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Behind HP Petrol Pump,
Opp. Punjabi University Patiala

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- **Which two organisations received the Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya Telecom Excellence Awards 2025?**
  Amantya Technologies Pvt. Ltd. & Finaara Technologies
- **Where has India's first dedicated Department of Military Medicine been established?**
  Command Hospital (Central Command), Lucknow
- **Who has recently become the first woman Director General of the Geological Survey of India (GSI)?**



- **What is 'Nipun', recently delivered to the Indian Navy?**



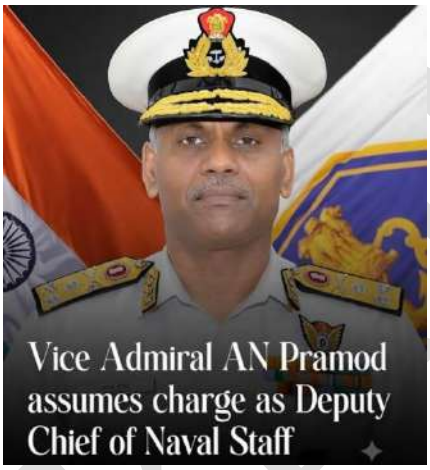
A diving support vessel (DSV) is a specialized ship used as a floating base for professional underwater work, deep-sea diving, and maritime rescue operations

- **Who has been appointed as the new Director General of Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS)?**

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- **Which country has decided to withdraw from the Rome Statute, ending its membership in the International Criminal Court (ICC)?**
  Venezuela
- **Who has assumed charge as the Deputy Chief of Naval Staff (DCNS) of the Indian Navy?**



- **Who has assumed charge as the Controller General of Defence Accounts (CGDA)?**



- Which day is observed every year on ***1st August***?

Muslim Women's' Rights Day

(The law is formally called the Muslim Women (Protection of Rights on Marriage) Act, 2019)

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World Lung Cancer Day

- Which week is observed every year from ***1-7th August***?

World Breastfeeding Week

<u>THEME 2026</u>: *"Breastfeeding for a sustainable start in life: strengthen what works"*

- **Which is India's first indigenously developed satellite battery to receive the 'Flight Heritage' status?**

  PowerBank-50

- **Who won the Men's Singles title at the 22nd Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships 2026?**

  The <u>22nd Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship 2026</u> took place from July 27 to August 2, 2026, at the Thyagraj Stadium in New Delhi, India. Jointly organized by the Delhi Government and the Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI) under the patronage of the Commonwealth Table Tennis Federation (CTTF)





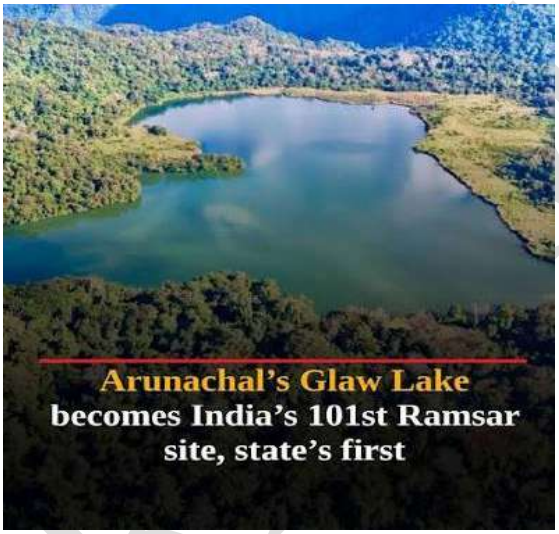
- **Kailash Chandra Panth has passed away recently, in which field was he awarded the Padma Shri?**

