The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu paid floral tributes to Dr Shanker Dayal Sharma, former President of India, on his

birth anniversary at Rashtrapati Bhavan on August 19, 2026.

- He was born on 19 August 1918 in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh. He was an eminent politician, outstanding jurist and a great educationist.
- **Biography and Key Terms**
- Date of Birth: 19 August 1918
- Died: 26 December 1999
- Chief Minister of Bhopal State: 1952 to 1956
- Eighth Vice President of India: 1984 to 1992
- Ninth President of India: 1992 to 1997

### ❖ World Photography Day : August 19



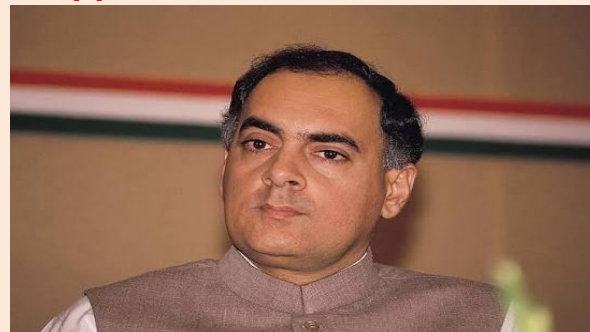
- World Photography Day is celebrated every year on August 19 to honor technology and visual expression .
- On August 19, 1839, the French government made public the details of the daguerotype process.
- This process was developed from the experiments of Louis Daguer and Joseph Nicéphore Niépce and has an important place in the early practical methods of photography.
- After the process was made public by France, the knowledge of the technique of photography reached the masses.
- World Photography Day is celebrated on August 19 to commemorate this historic event .

### ❖ World Humanitarian Day : 19 August



- World Humanitarian Day is celebrated every year on August 19 to honor the courage and dedication of activists, volunteers and common people who risk their lives to provide relief to the needy in the midst of war, natural disasters, displacement, hunger and other humanitarian crises.
- The date of World Humanitarian Day is associated with the tragic incident of August 19, 2003, when the United Nations headquarters in Baghdad, the capital of Iraq, was bombed.
- The attack killed 22 people, including the then Iraq chief of the United Nations, Sergio Vieira de Mello.
- This incident exposed the risks faced by humanitarian aid workers in conflict zones to the whole world.
- In the year 2008, the United Nations General Assembly decided to celebrate 19 August as World Humanitarian Day.

### ❖ Former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's birth anniversary is celebrated on August 20 every year.



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- ✓ Former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's birth anniversary is celebrated on August 20 every year.
- ✓ The day is also remembered as Sadbhavana Diwas across the country, which aims to promote national unity and brotherhood.
- ✓ Life and Contributions of Rajiv Gandhi
- ✓ Born: 20 August 1944 in Bombay (now Mumbai).
- ✓ Tenure: He was the seventh Prime Minister of India from October 1984 to December 1989.
- ✓ Technical Contributions: He is considered the pioneer of the computer and telecommunication (telecom) revolution in India.

#### ❖ National Space Day: August 23



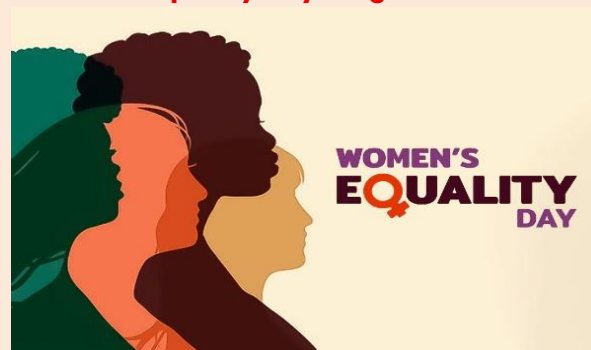
- Touching lives while touching the Moon: India's Space Saga
- National Space Day is celebrated every year on August 23 in India.
- The day commemorates the successful soft-landing of **Chandrayaan-3 on the South Pole of the Moon on 23rd August 2023.**
- India has become the fourth country to successfully land on the moon and the first to land near its south polar region.
- India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared August 23 as National Space Day to recognize this significant achievement in India's space program.

#### ❖ 'Khelo India Dialogue' on August 27



- ✓ On the occasion of National Sports Day 2026, a massive youth engagement event 'Khelo India Dialogue – Khel Ki Baat, with Prime Minister Modi' will be organized across the country on 27th August.
- ✓ The initiative will bring together youth, sportspersons and educational institutions at more than 1,500 locations across the country.
- ✓ During the event, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the young budding sportspersons on the theme of sports, youth leadership and developed India.
- ✓ The event will provide a direct platform for the youth to share their ideas, suggestions, and innovations on the future of India's sports and youth ecosystem.

#### ❖ Women's Equality Day: August 26



- ✓ Every year Women's Equality Day is celebrated on 26 August.

- ✓ The day commemorates the adoption of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1920, which gave women the right to vote.
- ✓ This amendment gave women equal rights to vote.
- ✓ The aim is to underline the importance of equal rights, respect and opportunities for women.

❖ **The birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand is celebrated on 29 August, and on this day, 'National Sports Day' is celebrated every year in India**



- ✓ The birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand **is celebrated on 29 August, and on this day, 'National Sports Day' is celebrated every year in India.**
- ✓ Major Dhyan Chand was born on 29 August 1905. **He is known as the 'Wizard of Hockey'.**
- ✓ **Olympic Gold Medal:** He was instrumental in helping India win three consecutive gold medals at the Olympic Games of 1928 (🏒).
- ✓ The Government of India declared August 29 every year since 2012 as 'National Sports Day' in honour of the great sportsperson.
- ✓ The country's highest sports honor 'Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award' is also named after him.

## Important Appointments

❖ **Varsha Ashok next becomes the first woman Director General of Geological Survey of India**



- ✓ Eminent geologist Varsha Ashok Aglave has taken charge as the 54th Director General of the Geological Survey of India (GSI).
- ✓ Her historic appointment marks the first time in GSI's 176-year history that a woman will lead this country's premier geological organization.
- ✓ He was instrumental in the discovery of the Salbardi-Ghorpend dinosaur nest site in central India and led the establishment of a modern pollinator laboratory in Lucknow.

❖ **Willie Walsh takes over as CEO of IndiGo**



- ✓ On August 3, Willie Walsh took over as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of IndiGo. Willie's full name is William Matthew Walsh.

- ✓ Walsh has been appointed after the resignation of IndiGo CEO Peter Albers in March. Walsh started his career as a pilot at Aer Lingus in 1979.
- ✓ Walsh was at British Airways from 2005 to 2011 and later became the CEO of British Airways. Walsh was currently the Director General of the International Air Transport Association (IATA).
- ✓ **Headquarters:** Gurugram, Haryana (Founded: 2006)
- ✓ **Type:** Low-cost India's largest airline
- ✓ **Market share:** **Approximately** 60%+ share in the domestic market
- ✓ **Motto:** "On Time, Is A Wonderful Thing"

❖ **Vishwesh Negi to be India's new ambassador to Iran**



- ✓ Recently, Vishwesh Negi was appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Iran. Vishwesh is a 2002 batch Indian Foreign Officer and he will replace the current Ambassador Dr. Mohammad Fateh Ali.
- ✓ Vishwesh is currently working as Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs. Vishwesh held bilateral diplomatic duties in the Ministry of External Affairs from 2002-2022 and held several important positions in India's foreign missions.

❖ **Air India is now in the hands of Tewolde Gebremariam.**



- ✓ New Delhi: Air India has appointed Tewolde Gebremariam as its new Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director, in a major shake-up in its top leadership.
- ✓ The appointment was made on August 5, 2026. He will replace Campbell Wilson, whose resignation has been effective since April 2026 and whose term will expire on September 30, 2026.

❖ **Government extends tenure of Cabinet Secretary and Union Home Secretary for one year**



- ✓ The government has extended the tenure of Cabinet Secretary Dr. T.V. Somanathan by one year.
- ✓ The Cabinet Committee on Appointments approved it yesterday. Dr. Somanathan's tenure was to end on the 30th of this month.
- ✓ The committee has also extended the tenure of Home Secretary Govind Mohan for one more year.

❖ **Devesh Uttam to be Ethiopia's new ambassador**



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- ✓ Devesh Uttam has been appointed as the new ambassador of the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) issued a statement on Thursday and informed about this. According to the ministry, 2003 batch IFS Devesh Uttam will soon take up his responsibility. He is currently India's ambassador to the Baltic country Republic of Lithuania. Devesh will replace 2001 batch IFS and current ambassador of Ethiopia, Anil Kumar Rai.

❖ **Senior Bangladesh Nationalist Party leader Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir has been elected as the 23rd President of Bangladesh**



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- ✓ Senior Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BPN) leader Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir was elected as the 23rd President of the country.
- ✓ The 78-year-old leader secured 255 votes in the presidential election held in the

country's parliament – the ethnic parliament.

- ✓ He defeated former army officer Oli Ahmed, who was the candidate of the 11-party opposition coalition led by the right-wing Bangladesh Jamaat-e-Islami and the country's first major student-led political party, the National Citizen Party – NCP.

❖ **Abelardo de la Espriela becomes Colombia's new president**



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- ✓ Abelardo de la Espriela was officially sworn in as the 36th President of Colombia for a 2026–2030 term.
- ✓ Colombia adheres to the 1991 constitution, under which the president plays both the role of head of state and head of government.
- ✓ The term of the President is four years and he is directly elected by the people.

❖ **Dr. Srinivas Kumar Tummala assumes charge as Secretary, Ministry of Earth Sciences**



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- ✓ Eminent oceanographer and eminent scientist Dr. Srinivasa Kumar Tummala has officially assumed charge as the Secretary of the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), Government of India.
- ✓ She replaces Dr. N. Kalaiselvi, who was holding the responsibilities of MoES under additional charge. Earlier, the post was held by Dr. M. Ravichandran on a full-time basis.

❖ **Deepti Gaur Mukherjee appointed as new Higher Education Secretary**



- ✓ Recently, the central government appointed IAS Deepti Gaur Mukherjee as the new Higher Education Secretary. Deepti Gaur Mukherjee is a 1993 batch IAS officer of the Madhya Pradesh cadre .
- ✓ Deepti was still working as the Corporate Affairs Secretary. She will replace Vineet Joshi.
- ✓ Vineet Joshi was appointed as the secretary of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj last month.
- ✓ Since 2024, Deepti has held important positions such as Secretary of the Ministry of Corporate Affairs and CEO of the National Health Authority (NHA ).

❖ **Anurag Jain takes charge as new CEO of NITI Aayog**



- ✓ NITI Aayog welcomed Anurag Jain as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO).
- ✓ Anurag Jain, a 1989 batch IAS officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre, has nearly four decades of vast experience in the field of administration, good governance and policy-making.
- ✓ Anurag Jain has previously served as the Chief Secretary of Madhya Pradesh.
- ✓ According to the order issued by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), his tenure will be for two years or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

❖ **Shabnam Sinha takes over as new chairperson of Airtel Payments Bank**



- Recently, Airtel Payments Bank announced the name of the new chairperson. Shabnam Sinha will be the new chairperson of Airtel Payments Bank.
- Shabnam will take over as chairperson from October 1, 2026, and she will replace non-executive chairman Sunil Bharti Mittal. Sunil Mittal's term ends on September 30.