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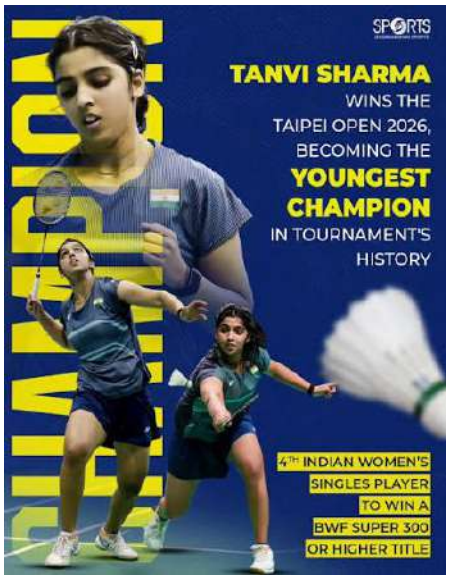
- **Glaw Lake has become India's 101st Ramsar Site. It is located in which state?**



- **Who won the Women's Singles title at the Taipei Open Super 300 (2026)?**

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Yudai Okimoto (Japan) won the men's singles title at the 2026 Taipei Open Super 300.

- **Australia has signed agreements with which Indian state for cooperation on areas like Clean Energy, Advanced Manufacturing?**
  Andhra Pradesh
- Which day is observed every year on ***6th August***?

Hiroshima Day/Anti-Nuclear Day

(The day is to commemorate the day in August 1945 when an atomic bomb was dropped on the Japanese city of Hiroshima on August 6 by United States, followed a few days later by another drop on the city of Nagasaki on August 9)

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39th Foundation Day (in 2026) of Tribal Co-operative Marketing Federation of India (TRIFED)

- **Where was Exercise ROTOR CLAP III conducted by the Indian Air Force?**
  Pokhran Field Firing Range, Rajasthan
- **The Clouded Leopard Conservation Action Plan was launched by the Central Government on the occasion of International Clouded Leopard Day. When is this day celebrated?**
  4 August
- **Who has been awarded the COSPAR Vikram Sarabhai Medal - 2026?**

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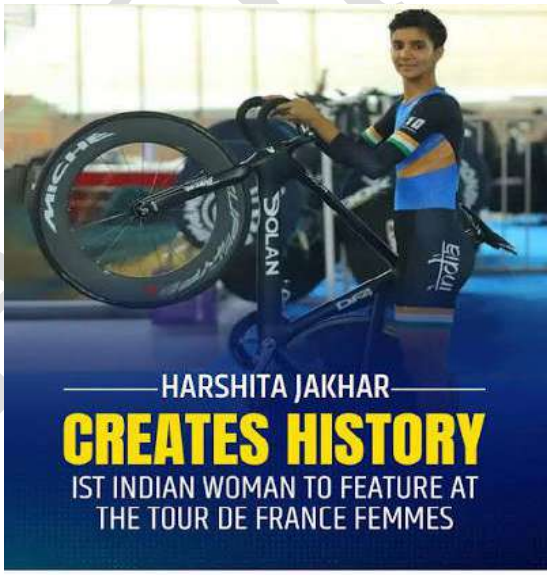
- **ANUGYAN (Nuclear Technology Orientation Program) has been launched by which institution?**
  IIT Hyderabad
- Which day is observed every year on ***7th August***?

National Handloom Day

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National Javelin Throw Day

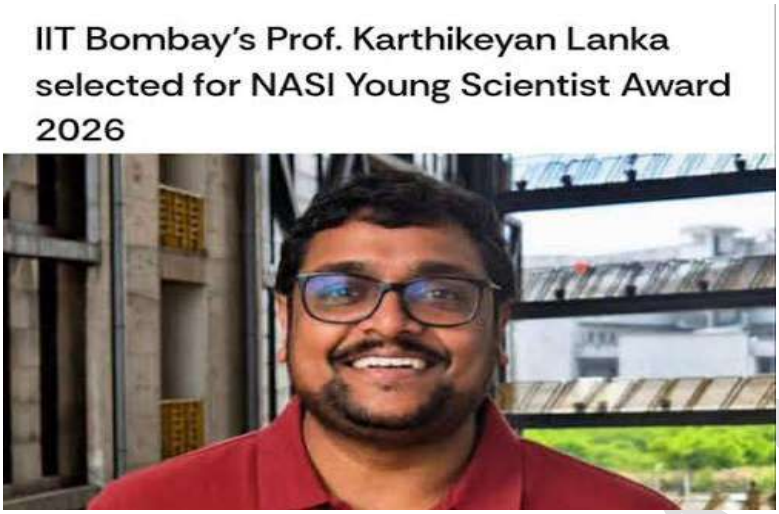
- **Who became the first Indian woman to be associated with the Tour de France Femmes?**