- Shabnam has worked as a Lead Specialist at the World Bank from 2010–2025. Shabnam has also worked with USAID and NCERT for a long time.

❖ **Pradeep Rai becomes new president of SC Bar Association**



- ✓ Recently, Senior Advocate Pradeep Rai was elected as the new President of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA). Pradeep has been elected for the 2026–27 term.
- ✓ He won by securing 822 votes.
- ✓ Pradeep has been practising since 1999 and has practised in the Supreme Court and various High Courts, Tribunals and Commissions.
- ✓ Pradeep has been active on issues related to legal institutions and the justice system while being the SCBA Vice President in 2021–22.

❖ **Nagesh Singh to be India's next ambassador to Republic of Nauru**



- ✓ The Government of India appointed Nagesh Singh as the next Ambassador

Representative of the Republic of Nauru. He is currently the High Commissioner of India to Australia and will also take charge of Nauru.

- ✓ The High Commissioner of India is recognized at the same time for Nauru as there is no separate Permanent Embassy of India in Nauru.
- ✓ Nagesh is a 1995 batch IFS officer and has also worked as a joint secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs.

**Ranks & Reports**

❖ **Estonia topped the Environmental Performance Index (EPI) 2026, while India ranked 176th out of 177 countries**



- ✓ The ranking of the Environmental Performance Index (EPI) 2026 has been released.
- ✓ In EPI 2026, 177 countries have been ranked on the basis of environmental sustainability.
- ✓ It has been developed by the Yale Center for Environmental Law and Policy, CIESIN (Columbia University), and the Yale Center for Geospatial Solutions.
- ✓ The index evaluates 47 indicators under 12 environmental issue categories.
- ✓ It measures performance in the fields of climate change, ecosystem vibrancy and environmental public health.

- ✓ Estonia ranked first with 74.79 points. India ranked 176th out of 177 countries with a score of 22.46. Laos ranked last (177th) in this index.

❖ **Punjab overtakes Kerala to secure the first position in NITI Aayog's School Education Quality Index 2026**



- ✓
- ✓ Punjab has overtaken Kerala to secure the first position in NITI Aayog's School Education Quality Index 2026.
- ✓ State Education Minister Harjot Singh Bains announced the achievement after the improvement in infrastructure, smart classrooms and historic changes in the teaching level.
- ✓ Punjab was ranked 27th in this index a few years ago, which has now improved to the top.

❖ **Delhi Metro becomes the most prestigious metro system; Hong Kong, Paris and New York left behind**



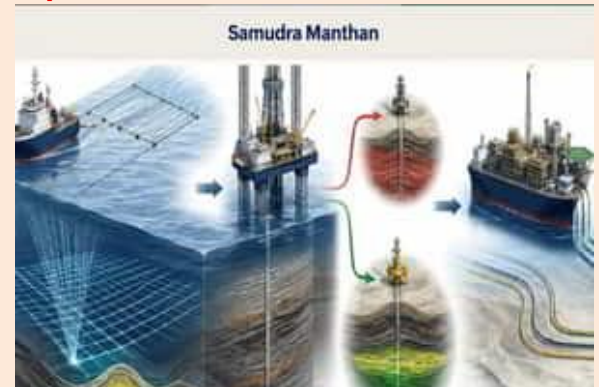
- ✓
- ✓ Delhi Metro Rail Corporation – DMRC has established itself as the most prestigious

metro system amongst the world's major metro systems such as Hong Kong, Paris, and New York in terms of punctuality and reliability of train operations.

- ✓ According to DMRC, the Delhi Metro has recorded 99.95 per cent punctuality in the current year.

**Schemes**

❖ **Cabinet approves National Offshore Exploration Plan – Samudra Manthan**



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- ✓ The Cabinet has approved the National Offshore Exploration Scheme – Samudra Manthan. The approved outlay for this purpose has been fixed at Rs. 84,084 crore up to the financial year 2030-31.
- ✓ **Key Objectives of the Scheme**
- ✓ To give a new impetus to exploration and production of oil and gas in the sea.
- ✓ Collecting, processing, and analyzing high-quality seismic data on a large scale.
- ✓ Rapid drilling in deep and ultra-deep water areas.
- ✓ Conducting scientific drilling in the Frontier Basin.
- ✓ Develop shared offshore production and transport infrastructure.
- ✓ Setting up of an integrated oil and gas manufacturing and services zone.
- ✓ In addition, the scheme also covers digital management, capacity building, adoption

of new technologies, coordination of stakeholders and international collaborations.

### ❖ **Cabinet approves Pradhan Mantri Surya Sarovar Yojana**



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- ✓ The Union Cabinet has approved the implementation of the Guidelines including Energy Storage Systems
- The Cabinet has approved the Pradhan Mantri Surya Sarovar Yojana (PM-SSY) for the development of floating solar photovoltaic projects.
- ✓ Briefing reporters after the Cabinet meeting in New Delhi, Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said that the scheme has been approved with a total outlay of Rs 5,070 crore.
- ✓ He said that under this scheme, 5,000 MW floating solar photovoltaic projects will be developed.
- ✓ It will also include energy storage systems.
- ✓ The minimum storage capacity of these systems will be two hours and the total energy storage capacity will be 10,000 MW.
- ✓ Shri Vaishnaw said that this will not require additional land acquisition.
- ✓ It will have the use of existing reservoirs, canals and industrial ponds. The duration of the scheme will be 5 years.

### ❖ **Meghalaya launches Mission Clouded Leopard to conserve its state animal**



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- ✓ Meghalaya has launched Mission Clouded Leopard, a dedicated programme for the conservation of its state animal.
- ✓ The Mission will be guided by the Meghalaya Clouded Leopard Action Plan being prepared by the Department of Forest and Environment.
- ✓ In the ongoing scientific evaluation, 21 clouded leopards have been identified in the Balpakram area so far.
- ✓ In Meghalaya, the species is found in the forest areas of Nokrek, Balpakram, Baghmara, Narpuh and Nongkhilam and community-managed forests in the state.

### ❖ **PM Modi made 6 big announcements including free coaching for youth, nuclear energy and reforms in civil defence**



- ✓
- ✓ Prime Minister Narendra Modi made 6 big announcements for the youth, security and energy sector from the Red Fort on Independence Day:
- ✓ Youth and Education: Free online coaching network for AI skilling and competitive

exams for poor/middle class families to 1 crore youth in 1 year.

- ✓ Sports Incentives: National 'Sports Talent Hunt' campaign for children aged 5-15 years as part of preparation for the 2036 Olympics.
- ✓ Security and Technology: Establishment of a modern civil defence network in view of the changing war pattern and 5 to 8 new semiconductor plants in the next 7-8 years .
- ✓ Nuclear power: A target of 100 GW of nuclear power by 2047 and plans to commission 5 new nuclear reactors in the same decade.

## Economics

### ❖ RBI raises India's economic growth forecast to 6.7% in current financial year



- ✓ The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has increased the country's economic growth rate to 6.7 percent in the current financial year . With this, the Monetary Policy Committee has decided to keep the repo rate unchanged at 5.25 percent.
- ✓ **Repo Rate**
- ✓ Repo rate is the interest rate at which RBI lends short-term loans to commercial banks against government securities.
- ✓ The bank has reduced the inflation forecast based on the Consumer Price Index for the financial year 2026-27 from 5.1 percent to 5 percent.

- ✓ He said that in view of the better economic performance in the first quarter, the RBI has raised the real GDP growth forecast for the year 2026-27 to 6.7 percent.

### ❖ Lok Sabha passes the Appropriation Bill, 2026



- ✓ The Lok Sabha has passed the Appropriation Bill, 2026 . The Bill was introduced by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
- ✓ It had spent more than the sanctioned amount on certain services during the financial year ended 31st March 2023. There is a provision to authorize appropriation of funds from the Consolidated Fund of India to meet this amount.
- ✓ The Government has sought an amount of more than Rs. 54,000 crore to meet certain additional expenditure. This amount will be spent on repayment of loans. The proposed Bill seeks to simplify necessary arrangements, procedures to attract international capital to India.

### ❖ Bankers Books Evidence Bill 2026 passed



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- ✓ Recently, the Lok Sabha passed the Bankers Books Evidence Bill. This bill will replace the old Bankers Books Evidence Act, 1891.
- ✓ Now bank documents in electronic form can be presented directly in court. Bank records kept in electronic form will get more clear recognition as legal evidence.
- ✓ Its purpose is to update the laws with the technological changes taking place in the banking sector. Digital sign and server data have also been included in the law.
- ✓ The new law will simplify the process of submission of digital bank records for courts and investigating agencies.

❖ **Govt scraps 12-minute advertisement limit for TV channels**

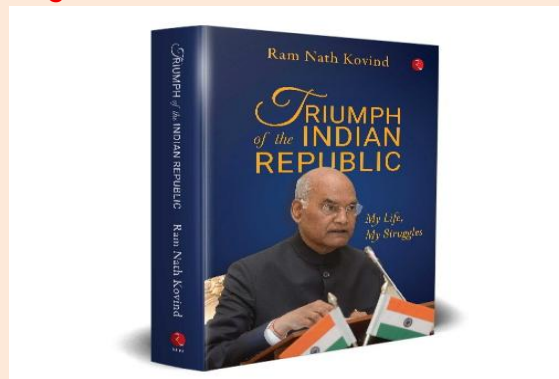


- ✓
- ✓ The government has decided to do away with the 12-minute advertising time limit for television channels.
- ✓ According to the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, the decision has been taken in view of the increasing competition in the TV broadcasting sector, changing technology and expansion of digital media.
- ✓ The limit of advertisement period for television channels was introduced in the year 2006 under the Cable Television Networks Rules, 1994. At that time there were only 62 TV channels in the country.
- ✓ Now the number of TV channels has increased to more than 900. During this time, there has been a big change in the

technology and market conditions of the broadcasting sector.

**Books**

❖ **PM releases autobiography of former President Shri Ram Nath Kovind on 12th August**



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- ✓ Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi released the autobiography of Shri Ram Nath Kovind, former President of India, at Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi on 12th August, 2026 at 9:30 AM.
- ✓ It is titled "Triumph of the Indian Republic: My Life, My Struggles". The Prime Minister also addressed the gathering on the occasion.
- ✓ The book delves into the values, experiences, and circumstances that shaped his life journey and public service.

❖ **Culture and Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat releases book 'Kaho Kalidas'**



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- ✓ Culture and Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat released the book 'Kaho Kalidas' in New Delhi.
- ✓ Shri Shekhawat said that authentic information about the life of the great poet Kalidasa is not widely available and there are divergent opinions about his personality.
- ✓ Appreciating the effort of the author, he said that through the book, an attempt has been made to understand the personality of Kalidas and present his literary life in a new form. The book 'Kaho Kalidas' has been written by Yugal Joshi.

### Obituaries

#### ❖ Actor Pradeep Rawat passes away



- ✓ Recently actor Pradeep Rawat passed away. He was 74 years old. Pradeep started his acting career with BR. Chopra's TV show Mahabharata. He was seen in the role of Ashwatthama.
- ✓ Pradeep then worked in Hindi, Tamil, Kannada, Malayalam, Bengali and Bhojpuri films. In Hindi cinema, he appeared in films like Lagaan, Sarfarosh, Ghajini and Grand Masti.
- ✓ With the Telugu film Sye, he stepped into South Indian cinema and played many memorable villain roles.
- ✓ Apart from this, he also acted in Kannada film Parody, Malayalam film China Town,

Bengali film Hero 420 and Bhojpuri film Crack Fighter.

#### ❖ Former Governor Dr. D.Y. Patil passes away



- ✓ On August 4, Dr. D. Y. Patil, former Governor of West Bengal, Bihar and Tripura, passed away. He was 90 years old. Dr. Patil was a member of the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly from 1967 to 1978.
- ✓ Dr. Patil founded the Ramrao Adik Institute of Technology (RAIT) in Mumbai in 1983, laying the foundation of the D.Y. Patil Educational Group.
- ✓ Dr. Patil started the Patil Group and started more than 182 colleges across the country. Dr. Patil was awarded the Padma Shri in 1991 for his contribution to education.

#### ❖ Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Sal Vedder dies



- ✓ Recently, the news of the death of the famous American photojournalist Sal Vedder came. He was 99 years old.
- ✓ Vedder is best known for his historical photograph 'Burst of Joy', which features a photograph of a US prisoner of war returning from the Vietnam War to meet his family.

- ✓ This photo was taken on March 17, 1973 at Travis Air Force Base in California. Vedder was awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 1974 for this picture.
- ✓ Vedder was a renowned photographer for the Associated Press (AP). Vedder also photographed anti-Vietnam War demonstrations and many other important American events in his career.

- ❖ **On August 16, Ashish Banerjee, former deputy speaker of the West Bengal Assembly, passed away. He was 74 years old.**



- ✓ Ashish was elected as an MLA from Rampurhat seat for five consecutive terms in 2001, 2006, 2011, 2016 and 2021.
- ✓ He was also the Deputy Speaker of the Assembly in the previous Mamata government.
- ✓ After the formation of the TMC government in West Bengal, he was a minister of many departments. He had also been the Minister of School Education and Agriculture. However, in the 2026 assembly elections, he lost to BJP candidate Dhruba Saha.
- ✓ His body was found hanging under suspicious circumstances at the TMC office in Birbhum district and a suicide note was also recovered from the spot.

## Other Important News

- ❖ **August 5 marks seven years since the abrogation of Article 370 and 35(A)**



- ✓ Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi described August 5, 2019, as an important milestone in India's journey of inclusive development, marking the completion of seven years of the historic abrogation of Article 370 and 35(A).
- ✓ Shri Modi said that in the last seven years, the people of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh have witnessed a massive transformation in various sectors.
- ✓ Infrastructure has expanded significantly, while new opportunities have emerged in the fields of education, healthcare, entrepreneurship and sports.
- ✓ The Prime Minister said that this year's birth anniversary has a special significance as the country celebrates the 125th birth anniversary of Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee. He said that Dr. Mukherjee's lifelong commitment towards national integration will continue to inspire generations and the vision propounded by him was seen to be a historic realization on August 5, 2019.

- ❖ **The 150th birth anniversary of Pingali Venkayya, the designer of the Indian National Flag (Tiranga), was celebrated on 2nd August 2026**



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- ✓ The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi has paid tributes to freedom fighter Shri Pingali Venkayya on his 150th birth anniversary.
- ✓ Venkaiah had prepared the initial design of the national flag tricolour, which is considered a symbol of nation-building.
- ✓ The tricolour fills the heart of every Indian with immense pride and inspires us to work towards nation building.
- ✓ **Key Considerations**
- ✓ **Date of Birth:** 2 August 1876
- ✓ **Contribution:** Prepared the preliminary design of the Indian National Flag.



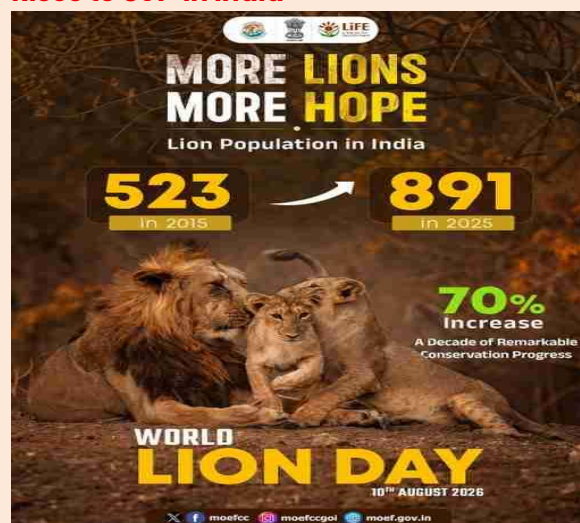
❖ **Massachusetts declares August 15 as 'India Day', honours Indian community**



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- ✓ The US state of Massachusetts has declared 15 August 2026 as 'India Day' across the state. On the same date, the city of Boston also made a similar announcement separately.

- ✓ The verdict coincides with the 79th anniversary of India's independence, commemorating the end of British colonial rule in 1947.
- ✓ The Boston Announcement also welcomed the opening of the new Indian Consulate. Along with this, the visit of the Indian Navy's training ship INS Sudarshini during the SAILBOSTON-250 program was also mentioned.

❖ **World Lion Day: Asiatic Lion Population Rises to 891 in India**



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- ✓ On the occasion of World Lion Day (August 10), Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav has said that India's success in conservation of the Asiatic Lion is a proud testimony to the government's unwavering commitment to wildlife and biodiversity.
- ✓ Shri Yadav informed that the population of Asiatic lions in the country has increased from 523 in 2015 to 891 in 2025.

## **BULLET RAPID REVISION**

### **Sports News**

- India ranked fourth at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2026
- Neeraj Chopra won the silver medal in javelin throw, while Yashveer Singh won the bronze medal
- At the Glasgow Commonwealth Games, India's Yamini Maurya won the silver medal in the women's 57 kg Judo event
- India was handed the baton for the 2030 Commonwealth Games
- Tanvi Sharma won the Taipei Open Super Women's Singles title
- PV Sindhu received the 9th ranking at the BWF World Badminton Championship
- India dominated the Brazil Para Badminton International 2026: SAI NCoE athletes and Beeri Takar excelled in São Paulo
- Boleng to become the new hub of Asian rafting
- Junior Asia Cup: Hockey India announced the Indian women's team, with Shileima Chanu as captain
- Ariha Pangambam won a historic gold medal at the Asian Aerobic Gymnastics Championship
- Ashmita Chaliha won the Women's Singles title at the Victor Korea Masters 2026
- Sagnik Roy and Sayantan Kushari won the gold medal in the U-31 event at the 9th World Youth Transnational Championship
- Maharajan Arumugapandian won the silver medal in the men's 65 kg category at the Asian Junior Weightlifting Championship
- India won 17 medals at the Commonwealth U-23 Fencing Championship in Lagos, Nigeria
- Shreyas Royal and Bodhana Sivanandan won the British Chess Championship 2026
- Commonwealth Fencing Championship: India's Karan Singh and Sherjin Shanthimol won gold medals in the senior men's events
- Nagpur gets a new identity for Jammu & Kashmir cricket with the Irani Cup being held there for the first time
- Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa registered his first win in the second round of the Grand Chess Tour's Sinquefield Cup
- World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen retained the Esports World Cup Chess title
- Poland's Iga Swiatek won the Women's Singles title at the Canadian Open Tennis Championship
- World Badminton Championship begins in New Delhi
- Government announced the National Sports Awards 2025

- Rishabh Pant created history, becoming the first Indian player to hit 100 sixes in Test cricket
- FIFA released the schedule for the 2027 Women's World Cup
- Wesley So won his third Sinquefeld Cup title
- Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra won the silver medal at the Lausanne Diamond League
- World Athletics Silver-Level Competition 2026: Rohit Yadav won the javelin throw event and Murali Sreeshankar won the long jump event
- The Ministry of Sports approved a 492-member contingent for the Asian Games
- Indian Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa created history by becoming the first Indian to win the Grand Chess Tour
- A French pair won gold at the Badminton World Championship
- Ethiopia's Yomif Kejelcha broke the world half-marathon record
- India's Velavan Senthilkumar won the PSA Budapest Squash Open title
- Women's Hockey World Cup: India secured fifth place

## Defence News

- Vice Admiral A. N. Pramod, AVSM, YSM, assumed charge as the Vice Chief of the Naval Staff
- Diving Support Craft 'Jalavataran' inducted into the Indian Navy
- Air Marshal Sandeep Thareja to be the new Director General of Armed Forces Medical Services
- Vice Admiral Manish Chadha, AVSM, VSM, assumed charge as the Director General Naval Operations
- Bhavana Kanth became India's first female fighter leader
- Indian Navy-US Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal Exercise 2026 to be conducted at the Southern Naval Command in Kochi
- Australia-US military exercise Talisman Sabre 2027 to be the largest edition ever
- Maritime security and surveillance strengthened with 'Shruti' inducted into the Navy
- Joint air exercise "Eagles of Civilization 2026" between the Egyptian Air Force and the People's Liberation Army Air Force began in August 2026
- Indian Army contingent departed for Thailand to participate in the 15th edition of India-Thailand joint military exercise 'Maitree' (2026)
- Navy receives new Anti-Submarine Shallow Water Craft 'Mangrol'
- India's first indigenous AK-203 Sher rifle tested in Amethi
- Indian Army formed its first drone-equipped Baaz Battalion in Punjab

- India–Thailand joint military exercise Maitree-15 held in Thailand
- NSG launched its first Women Commando Conversion Course to train women
- Second Nistar-class Diving Support Vessel 'Nipun' to be inducted into the Navy on August 31
- Indian Navy received its first indigenous multi-purpose vessel 'Samarthak'

## National News

- Andhra Pradesh's Dhimsa dance recently entered the Guinness World Records
- Gujarat's Pithora painting received the GI Tag
- Glaw Lake became Arunachal Pradesh's first Ramsar Site; total number of Ramsar Sites in India reached 101
- Khijadia Bird Sanctuary: Breeding ground for Black-necked Storks
- Parliament passed the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026
- 'Suryapath Tiranga' carried the message of India's unity to 54 countries
- 'Vande Mataram' was sung for the first time at the Independence Day celebration at the Red Fort
- Caste will be asked for the first time in the Census after Independence
- President Murmu approved the bill making disrespect to Vande Mataram a criminal offence
- Tamil Nadu extended the duration of maternity leave for the third child

## International News

- India invited Russia to participate in the 18th BRICS Summit
- Maldives' payment system Fawara is now linked with India's UPI
- Uzbekistan's Foreign Minister Bakhtiyor Saidov visited India
- Pacific island nation Nauru changed its name
- UN Deputy Secretary-General Amina Mohammed visited India from August 26–28
- Sophie Adenot created history by becoming the first French woman to conduct a spacewalk
- US President Donald Trump announced the "largest-ever oil deal" with Venezuela
- Trump signed an order to rename Lake Ontario

## Science and Technology

- India successfully test-fired Agni-4

- India's space station to be built by 2035; first human mission 'Gaganyaan' to be launched in 2027
- Anil Menon completed his first space mission
- India's first privately developed 800 kN full-flow staged-combustion LOX-methane rocket engine
- NASA invited ISRO to participate in the Lunar Base Program
- China's Long March 7A rocket exploded after launch
- India is planning the Indian Space Station by 2035