- **Who has been selected for the NASI Young Scientist Platinum Jubilee Award 2026 (Earth Sciences)?**

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- **The 'As Seen on Netflix' section has been launched on which portal?**
  - Portal: Incredible India Website
  - Launched by: Union Minister for Culture and Tourism, Shri Gajendra Singh Shekhawat
  - Partner: Netflix India (marking 10 years of Netflix in India)
  - Date: August 5, 2026
- **Which U.S. state has declared August 15, 2026, as 'India Day'?**
  Massachusetts
- Which day is observed every year on ***8th August***?

Quit India Day

(Every year, the Quit India Day (or August Kranti Day) is observed on 8 August to commemorate the anniversary of Quit India Movement, launched by Father of Nation, Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi, on 8 August 1942 at the All-India Congress Committee session in Bombay)

- **India's first High-Altitude Wildlife Safari will be launched in which Union Territory?**



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- **Who has been honoured with the Dr. M.S. Swaminathan Award for Environment Protection 2026?**
  P. Pechiyammal and Govindhammal
- Which day is observed every year on ***9th August***?

World Tribal Day (International Day of the World's Indigenous People's)

THEME 2026: ***"Honouring Indigenous Midwives: Safeguarding Life and Well-being"***

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Nagasaki Day

- **Who has been appointed as the Deputy Chief of Air Staff (DCAS) of the Indian Air Force (IAF)?**



Air Marshal Tejpal Singh

- **Who has become the first Indian woman fighter pilot to complete the Fighter Combat Leader (FCL) Course?**

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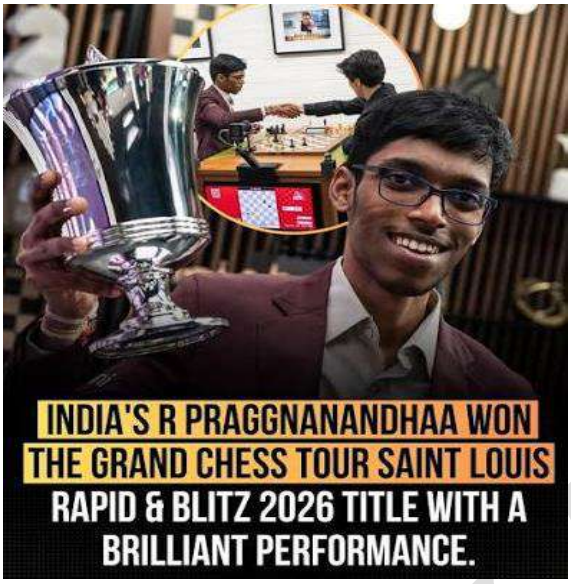
- **According to Randstad Employer Brand Research (REBR) 2026, which company has been ranked as India's Most Attractive Employer Brand?**



- **Who has won the Grand Chess Tour St. Louis Rapid & Blitz 2026 title?**

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- **Which Indian-origin NASA astronaut has completed his first spacewalk (EVA) outside the International Space Station (ISS)?**



- **Which state secured the first rank in the NITI Aayog School Education Quality Index (SEQI) 2026?**

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- **Who has become the 36th President of Colombia in 2026?**



- **What is the name of India's first privately built 800 KN FFSC LOX-Methane rocket engine?**
  EVEREST
- Which day is observed every year on ***10th August***?