## Brand Ambassador

- Akshay Kumar became the brand ambassador of Acer

## Award

- Dr. Annapurni Subramaniam received the Vikram Sarabhai Medal
- Deepak Dhar received the 2026 Dirac Medal, further strengthening the global recognition of Indian science
- 78 Gallantry Awards announced for personnel of the Defence Forces and Central Armed Police Forces
- The President of India presented Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowships and Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards for the years 2024 and 2025
- More than 200 Indian peacekeepers deployed under the United Nations Mission were honoured with UN Medals
- Lakshmanan Meyyappan became the youngest CA
- Two doctors from Mumbai to be honoured with the Nishan-e-Imtiaz
- Ashutosh Parida to receive the 47th Sarala Award
- National Teachers Awards 2026: 48 teachers to be honoured
- Mizoram footballer Lallianzuala Chhangte named the Best Indian Footballer of the Year 2026
- Hockey India announced a cash award of ₹50 lakh for the women's hockey team

## Important Days

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|-------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| • World Breastfeeding Week 2026: August 1 to August 7 | • National Javelin Throw Day: August 7 |
| • Indian Organ Donation Day 2026: August 3            | • National Handloom Day: August 7      |
| • Hiroshima Day 2026: Observed on August 6, 2026      | • World Biofuel Day: August 10         |
|                                                       | • World Elephant Day: August 12        |

- International Youth Day: August 12
- Lokmata Ahilyabai Holkar's Death Anniversary: August 13
- World Organ Donation Day: August 13
- Birth Anniversary of former President of India Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma: August 19
- World Photography Day: August 19
- World Humanitarian Day: August 19
- Birth Anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi: August 20
- National Space Day: August 23
- 'Khelo India Dialogue': August 27
- Women's Equality Day: August 26
- Birth Anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand: August 29; National Sports Day is celebrated every year in India on this day

## Important Appointments

- Varsha Ashok Agalave became the first woman Director General of the Geological Survey of India
- Willie Walsh assumed charge as the CEO of IndiGo
- Vishwesh Negi to be India's new Ambassador to Iran
- Air India now under the leadership of Tewolde Gebremariam
- Government extended the tenure of the Cabinet Secretary and Union Home Secretary by one year
- Devesh Uttam to be the new Ambassador to Ethiopia
- Senior Bangladesh Nationalist Party leader Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir was elected the 23rd President of Bangladesh
- Abelardo de la Espriella became the new President of Colombia
- Dr. Srinivas Kumar Tummala assumed charge as Secretary of the Ministry of Earth Sciences
- Deepti Gaur Mukherjee became the new Higher Education Secretary
- Anurag Jain assumed charge as the new CEO of NITI Aayog
- Shabnam Sinha became the new Chairperson of Airtel Payments Bank
- Pradeep Rai became the new President of the Supreme Court Bar Association
- Nagesh Singh to be India's next Ambassador to the Republic of Nauru

## Ranks and Reports

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## Death

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- Former Governor Dr. D. Y. Patil passed away
- Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer Sal Weder passed away
- Former Deputy Speaker of the West Bengal Legislative Assembly Ashish Banerjee passed away on August 16 at the age of 74

## Other Important News

- Seven years were completed on August 5 since the abrogation of Article 370 and Article 35A
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- Massachusetts declared August 15 as 'India Day' to honour the Indian community
- World Lion Day: Population of Asiatic lions in India increased to 891

## Practice Questions

- During which period is 'World Breastfeeding Week' celebrated worldwide every year?**
  - August 1 to August 7
  - September 1 to September 7
  - July 1 to July 7
  - October 10 to October 16
- Which country is holding the presidency of BRICS in the year 2026?**
  - Russia
  - India
  - Brazil
  - China
- To which post has Air Marshal Sandeep Thareja been appointed by the Central Government?**
  - Director General, Armed Forces Medical Services
  - Director General Medical Services (Air)
  - Chief of the Air Staff
  - Defence Secretary
- Vice Admiral A. N. Pramod took charge in which position on August 1, 2026?**
  - Chief of the Naval Staff
  - Vice Chief of the Naval Staff
  - Chief of the Southern Naval Command
  - Director General Naval Operations
- What is India's rank in the Environmental Performance Index (EPI) 2026?**
  - 174
  - 176
  - 177
  - 170
- Which of its instant payment systems has Maldives linked with India's UPI?**
  - Dhivehi Pay
  - Male Pay
  - Dweep Pay
  - Favara
- Which of the following is included among the main objectives of the 'Samudra Manthan' scheme?**
  - Giving new momentum to oil and gas exploration and production in the sea
  - Large-scale collection, processing, and analysis of high-quality seismic data
  - Rapid drilling in deep and ultra-deepwater areas
  - All of the above
- What is the total financial outlay approved for the Pradhan Mantri Surya Sarovar Yojana (PM-SSY)?**
  - Rs 5,070 crore
  - Rs 3,500 crore
  - Rs 7,250 crore
  - Rs 10,000 crore
- Who won the silver medal in the javelin throw event at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games?**
  - Yashvir Singh
  - Neeraj Chopra
  - Anderson Peters
  - Arshad Nadeem
- Who won the silver medal in the women's 57 kg judo event at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games?**
  - Acelya Toprak
  - Mirabai Chanu
  - Tulika Maan
  - Yamini Maurya
- Dhimsa, which recently entered the Guinness World Records, is a traditional tribal folk dance of which state?**
  - Andhra Pradesh
  - Karnataka
  - Kerala
  - Tamil Nadu
- Who has been appointed as the 54th Director General of the Geological Survey of India (GSI)?**
  - Dr. Kavita Sharma
  - Varsha Ashok Aglawe
  - Tanvi Sharma
  - P.T. Usha
- Which country will host the 2030 Commonwealth Games?**
  - Scotland
  - Australia
  - India
  - Canada
- In which hospital was the world's first robotic AV valve replacement surgery performed?**
  - AIIMS, New Delhi
  - Safdarjung Hospital, New Delhi
  - Apollo Hospital, Chennai
  - Fortis Hospital, Mumbai
- With which country has the Andhra Pradesh government signed agreements for cooperation in areas such as clean energy and inclusive education?**
  - Japan
  - Australia
  - Germany
  - United Kingdom
- Which is the fifth and final ship of the Diving Support Craft (DSC) project inducted into the Navy?**
  - DSC A24
  - INS Vikrant
  - INS Kalvari
  - DSC A10
- Which birth anniversary of Pingali Venkayya, the designer of the Indian National Flag (Tricolour), was celebrated on August 2, 2026?**
  - 125<sup>th</sup>
  - 140<sup>th</sup>

- (C) 150<sup>th</sup> (D) 175<sup>th</sup>
- 18. Tanvi Sharma, the 17-year-old who won the Taipei Open Super women's singles title, is associated with which sport?**  
 (A) Tennis (B) Badminton  
 (C) Shooting (D) Boxing
- 19. On which of the following days is Indian Organ Donation Day observed every year?**  
 (a) July 31 (b) August 1  
 (c) August 2 (d) August 3
- 20. Pithora painting is associated with which state for which it has been given a GI tag?**  
 (a) Gujarat (b) Madhya Pradesh  
 (c) Bihar (d) Tamil Nadu
- 21. At what position did India finish in the medal tally at the Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2026?**  
 (a) Second place (b) Third place  
 (c) Fourth place (d) Fifth place
- 22. Following the declaration of Glav Lake as a Ramsar site, what is the total number of Ramsar sites in India?**  
 (a) 95 (b) 100  
 (c) 101 (d) 105
- 23. At which place did President Droupadi Murmu recently inaugurate the 'Jagadguru Kripalu University'?**  
 (a) New Delhi  
 (b) Cuttack, Odisha  
 (c) Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh  
 (d) Dehradun, Uttarakhand
- 24. Who has recently assumed office as the Director General Naval Operations (DGNO)?**  
 (a) Vice Admiral Manish Chadha  
 (b) Vice Admiral R. Hari Kumar  
 (c) Vice Admiral Suraj Luthra  
 (d) Vice Admiral Dinesh Prabhakar
- 25. The Department of Posts recently released a commemorative postage stamp on the centenary year of which famous artist?**  
 (a) M. F. Husain (b) Satish Gujral  
 (c) Raja Ravi Varma (d) Jatin Das
- 26. Who took charge as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of IndiGo in August 2026?**  
 (a) Pieter Elbers (b) Willie Walsh  
 (c) Rahul Bhatia (d) Ronojoy Dutta
- 27. In the context of the visit of Uzbekistan's Foreign Minister Bakhtiyor Saidov to India, in which year did diplomatic relations between the two countries begin?**  
 (a) 1990 (b) 1991  
 (c) 1992 (d) 1995
- 28. Where did the meeting of the heads of National Statistical Offices (NSOs) of BRICS member countries under India's presidency begin?**  
 (a) Lucknow (b) Varanasi  
 (c) Jaipur (d) Bhopal
- 29. Chief of the Air Staff, Air Chief Marshal A.P. Singh, recently completed a three-day official visit to which country?**  
 (a) Japan (b) France  
 (c) Vietnam (d) Russia
- 30. Who has been recently appointed as India's new Ambassador to Iran?**  
 (a) Dr. Mohammad Fatah Ali  
 (b) Shering W. Sherpa  
 (c) Vishvesh Negi  
 (d) Rajesh Kumar
- 31. Prime Minister Narendra Modi termed the completion of how many years since the abrogation of Article 370 and 35(A) as a significant milestone in India's journey of inclusive development?**  
 (a) Five years (b) Six years  
 (c) Seven years (d) Ten years
- 32. Who has been awarded the COSPAR Vikram Sarabhai Medal 2026?**  
 (a) Dr. Annapurni Subramaniam  
 (b) Dr. Gagandeep Kang  
 (c) Dr. Tessy Thomas  
 (d) Dr. Ritu Karidhal
- 33. By how much has the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) raised its economic growth projection for the country for the current financial year?**  
 (a) 5.25% (b) 6.7%  
 (c) 5.0% (d) 7.1%

**34. Which island nation located in the Pacific Ocean recently officially changed its name to the 'Republic of Naoero'?**

- (a) Tuvalu (b) Nauru  
(c) Fiji (d) Samoa

**35. Under the 'Appropriation Bill, 2026' passed by the Lok Sabha, the government has sought additional funds exceeding what amount?**

- (a) Rs 34,000 crore (b) Rs 44,000 crore  
(c) Rs 54,000 crore (d) Rs 74,000 crore

**36. Which state has launched 'Mission Clouded Leopard' for the conservation of its state animal, the 'Clouded Leopard'?**

- (a) Assam (b) Meghalaya  
(c) Sikkim (d) Arunachal Pradesh

**37. Which country secured the first position in the medal tally of the Brazil Para Badminton International 2026?**

- (a) Brazil (b) India  
(c) China (d) Japan

**38. Dr. D. Y. Patil, who passed away recently, did not serve as the Governor of which of the following states during his lifetime?**

- (a) Tripura (b) Bihar  
(c) West Bengal (Acting) (d) Uttar Pradesh

**39. Whom has Air India appointed as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD)?**

- (a) Campbell Wilson (b) N. Chandrasekaran  
(c) Campbell Scott (d) Tewolde Gebremariam

**40. Which US state declared August 15, 2026, as 'India Day' across the entire state?**

- (a) California (b) New Jersey  
(c) Massachusetts (d) New York

**41. Which edition of Hiroshima Day was observed on August 6, 2026?**

- (a) 78<sup>th</sup> (b) 79<sup>th</sup>  
(c) 80<sup>th</sup> (d) 81<sup>st</sup>

**42. Which Indian city will host the Asian Rafting Championship 2026?**

- (a) Rishikesh, Uttarakhand  
(b) Boleng, Arunachal Pradesh  
(c) Leh, Ladakh

(d) Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir

**43. Under the recently passed Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026, excluding the Chief Justice of India, the number of judges in the Supreme Court has been increased from 33 to what?**

- (a) 35 (b) 36  
(c) 37 (d) 40

**44. What seeding has Indian shuttler PV Sindhu received in women's singles at the BWF World Badminton Championships 2026?**

- (a) 5<sup>th</sup> (b) 7<sup>th</sup>  
(c) 9<sup>th</sup> (d) 14<sup>th</sup>

**45. Which of the following has become India's first indigenous satellite battery to receive the status of 'Flight Heritage'?**

- (a) Powerbank-50 (b) Spacebank-50  
(c) Earthpack-75 (d) Flightpack-100

**46. Who among the following has been recently appointed as the Union Home Secretary?**

- (a) Shankar Tripathi (b) Dr. T.V. Somathan  
(c) Radhika Yadav (d) Govind Mohan

**47. Which state government has recently launched a new initiative to integrate Artificial Intelligence (AI) and digital services into administration?**

- (a) Government of Karnataka  
(b) Government of Kerala  
(c) Government of Tamil Nadu  
(d) Government of Maharashtra

**48. Late actor Pradeep Rawat started his acting career from which famous TV show of B.R. Chopra and played which role in it?**

- (a) Mahabharat – Ashwatthama  
(b) Ramayan – Kumbhakarna  
(c) Shaktimaan – Kilvish  
(d) Chandrakanta – Kroor Singh

**49. What was the name of the US spacewalk operation in which Anil Menon participated?**

- (a) US Spacewalk 90 (b) US Spacewalk 96  
(c) US Spacewalk 100 (d) Gaganyaan-1

**50. On which of the following days is National Javelin Throw Day celebrated every year?**

- (a) August 4 (b) August 5

- (c) August 6 (d) August 7
- 51. On which date is National Handloom Day observed annually?**  
 (a) August 5 (b) August 6  
 (c) August 7 (d) August 8
- 52. From which location did India successfully test-fire the nuclear-capable Agni-4 ballistic missile on August 6, 2026?**  
 (a) Wheeler Island, Odisha  
 (b) Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh  
 (c) Chandipur, Odisha  
 (d) Pokhran, Rajasthan
- 53. Who has become India's first female combat leader?**  
 (a) Avani Chaturvedi (b) Bhawana Kanth  
 (c) Mohana Singh Jitarwal (d) Gunjan Saxena
- 54. Who has been appointed as the captain of the Indian women's hockey team for the AHF Junior Asia Cup 2026?**  
 (a) Shileima Chanu (b) Salima Tete  
 (c) Vandana Katariya (d) Rani Rampal
- 55. By which year does India aim to fully operationalize its Indian Space Station (BAS)?**  
 (a) 2030 (b) 2032  
 (c) 2035 (d) 2040
- 56. Who has been appointed as India's new Ambassador to the Federal Democratic Republic of Ethiopia?**  
 (a) Anil Kumar Rai (b) Devesh Uttam  
 (c) Arindam Bagchi (d) Vinay Mohan Kwatra
- 57. Where was the 10th BRICS Industry Ministers Meeting successfully concluded under India's BRICS Presidency 2026?**  
 (a) Jaipur  
 (b) New Delhi  
 (c) Hyderabad (d) Ahmedabad
- 58. The 'Bankers Books Evidence Bill' passed by the Lok Sabha will replace which of the following old acts?**  
 (a) Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1872  
 (b) Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891  
 (c) Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1925  
 (d) Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1950
- 59. On which of the following days was the 81st Nagasaki Day observed?**  
 (a) August 6 (b) August 7  
 (c) August 8 (d) August 9
- 60. Where was the AI-driven high-performance supercomputing facility 'Param Pragya' inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi?**  
 (a) IIT Bombay, Mumbai  
 (b) IIT Delhi Sonipat Campus  
 (c) IIT Madras, Chennai  
 (d) IIT Kanpur, Kanpur
- 61. The appointment of how many new judges has recently been approved across four High Courts of India?**  
 (a) 15 (b) 20  
 (c) 25 (d) 30
- 62. In which Indian city was the 11th BRICS Culture Ministers' Meeting held under India's BRICS presidency?**  
 (a) New Delhi (b) Bhopal  
 (c) Mumbai (d) Bengaluru
- 63. Which state surpassed Kerala to secure the first place in NITI Aayog's School Education Quality Index 2026?**  
 (a) Punjab (b) Gujarat  
 (c) Tamil Nadu (d) Haryana
- 64. Ariha Pangambam, who won a historic gold medal at the Asian Aerobics Gymnastics Championship, hails from which state?**  
 (a) Assam (b) Manipur  
 (c) Mizoram (d) Tripura
- 65. Which space-tech startup recently unveiled India's first privately developed 800 kN 'Full-Flow Staged Combustion' (FFSC) rocket engine 'EVEREST'?**  
 (a) Skyroot Aerospace  
 (b) Agnikul Cosmos  
 (c) Astrobase Space Technologies  
 (d) Bellatrix Aerospace
- 66. Who has officially taken oath as the 36th President of Colombia for the 2026-2030 term?**  
 (a) Abelardo de la Espriella  
 (b) Gustavo Petro  
 (c) Iván Duque

- (d) Juan Manuel Santos
- 67. Who presented the prestigious 'President's Colours' (President's Nishan) to the Puducherry Police?**
- (a) Prime Minister Narendra Modi  
(b) President Droupadi Murmu  
(c) Lieutenant Governor of Puducherry  
(d) Union Minister of Home Affairs and Cooperation Amit Shah
- 68. Who won the women's singles title at the Victor Korea Masters 2026?**
- (a) Ashmita Chaliha (b) Han Chian Shi  
(c) Rakshitha Ramraj (d) G. Kim
- 69. Where is the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Exercise 2026 between the Indian Navy and the US Navy being held?**
- (a) Visakhapatnam (b) Kochi  
(c) Mumbai (d) Chennai
- 70. On which of the following days is World Biofuel Day observed every year?**
- (a) August 7 (b) August 8  
(c) August 9 (d) August 10
- 71. Which metro system has established itself as the most prestigious metro system in terms of train operational punctuality and reliability, leaving behind Hong Kong, Paris, and New York?**
- (a) Kolkata Metro (b) Delhi Metro  
(c) Bengaluru Metro (d) Mumbai Metro
- 72. By how many years has the tenure of Enforcement Directorate (ED) Director Rahul Navin been extended?**
- (a) One year (b) Two years  
(c) Three years (d) Six months
- 73. Which Indian physicist has been announced to be awarded the 2026 Dirac Medal?**
- (a) Homi J. Bhabha (b) C. V. Raman  
(c) Deepak Dhar (d) Satyendra Nath Bose
- 74. According to the latest data, what has become the population of Asiatic lions in India in 2025?**
- (a) 523 (b) 650  
(c) 750 (d) 891
- 75. The joint military exercise 'Talisman Sabre 2027' is scheduled to be held between which two countries?**
- (a) India and America (b) Australia and America  
(c) Australia and India (d) America and Japan
- 76. Who won the silver medal in the high jump at the World U-20 Athletics Championships?**
- (a) Shah Nawaz Khan (b) Basant Kumar Meghwal  
(c) Ashish Yadav (d) Younis Ayachi
- 77. Which Indian pair won the Under-31 gold medal at the 9th World Youth Transnational Championship held in Hefei, China?**
- (a) Sagnik Roy and Sayantan Kushari  
(b) M. Fereneca and F. Katusic  
(c) J. Han and Z. Wang  
(d) None of these
- 78. In which weight category did Indian weightlifter Maharajan Arumugapandian win the silver medal at the Asian Junior Weightlifting Championship?**
- (a) 55 kg (b) 60 kg  
(c) 65 kg (d) 73 kg
- 79. Which organization has been invited by NASA to join its lunar base program under the Artemis Accords?**
- (a) ESA (b) ISRO  
(c) JAXA (d) Roscosmos
- 80. In which city of Nigeria was the Commonwealth Under-23 Fencing Championship held, where India won 17 medals?**
- (a) Abuja (b) Lagos  
(c) Kano (d) None of these
- 81. Who will release the autobiography of former President Ram Nath Kovind on August 12, 2026?**
- (a) Vice President  
(b) Prime Minister Narendra Modi  
(c) Home Minister Amit Shah  
(d) Speaker of Lok Sabha
- 82. When is the martyrdom day of revolutionary freedom fighter Khudiram Bose observed annually?**
- (a) August 11 (b) August 15  
(c) March 23 (d) August 9
- 83. Who has officially taken charge as the Secretary of the Ministry of Earth Sciences?**
- (a) Dr. M. Ravichandran  
(b) Dr. N. Kalaiselvi  
(c) Dr. Srinivas Kumar Tummala  
(d) Dr. V. K. Saraswat

**84. TRAI has directed telecom companies to use which number series for service and transactional calls in non-BFSI and government sectors?**

- (a) 1601 series (b) 1400 series  
(c) 1800 series (d) 1900 series

**85. Where was the 2026 British Chess Championship held?**

- (a) London (b) Coventry  
(c) Birmingham (d) Manchester

**86. On August 10, 2026, approximately 85 seconds after launch, which Chinese rocket experienced an anomaly or explosion event?**

- (a) Long March 5 (b) Long March 2F  
(c) Long March 3B (d) Long March 7A

**87. Where was the 23rd International Linguistics Olympiad held?**

- (a) Bucharest, Romania (b) Geneva, Switzerland  
(c) Paris, France (d) Berlin, Germany

**88. On which date did the Tamil Nadu Legislative Assembly unanimously pass a resolution making 'Tamizh Thai Vazhthu' the mandatory opening song for all official events?**

- (a) August 15, 2026 (b) August 10, 2026  
(c) July 1, 2026 (d) January 26, 2026

**89. President Droupadi Murmu has approved which bill, under which the national song 'Vande Mataram' will receive legal protection equivalent to the national anthem?**

- (a) Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026  
(b) National Song Protection Bill, 2026  
(c) National Anthem and Song Act, 2026  
(d) National Symbols Amendment Act, 2026

**90. Which Indian fencers won gold medals in the senior men's events of the Commonwealth Fencing Championship held in Lagos, Nigeria?**

- (a) Karan Singh and Sherjin Shanthimol  
(b) Tejas Patil and Hemash Sanasam  
(c) Lokesh Vemani and Shourya Ashwini  
(d) Nikhil Wagh and Lakshya Budser

**91. Which prestigious domestic cricket tournament is Jammu and Kashmir set to host for the first time from October 1 to 5, 2026?**

- (a) Ranji Trophy (b) Duleep Trophy  
(c) Vijay Hazare Trophy (d) Irani Cup

**92. When is 'World Elephant Day' celebrated worldwide every year?**

- (a) August 10 (b) August 12  
(c) August 15 (d) September 5

**93. When is 'International Youth Day' celebrated every year?**

- (a) August 12 (b) January 12  
(c) August 15 (d) June 21

**94. What was India's global share in ship recycling in the year 2025, making it the number-1 country in the world?**

- (a) 25.2% (b) 30.1%  
(c) 35.4% (d) 40.5%

**95. Who has been appointed as the new Higher Education Secretary by the Central Government?**

- (a) Vineet Joshi (b) T. V. Somathan  
(c) Rajesh Kumar (d) Deepti Gaur Mukherjee