World Biofuel Day

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World Lion Day

- **The Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026 has been brought to amend which Act?**
  Payment and Settlement

In simple terms, the **Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026** is a legal update passed by the Indian Parliament to modify existing financial rules.
It mainly changes three existing laws

- **The Income-tax Act, 2025** – To give tax benefits to foreign companies, encourage manufacturing in India (like electronics),

and make it easier for global investment funds to operate.
- **The Payment and Settlement Systems Act, 2007** – To update rules surrounding digital payments and transaction fees
- **The Finance Act, 2026** – To adjust specific tax clauses and surcharges.

- **Which two disasters have been added to the list of Notified Natural Calamities following the recommendations of the 16th Finance Commission?**

  Heatwave and Lightning

- Which day is observed every year on ***12th August***?

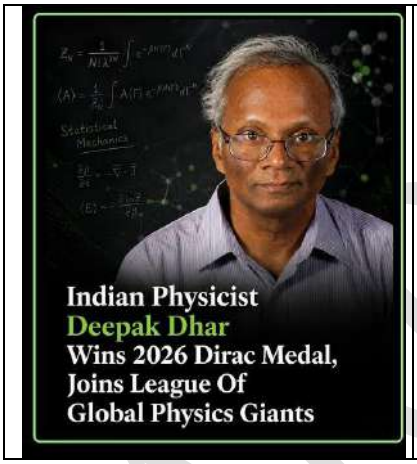
International Youth Day

THEME 2026: "*Different Contexts, Common Aspirations*"

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World Elephant Day

- **Which physicist(s) was/were awarded the prestigious 2026 Dirac Medal by the International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP)?**

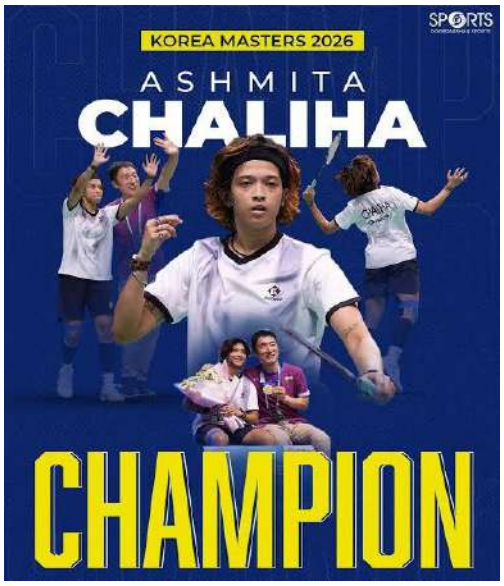




- **Who won the Women's Singles title at the Korea Masters 2026?**

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Zhu Xuan Chen (China) won the men's singles title at the VICTOR Korea Masters 2026

- **Ratusinh Na Muvada village, which has emerged as a chess talent hub, is located in which state?**
  Gujarat
- **Which cyber fraud has been flagged by Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (14C) in its recent advisory?**
  WhatsApp 'Boss Scam'
- Which day is observed every year on ***13th August***?