**96. The bill to change the name of which state to 'Keralam' has been passed in the Lok Sabha?**

- (a) Karnataka (b) Tamil Nadu  
(c) Kerala (d) Andhra Pradesh

**97. Recently, which Arab country has become the first in the Arab world to abolish the death penalty and replace it with life imprisonment and hard labor?**

- (a) Egypt (b) Lebanon  
(c) Jordan (d) United Arab Emirates

**98. In which shipyard was the new-generation indigenous Offshore Patrol Vessel (OPV) 'Shruti' launched for the Indian Navy?**

- (a) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, Mumbai  
(b) Cochin Shipyard, Kochi  
(c) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata  
(d) Goa Shipyard, Goa

**99. The Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026 amends which principal act?**

- (a) Mines Act, 1952  
(b) MMDR Act, 1957  
(c) Mineral Concession Rules, 1960  
(d) Mines and Minerals Regulation Act, 1982

**100. When is the death anniversary of Lokmata Ahilyabai Holkar observed annually?**

- (a) August 10 (b) August 31  
(c) August 15 (d) May 31

**101. How many Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) were signed between India and Nepal on August 12, 2026, to strengthen local-level development?**

- (a) 5 agreements (b) 6 agreements  
(c) 8 agreements (d) 10 agreements

**102. On which of the following days is World Organ Donation Day observed every year?**

- (a) August 10 (b) August 11  
(c) August 12 (d) August 13

**103. Where is the bilateral military exercise 'Udarashakti 2026' between the Indian Air Force and the Royal Malaysian Air Force being held?**

- (a) Subang Air Base, Malaysia  
(b) New Delhi, India  
(c) Port Louis, Mauritius  
(d) Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

**104. Who recently resigned from the post of Chairman of Tata Sons?**

- (a) Ratan Tata (b) N. Chandrasekaran  
(c) Cyrus Mistry  
(d) Natarajan Chandrasekaran

**105. Who has been elected as the new President of Hungary by the Hungarian Parliament?**

- (a) Tamas Sulyok (b) Andras Baka  
(c) Viktor Orban (d) Katalin Novak

**106. Who launched the 'Gramin Gyan Setu' app to connect the libraries of villages in the Gandhinagar Lok Sabha constituency?**

- (a) Narendra Modi (b) Rajnath Singh  
(c) J. P. Nadda (d) Amit Shah

**107. Who has been appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of Mauritius's Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Public Service and Innovation (AIPSI)?**

- (a) Dr. Bhuma V.G. (b) Anurag Srivastava  
(c) Dr. S. Jaishankar (d) Dr. Rajiv Kumar

**108. Indian Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa recorded his first win in the second round of which competition?**

- (a) Tata Steel Chess Tournament  
(b) Sinquefeld Cup (Grand Chess Tour)  
(c) Candidates Tournament  
(d) FIDE World Cup

**109. When is the death anniversary of former Prime Minister and Bharat Ratna Atal Bihari Vajpayee celebrated annually?**

- (a) August 15 (b) August 16  
(c) December 25 (d) October 31

**110. On which date did the 'Suryapath Tiranga' global relay, organized under the 'Har Ghar Tiranga 2026' campaign, conclude?**

- (a) August 13, 2026 (b) August 14, 2026  
(c) August 15, 2026 (d) August 16, 2026

**111. Which national song was sung for the first time at the Red Fort on the occasion of the 80th Independence Day?**

- (a) Jana Gana Mana  
(b) Vande Mataram  
(c) Sare Jahan Se Achha  
(d) Vijayee Vishwa Tiranga Pyara

**112. According to Prime Minister Modi's announcement, what is the target set for providing AI skill development to youth within one year?**

- (a) 50 lakh (b) 1 crore  
(c) 2 crore (d) 5 crore

**113. What has been the new name given to India's first private train, the Lucknow-Delhi Tejas Express?**

- (a) Sprite Tejas Express  
(b) Coca-Cola Tejas Express  
(c) IRCTC Premium Express  
(d) Corporate Tejas Express

**114. On the eve of Independence Day, President Droupadi Murmu has approved how many gallantry awards for personnel of the armed forces and central armed police forces?**

- (a) 50 (b) 78  
(c) 85 (d) 100

**115. Which player won the Esports World Cup chess title for the second consecutive time?**

- (a) Hikaru Nakamura (b) Viswanathan Anand  
(c) Magnus Carlsen (d) Fabiano Caruana

**116. Which of the following details are included in the 40-question questionnaire notified for Census-2027?**

- (a) Religion and caste  
(b) Number of bank accounts  
(c) Parents' details (d) All of the above

**117. To which port in Portugal has the Indian Navy's sail training ship INS Sudarshini reached after completing its Atlantic voyage?**

- (a) Lisbon Port (b) Ponta Delgada Port  
(c) Porto Port (d) Madeira Port

**118. Which country is hosting the 12th meeting of BRICS Environment Ministers on Tuesday, August 18?**

- (a) China (b) Brazil  
(c) India (d) South Africa

**119. In which year was the 12-minute advertising time limit for TV channels, which has now been abolished by the government, implemented?**

- (a) 1994 (b) 2000  
(c) 2006 (d) 2010

**120. Who conferred the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowships and Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards for the years 2024 and 2025?**

- (a) Prime Minister Narendra Modi  
(b) Culture Minister  
(c) Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar  
(d) President Droupadi Murmu

**121. Who won the women's singles title at the Canadian Open tennis tournament?**

- (a) Elena Rybakina (b) Iga Swiatek  
(c) Aryna Sabalenka (d) Coco Gauff

**122. Amrit Udyan opened to the general public from August 16 to September 15. In which year was its name changed from 'Mughal Garden' to 'Amrit Udyan'?**

- (a) January 2021 (b) January 2022  
(c) January 2023 (d) August 2023

**123. Who has developed the 'RSVC-Amrit' platform launched to strengthen rural innovation and technology transfer?**

- (a) NABARD (b) ISRO  
(c) CSIR (d) NITI Aayog

**124. India and Thailand are participating in which edition of the joint military exercise 'Maitree' in 2026?**

- (a) 10<sup>th</sup> (b) 12<sup>th</sup>  
(c) 15<sup>th</sup> (d) 18<sup>th</sup>

**125. In which city of Madhya Pradesh has India's first virtual zoo been established?**

- (a) Bhopal (b) Indore  
(c) Gwalior (d) Jabalpur

**126. How many employees have been selected for the National Anubhav Award Scheme-2026?**

- (a) 10 employees (b) 12 employees  
(c) 15 employees (d) 20 employees

**127. In which city of Rajasthan did Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurate development projects worth over Rs 6,400 crore?**

- (a) Jaipur (b) Alwar  
(c) Jodhpur (d) Udaipur

**128. On which national highway is the recently opened Sungal tunnel in Jammu and Kashmir located?**

- (a) Jammu-Srinagar National Highway  
(b) Jammu-Poonch National Highway  
(c) Jammu-Pathankot National Highway  
(d) Srinagar-Leh National Highway

**129. Which company set a new world record by launching two Falcon 9 rockets within an interval of just 38 minutes?**

- (a) Blue Origin (b) NASA  
(c) SpaceX (d) ISRO

**130. Where are the meetings of the BRICS Environment Working Group being held in New Delhi?**

- (a) Vigyan Bhawan (b) Red Fort  
(c) Rashtrapati Bhavan (d) Bharat Mandapam

**131. Where is the 30th BWF World Badminton Championships 2026 being held?**

- (a) Mumbai (b) New Delhi  
(c) Hyderabad (d) Bengaluru

**132. On which date did Puducherry celebrate 'De Jure Transfer Day', commemorating its legal incorporation into India?**

- (a) August 15, 1947 (b) August 16, 1962  
(c) November 1, 1954 (d) January 26, 1950

**133. Ashish Banerjee, who passed away recently, was a senior leader of which political party?**

- (a) Communist Party of India
- (b) Bharatiya Janata Party
- (c) Trinamool Congress
- (d) Indian National Congress

**134. Who has assumed charge as the new CEO of NITI Aayog?**

- (a) Suman K. Bery
- (b) Anurag Jain
- (c) Ashok Kumar Lahiri
- (d) B.V.R. Subrahmanyam

**135. Who has been appointed as the new in-charge for Uttar Pradesh?**

- (a) Vinod Tawde
- (b) Dr. Satish Poonia
- (c) Tarun Chugh
- (d) Jagdish Ishwarbhai Patel

**136. How many girl cadets are participating in the 30-day adventure expedition 'Aparajita-Parang La 2026' led by women officers of the tri-services?**

- (a) 15
- (b) 20
- (c) 28
- (d) 35

**137. The President of which country conferred the honorary rank of General of the Nepali Army on Indian Army Chief General Dheeraj Seth?**

- (a) Bhutan
- (b) Bangladesh
- (c) Sri Lanka
- (d) Nepal

**138. How many players, including Treesa Jolly and Pullela Gayatri Gopichand, have been selected for the Arjuna Award in the National Sports Awards-2025?**

- (a) 10
- (b) 12
- (c) 15
- (d) 18

**139. Who became the first Indian player to hit 100 sixes in Test cricket?**

- (a) MS Dhoni
- (b) Rohit Sharma
- (c) Rishabh Pant
- (d) Virat Kohli

**140. How many Indian peacekeepers deployed under the United Nations Mission in South Sudan were awarded the UN Medal?**

- (a) 100+
- (b) 150+
- (c) 200+
- (d) 300+

**141. What is the Pupil-Teacher Ratio (PTR) recorded in the UDISE+ 2025-26 report, which is within the recommended limit of NEP 2020?**

- (a) 20:1
- (b) 24:1
- (c) 30:1
- (d) 35:1

**142. Who is the author of this biographical book written on M. Venkaiah Naidu?**

- (a) Y. Lakshmi Prasad
- (b) Shashi Tharoor
- (c) Ramachandra Guha
- (d) M. Venkaiah Naidu

**143. In which city did the Election Commission of India (ECI) launch 'ELC 2.0' during a conference?**

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Patna
- (c) Lucknow
- (d) Bhopal

**144. The Tamil Nadu state government has increased maternity leave for a third child for female government employees to how many days?**

- (a) 84 days
- (b) 180 days
- (c) 365 days
- (d) 270 days

**145. Who has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to the Republic of Iraq?**

- (a) Soumendu Bagchi
- (b) Ajay A. Kumar
- (c) Naveen Srivastava
- (d) Vikram Misri

**146. The birth anniversary of former President of India Dr. Shankar Dayal Sharma was celebrated on August 19. He was the \_\_\_ Vice President of India?**

- (a) Seventh
- (b) Eighth
- (c) Ninth
- (d) Tenth

**147. Which Beijing-based private space startup launched the 66-meter-long 'Zhuque-3 Y2' rocket on August 19, 2026?**

- (a) Galactic Energy
- (b) LandSpace
- (c) i-Space
- (d) Deep Blue Aerospace

**148. In which Indian city is 'Semicon India 2026' being held?**

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Bengaluru
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) Gandhinagar

**149. HAKAINDE HICHILEMA has been re-elected as the President of which country?**

- (a) Zimbabwe
- (b) Zambia
- (c) Kenya
- (d) Tanzania

**150. On which date is World Photography Day celebrated every year to honor technology and visual expression?**

- (a) August 15 (b) August 17  
(c) August 19 (d) August 21

**151. World Humanitarian Day is celebrated on August 19 in memory of the tragedy that occurred in which city in 2003?**

- (a) Kabul (b) Baghdad  
(c) Damascus (d) Geneva

**152. Who has been appointed as the new chairperson of Airtel Payments Bank?**

- (a) Shahnaz Husain  
(b) Kiran Mazumdar-Shaw  
(c) Arundhati Bhattacharya  
(d) Shabnam Sinha

**153. Where is the country's first 'Drone City' project being developed?**

- (a) Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh  
(b) Bengaluru, Karnataka  
(c) Hyderabad, Telangana  
(d) Pune, Maharashtra

**154. Who has been recognized by Guinness World Records as the world's youngest male Chartered Accountant?**

- (a) Lakshmanan Meyyappan  
(b) Rohan Mehta  
(c) Arjun Patel  
(d) Aditya Sharma

**155. As which day is the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi celebrated across India on August 20?**

- (a) Sadbhavana Divas (b) Ekta Diwas  
(c) Parakram Diwas (d) Suraksha Diwas

**156. After a gap of how many years is voting for the presidential election taking place in Bangladesh for the first time?**

- (a) 25 years (b) 30 years  
(c) 35 years (d) 40 years

**157. In which city will India host the 5th Global Coast Guard Summit (GCGS) next year?**

- (a) Mumbai (b) New Delhi  
(c) Chennai (d) Gandhinagar

**158. Where was the BRICS Youth Summit and BRICS Youth Council meeting held?**

- (a) New Delhi (b) Ahmedabad

- (c) Gandhinagar (d) Surat

**159. Who is the Defense Minister of Japan who recently visited India?**

- (a) Fumio Kishida (b) Shinjiro Koizumi  
(c) Taro Kono (d) Nobuo Kishi

**160. Which initiative has been launched by the National Commission for Women (NCW) in Jalandhar, Punjab, to digitally empower women through AI?**

- (a) Yashoda AI (b) Mahila AI Shakti  
(c) Naari Digital Tech (d) Digital Shiksha

**161. Recently, how many Parsi doctors from Mumbai have been proposed by Pakistan for its highest civilian award, Nishan-e-Imtiaz?**

- (a) One (b) Two  
(c) Three (d) Four

**162. Where was the 65th Subroto Cup International Football Tournament launched?**

- (a) Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium, New Delhi  
(b) Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Stadium, New Delhi  
(c) Major Dhyan Chand Stadium, New Delhi  
(d) Indira Gandhi Stadium, New Delhi

**163. Who won the open category of the Asian Junior Blitz Chess Championship?**

- (a) Vignesh Varmula (b) Saranya Devi  
(c) Ramesh Babu (d) Arjun Erigaisi

**164. Where has the Union Cabinet approved the establishment of a bench of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court?**

- (a) Srinagar (b) Ladakh  
(c) Jammu (d) Kargil

**165. Who has been elected as the 23rd President of Bangladesh?**

- (a) Tarique Rahman  
(b) Mirza Fakhru Islam Alamgir  
(c) Oli Ahmed  
(d) Muhammad Yunus

**166. Who has been selected for the 47th Sarala Award for his poetry collection 'Vishwas De Prithvi'?**

- (a) Ashutosh Parida (b) Pratibha Satpathy  
(c) Sitakanta Mahapatra (d) Ramakanta Rath

**167. Via which station is Indian Railways going to launch the third Vande Bharat train between Jammu and Srinagar?**

- (a) Katra (b) Udhampur  
(c) Banihal (d) Reasi
- 168. Which organization has launched the national-level 'Terrier Cyber Quest 2026' hackathon?**  
(a) Territorial Army (b) Indian Army  
(c) Indian Navy (d) Indian Air Force
- 169. Who will visit India from August 26 to 28 to strengthen UN-India cooperation?**  
(a) António Guterres (b) Amina J. Mohammed  
(c) Dennis Francis (d) Volker Türk
- 170. The 2027 FIFA Women's World Cup will be which edition of this tournament?**  
(a) 10<sup>th</sup> (b) 11<sup>th</sup>  
(c) 12<sup>th</sup> (d) 13<sup>th</sup>
- 171. Who has recently been elected as the new President of the Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) for the 2026-27 term?**  
(a) Vikas Singh (b) Anupam Lal Das  
(c) Adish Aggarwala (d) Pradeep Rai
- 172. How much financial incentive has the Bihar government announced to give to empanelled social media creators per 1 lakh views on videos promoting government schemes?**  
(a) ₹5,000 (b) ₹10,000  
(c) ₹25,000 (d) ₹50,000
- 173. Which chess player defeated R. Praggnanandhaa in an exciting playoff to win his third Sinquefeld Cup title?**  
(a) Magnus Carlsen (b) Wesley So  
(c) Fabiano Caruana (d) Hikaru Nakamura
- 174. On which of the following days is National Space Day celebrated every year?**  
(a) August 20 (b) August 21  
(c) August 22 (d) August 23
- 175. How many school teachers have been selected for the National Teachers' Award 2026?**  
(a) 48 (b) 45  
(c) 50 (d) 75
- 176. What is the name of the third ship of the Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW SWC) series delivered by Cochin Shipyard Limited to the Indian Navy?**  
(a) Mahe (b) Mangrol  
(c) Malwan (d) Mangal
- 177. Who recently became the first French woman to perform a spacewalk outside the International Space Station?**  
(a) Samantha Cristoforetti (b) Jessica Meir  
(c) Claudie Haigneré (d) Sophie Adenot
- 178. Where was the first steering committee meeting of the 57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) held on August 21, 2026?**  
(a) Panaji, Goa (b) Mumbai, Maharashtra  
(c) New Delhi (d) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- 179. Which medal did Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra win at the Lausanne Diamond League?**  
(a) Gold medal (b) Silver medal  
(c) Bronze medal (d) No medal
- 180. In which countries did the Indian Air Force recently participate in 'Exercise Pitch Black 2026' and 'Exercise Udarashakti 2026'?**  
(a) Australia and Malaysia (b) France and Indonesia  
(c) America and Singapore (d) Japan and Vietnam
- 181. Who won the silver medal in the women's 68 kg weight category at the U-20 World Wrestling Championships held in Slovakia?**  
(a) Mansi Lather  
(b) Tanvi Gundesh Magdum  
(c) Komal  
(d) Kajal Dhochak
- 182. Which Indian athlete won the javelin throw event with a personal best of 87.68 meters at the World Athletics Silver Level Competition 2026 held in Bhubaneswar?**  
(a) Neeraj Chopra (b) Rohit Yadav  
(c) Kishore Jena (d) D. P. Manu
- 183. How many members have been approved in total by the Sports Ministry for the contingent for the upcoming Asian Games to be held in Japan?**  
(a) 350 members (b) 450 members  
(c) 492 members (d) 525 members
- 184. The legislature of which US state recently passed a resolution recognizing November 8 as 'Diwali Day'?**  
(a) New York (b) California  
(c) New Jersey (d) Texas

**185. Who has been appointed as a part-time, non-official director on the Central Board of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?**

- (a) Syed Akbaruddin, Anee George Mathew, and Janmejaya Kumar Sinha  
(b) Shaktikanta Das and Urjit Patel  
(c) Raghuram Rajan and Arvind Panagariya  
(d) Amitabh Kant and N. K. Singh

**186. What is the name of India's first 100% indigenous AK-203 assault rifle, which was recently manufactured and tested at the Korwa Ordnance Factory in Amethi?**

- (a) Vajra (b) Sher  
(c) Tej (d) Garuda

**187. Under which corps has the Indian Army formed its first 'Baz Battalion' equipped with state-of-the-art drones in Punjab?**

- (a) 9th Corps (b) 11th Corps  
(c) 15th Corps (d) 16th Corps

**188. From where did the Central Government launch the 'Kanda Express' service to transport onions to major consumer centers?**

- (a) Pune, Maharashtra (b) Nashik, Maharashtra  
(c) Mumbai, Maharashtra (d) Nagpur, Maharashtra

**189. Which province of Japan has announced a fund of ₹600 crore for MSME investment in Uttar Pradesh?**

- (a) Yamanashi (b) Tokyo  
(c) Osaka (d) Kyoto

**190. From where to where did Indian Railways operate the first double-stack long-haul container train in Gujarat?**

- (a) Ahmedabad to Surat  
(b) JNPT to Varnama  
(c) Vadodara to Rajkot  
(d) Gandhinagar to Vadodara

**191. By which year is India planning to complete the first module of the proposed Indian Space Station (BAS)?**

- (a) 2030 (b) 2032  
(c) 2035 (d) 2040

**192. Who has won the Group A title at the Kanizsa Open 2026 chess tournament held in Hungary?**

- (a) Pranesh M (b) Arjun Erigaisi  
(c) D. Gukesh (d) R. Praggnanandhaa

**193. In which city was India's first soil texture map developed?**

- (a) Nagpur (b) Bhopal  
(c) Patna (d) New Delhi

**194. UPI recently completed 10 years. On which date was UPI launched by NPCI under the regulatory supervision of RBI?**

- (a) August 15, 2015 (b) August 25, 2016  
(c) January 10, 2017 (d) July 25, 2018

**195. The joint air exercise "Eagles of Civilization 2026", which began in August 2026, is held between the air force of Egypt and which other country?**

- (a) United States of America  
(b) Russia  
(c) China  
(d) France

**196. Which city has debuted as the only Indian city in the International Workplace Group's (IWG) 2026 Work from Anywhere Index?**

- (a) New Delhi (b) Bengaluru  
(c) Mumbai (d) Hyderabad

**197. Under the new 'Annapoorni Super 6' scheme announced in Tamil Nadu, how many free LPG cylinders will be given every year to women heads of families?**

- (a) One free cylinder (b) Two free cylinders  
(c) Three free cylinders (d) Four free cylinders

**198. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman is on an official visit to which countries to strengthen bilateral economic and financial partnership?**

- (a) Britain and Germany (b) Canada and America  
(c) Australia and Japan (d) France and Russia

**199. On the occasion of National Sports Day, on which date will the nationwide youth engagement program 'Khelo India Dialogue-Khel Ki Baat, Prime Minister Modi ke Saath' be organized?**

- (a) August 25 (b) August 27  
(c) August 29 (d) August 31

**200. Thomas Gicquel and Delphine Delrue, who won gold in the Badminton World Championships mixed doubles, belong to which country?**

- (a) Denmark (b) China  
(c) France (d) Japan

**201. Yomif Kejelcha, who broke the half-marathon world record with a time of 56 minutes 51 seconds, is from which country?**

- (a) Kenya (b) Ethiopia  
(c) Uganda (d) Jamaica

**202. What is the name of the strategic partnership declaration and defense cooperation agreement signed between Ukraine and Norway?**

- (a) Victoria Agreement (b) Catherine Agreement  
(c) Elizabeth Agreement (d) Margaret Agreement

**203. President Droupadi Murmu will confer the National Teachers' Award (NAT) on how many teachers/faculty members of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) and polytechnics on September 5, 2026?**