World Organ Donation Day

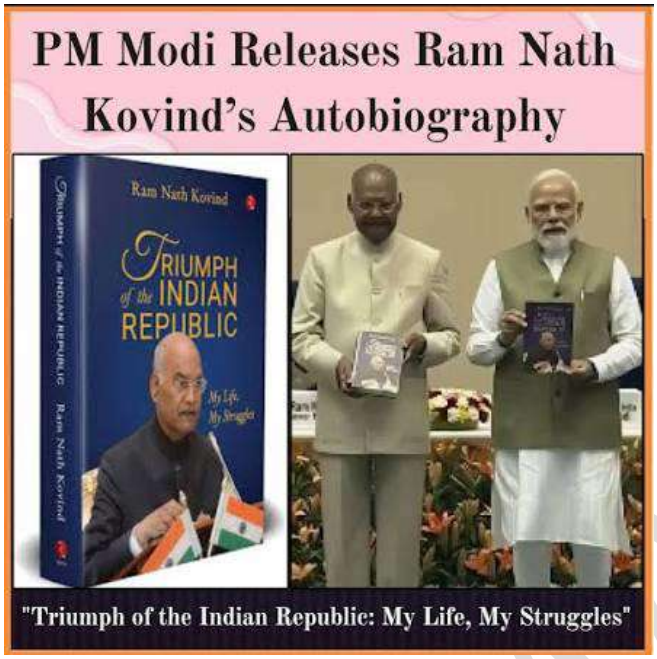
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International Left Handers Day

- ***"Triumph of the Indian Republic - My Life, My Struggles*" is the autobiography of whom?**

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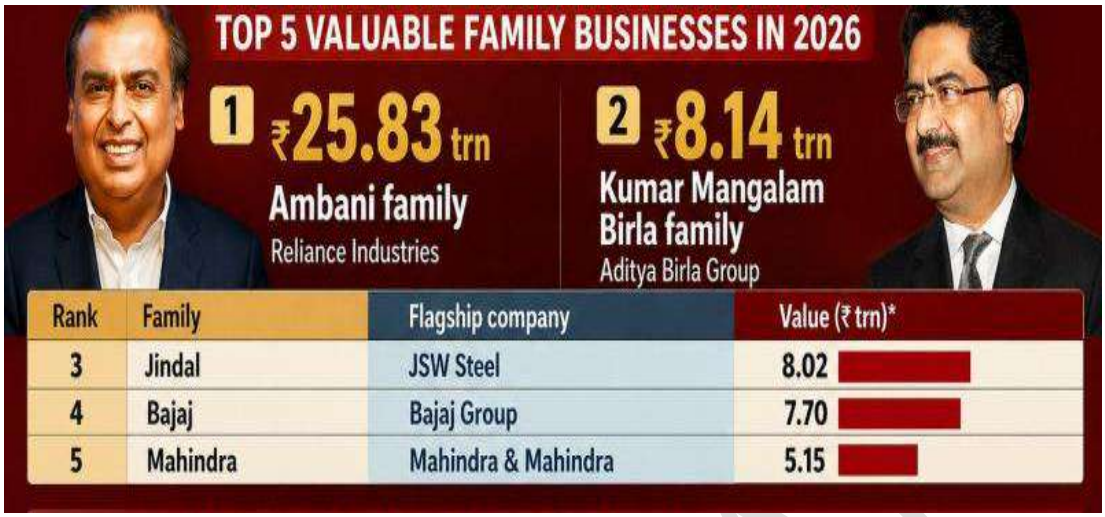
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- **Which country's parliament approved a law to abolish the death penalty in August 2026?**
  Lebanon
- **What is the name of the second Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessel (NGOPV) launched by GRSE for the Indian Navy?**
  Shruti
- **Which AI-powered supercomputing facility was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi at IIT Delhi?**
  Param Pragya
- **'Udara Shakti 2026' is a bilateral air exercise between the air forces of India and which country?**
  Malaysia
- **Which was the most valuable business family in India according to the 2026 Barclays Private Clients Hurun India Most Valuable Family Businesses List?**

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- **Who was elected as the new President of Hungary in August 2026?**