- (a) 15 (b) 20  
(c) 18 (d) 21

**204. In which Indian city was the 7th High-Level Meeting between the Indian Coast Guard and the Vietnam Coast Guard held?**

- (a) Mumbai (b) Kochi  
(c) Visakhapatnam (d) Chennai

**205. On which of the following days is Women's Equality Day celebrated every year?**

- (a) August 23 (b) August 24  
(c) August 25 (d) August 26

**206. Union Minister of Rural Development and Agriculture Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan launched the 'Mission Samriddh Gaon' scheme from where?**

- (a) Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh  
(b) New Delhi  
(c) Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh  
(d) Jaipur, Rajasthan

**207. Jojari River, near which the Supreme Court has stayed construction work, is the only major right-bank tributary of which river that does not originate from the Aravallis?**

- (a) Mahi River (b) Luni River  
(c) Banas River (d) Chambal River

**208. The joint military exercise 'Maitree-15' is being held between India and which country?**

- (a) Thailand (b) Vietnam

- (c) Sri Lanka (d) Singapore

**209. What has the Ministry of Home Affairs changed the official name of the southern state of Kerala to?**

- (a) Keralam (b) Keralam  
(c) Keralanchal (d) Dakshin Kerala

**210. Where has the National Security Guard (NSG) Training Academy started its first 'Women Commando Conversion Course'?**

- (a) Manesar (b) New Delhi  
(c) Pune (d) Bengaluru

**211. The diving support vessel 'Nipun' has been indigenously designed and built by which shipyard?**

- (a) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, Mumbai  
(b) Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi  
(c) Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam  
(d) Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers, Kolkata

**212. Who is the author of the book 'Kaho Kalidas', released by Minister of Culture and Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat?**

- (a) Yugal Joshi (b) Amish Tripathi  
(c) Chetan Bhagat (d) Sanjeev Sanyal

**213. Panchdev Pandey, who passed away recently, was a former news anchor of which broadcasting organization?**

- (a) Doordarshan  
(b) All India Radio News (Akashvani Samachar)  
(c) BBC Hindi  
(d) NDTV

**214. Where is the 20th edition of the Asian Games scheduled to be held from September 19 to October 4, 2026?**

- (a) Hangzhou, China (b) Nagoya, Japan  
(c) Seoul, South Korea (d) Bangkok, Thailand

**215. For the welfare of which category of people is the Delhi Government going to launch the 'Vayo Anand' scheme?**

- (a) Women (b) Students  
(c) Senior citizens (d) Farmers

**216. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will participate in the 26th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation summit in which country?**

- (a) Uzbekistan (b) Kyrgyz Republic

- (c) Kazakhstan (d) Tajikistan
- 217. Under emergency procurement, India has signed an agreement with which country to purchase the Javelin anti-tank guided missile system?**  
 (a) Russia (b) France  
 (c) America (d) Israel
- 218. Which football player from Mizoram has been chosen as the best Indian footballer of the year 2026?**  
 (a) Sunil Chhetri (b) Lallianzuala Chhangte  
 (c) Gurpreet Singh Sandhu (d) Anirudh Thapa
- 219. US President Donald Trump has announced the biggest oil deal ever with which country, giving the US control over more than 65 billion barrels of crude oil?**  
 (a) Iran (b) Saudi Arabia  
 (c) Venezuela (d) Russia
- 220. How much cash award has Hockey India announced for the Indian women's hockey team for finishing 5th in the FIH Women's Hockey World Cup?**  
 (a) ₹25 Lakh (b) ₹50 Lakh  
 (c) ₹75 Lakh (d) ₹1 Crore
- 221. Under which operation has the Madhya Pradesh unit of the Central Bureau of Narcotics seized more than 6.6 million psychotropic pills?**  
 (a) Operation Vajra 2.0  
 (b) Operation Kavach  
 (c) Operation Prahar  
 (d) Operation Vijay
- 222. Who among the following has recently been appointed as Joint Director in the National Testing Agency?**  
 (a) Ravi Kumar Singh  
 (b) Prasanna Venkatesh V  
 (c) Amit Samdaryia  
 (d) Mohan Yadav
- 223. US President Donald Trump has signed an executive order instructing the federal government to rename Lake Ontario to what?**  
 (a) America Lake (b) Freedom Lake  
 (c) Trump Lake (d) Patriot Lake
- 224. Indian squash player Velavan Senthilkumar won the PSA Budapest Squash Open title by defeating local contender Balázs Farkas of which country in the final?**  
 (a) Hungary (b) Poland  
 (c) Czech Republic (d) Austria
- 225. On which date is 'National Sports Day' celebrated every year in India to mark the birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand?**  
 (a) August 15 (b) August 29  
 (c) September 5 (d) November 14
- 226. Who has been appointed as India's next Ambassador to the Republic of Nauru?**  
 (a) Nagesh Singh (b) Vikram Misri  
 (c) Vinay Mohan Kwatra (d) Taranjit Singh Sandhu
- 227. Who became the first Indian to win the prestigious 'Grand Chess Tour' by defeating Fabiano Caruana in the final?**  
 (a) R. Praggnanandhaa (b) D. Gukesh  
 (c) R. Ramesh Babu (d) Arjun Erigaisi
- 228. In which city has Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu approved the establishment of India's first dedicated Quantum and Artificial Intelligence University campus?**  
 (a) Visakhapatnam (b) Amaravati  
 (c) Vijayawada (d) Tirupati
- 229. What historical photograph was Pulitzer Prize-winning photojournalist Saul Leiter, who recently passed away at the age of 99, most famous for?**  
 (a) Burst of Joy  
 (b) The Terror of War  
 (c) Raising the Flag on Iwo Jima  
 (d) Saigon Execution
- 230. Which new public participation initiative has been launched by the Ministry of Panchayati Raj to donate desktop computers to verified Gram Panchayats?**  
 (a) Digital Gram Initiative (b) Daanveer  
 (c) Samarth Gramin (d) Computer Sahayata
- 231. Which company has built India's first indigenous multi-purpose vessel 'Samarthak' and delivered it to the Indian Navy?**  
 (a) Larsen & Toubro (L&T), Kattupalli  
 (b) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders, Mumbai  
 (c) Cochin Shipyard, Kochi

(d) Goa Shipyard Limited

**232. Who is the author of the book Modi Era of Resolution to Achievement, which was recently released by Vice President C.P. Radhakrishnan?**

- (a) Ghanshyam Tiwari (b) Abhay K.  
(c) Yugal Joshi (d) S. Jaishankar

**233. Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary, identified as an important breeding site for the black-necked stork, is located in which district of Gujarat?**

- (a) Kutch (b) Jamnagar  
(c) Junagadh (d) Bhavnagar

**234. Which country did the Indian team defeat to finish 5th in the FIH Women's Hockey World Cup 2026?**

- (a) Germany (b) Netherlands  
(c) Australia (d) Argentina

**235. Jakub Menšík and Karolína Muchová won the US Open 2026 mixed doubles title by defeating which pair in the final?**

- (a) Flavio Cobolli and Belinda Bencic  
(b) Rohan Bopanna and Gabriela Dabrowski  
(c) Rajeev Ram and Barbora Krejčíková  
(d) Matteo Berrettini and Jasmine Paolini

## ANSWER KEY

|         |         |          |          |          |          |          |
|---------|---------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| 1. (a)  | 35. (c) | 69. (b)  | 103. (a) | 137. (d) | 171. (d) | 205. (d) |
| 2. (b)  | 36. (b) | 70. (d)  | 104. (b) | 138. (c) | 172. (b) | 206. (b) |
| 3. (a)  | 37. (b) | 71. (b)  | 105. (b) | 139. (c) | 173. (b) | 207. (b) |
| 4. (b)  | 38. (d) | 72. (a)  | 106. (d) | 140. (c) | 174. (d) | 208. (a) |
| 5. (b)  | 39. (d) | 73. (c)  | 107. (a) | 141. (b) | 175. (a) | 209. (a) |
| 6. (d)  | 40. (c) | 74. (d)  | 108. (b) | 142. (a) | 176. (b) | 210. (a) |
| 7. (d)  | 41. (d) | 75. (b)  | 109. (b) | 143. (b) | 177. (d) | 211. (c) |
| 8. (a)  | 42. (b) | 76. (b)  | 110. (c) | 144. (c) | 178. (c) | 212. (a) |
| 9. (b)  | 43. (c) | 77. (a)  | 111. (b) | 145. (b) | 179. (b) | 213. (b) |
| 10. (d) | 44. (c) | 78. (c)  | 112. (b) | 146. (b) | 180. (a) | 214. (b) |
| 11. (a) | 45. (a) | 79. (b)  | 113. (a) | 147. (b) | 181. (a) | 215. (c) |
| 12. (b) | 46. (d) | 80. (b)  | 114. (b) | 148. (c) | 182. (b) | 216. (b) |
| 13. (c) | 47. (b) | 81. (b)  | 115. (c) | 149. (b) | 183. (c) | 217. (c) |
| 14. (b) | 48. (a) | 82. (a)  | 116. (d) | 150. (c) | 184. (b) | 218. (b) |
| 15. (b) | 49. (b) | 83. (c)  | 117. (b) | 151. (b) | 185. (a) | 219. (c) |
| 16. (a) | 50. (d) | 84. (a)  | 118. (c) | 152. (d) | 186. (b) | 220. (b) |
| 17. (c) | 51. (c) | 85. (b)  | 119. (c) | 153. (a) | 187. (b) | 221. (a) |
| 18. (b) | 52. (c) | 86. (d)  | 120. (d) | 154. (a) | 188. (b) | 222. (c) |
| 19. (d) | 53. (b) | 87. (a)  | 121. (b) | 155. (a) | 189. (a) | 223. (a) |
| 20. (a) | 54. (a) | 88. (b)  | 122. (c) | 156. (c) | 190. (b) | 224. (a) |
| 21. (c) | 55. (c) | 89. (a)  | 123. (a) | 157. (b) | 191. (c) | 225. (b) |
| 22. (c) | 56. (b) | 90. (a)  | 124. (c) | 158. (c) | 192. (a) | 226. (a) |
| 23. (b) | 57. (a) | 91. (d)  | 125. (b) | 159. (b) | 193. (a) | 227. (a) |
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| 26. (b) | 60. (b) | 94. (c)  | 128. (b) | 162. (b) | 196. (c) | 230. (b) |
| 27. (c) | 61. (d) | 95. (d)  | 129. (c) | 163. (a) | 197. (c) | 231. (a) |
| 28. (a) | 62. (b) | 96. (c)  | 130. (d) | 164. (b) | 198. (b) | 232. (a) |
| 29. (c) | 63. (a) | 97. (b)  | 131. (b) | 165. (b) | 199. (b) | 233. (b) |
| 30. (c) | 64. (b) | 98. (c)  | 132. (b) | 166. (a) | 200. (c) | 234. (a) |
| 31. (c) | 65. (c) | 99. (d)  | 133. (c) | 167. (b) | 201. (b) | 235. (a) |
| 32. (a) | 66. (a) | 100. (b) | 134. (b) | 168. (a) | 202. (c) |          |
| 33. (b) | 67. (d) | 101. (c) | 135. (a) | 169. (b) | 203. (d) |          |
| 34. (b) | 68. (a) | 102. (d) | 136. (d) | 170. (a) | 204. (d) |          |



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