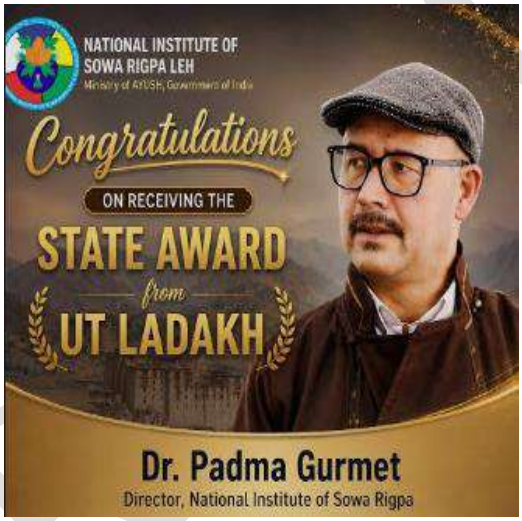
- **Which former Chief Justice of India has been appointed as an arbitrator by Russia in the investment treaty arbitration involving Ukrain's Oschadbank?**

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- **For contribution to which traditional medical system was Dr. Padma Gurmet honoured with the UT Ladakh State Award 2025?**



Sowa-Rigpa

- Which day is observed every year on ***19th August***?

World Photography Day

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World Humanitarian Day

THEME 2026: *"Families of Fallen Humanitarians"*

- **Which Bollywood actor has been appointed as the Brand Ambassador of Foxtale?**

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- **How many Indians were part of the Guinness World Record skydiving feat involving 65 skydivers?**



Jamsheer Thanalot (from Kannur, Kerala)
Abhishek Rawat (from Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh)
Isha Raj (from Patna, Bihar)

- **Which company received the Overall Industry Champion award at the Prime Minister Internship Scheme (PMIS) Industry Awards 2026?**
  Mahindra & Mahindra Limited
- Which day is observed every year on ***20th August***?

Akshay Urja Diwas (Renewable Energy Day)

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Sadbhavana Diwas

(Every year India observes Sadbhavana Diwas on August 20 to commemorate the birth anniversary of late erstwhile Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi. 'Sadbhavana' means goodwill and bonafide)

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World Mosquito Day

(The day also commemorates the discovery made by British doctor Sir Ronald Ross in 1897 that female mosquitoes transmit malaria between humans)

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- **Which organisation launched CYBER KUSHTI 2026?**
  National Institute for Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT)
  Artificial Intelligence hackathon named Cyber Kushti 2026 is designed to test and recognise human judgement in cyber security assessment
- **Which organisation developed the RSVC-AMRIT platform?**
  National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)
  Accelerated Medium for Rural Innovations and Technologies (AMRIT)



- **Which renowned sculptor passed away at the age of 75?**

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Chandrashekhar Y. Shilpi

- **Chief of Army Staff General Dhiraj Seth was conferred the Honorary General rank of which country's army?**



- Which day is observed every year on ***21st August***?

World Sanskrit Day

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World Senior Citizens Day

(The day was officially founded by the former President of the United States of America, Ronald Reagan in 1988 to dedicate a day to older adults and their issues)

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International Day of Remembrance & Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism (by UN)

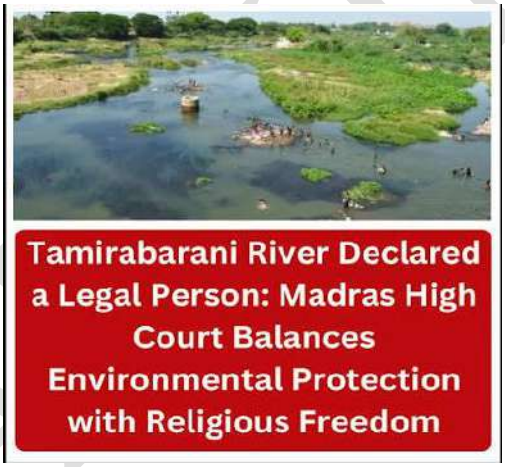
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- **Who won the Esports World Cup Chess 2026 title for the second consecutive year?**



- **Which river was recently granted legal personhood by the Madras High Court?**



- Which day is observed every year on ***22nd August***?

International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief

- **Who was re-elected as the President of Zambia for a second term?**

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- **Who became the first Indian to hit 100 sixes in Test cricket?**



- **Which GI-tagged Kashmiri rice variety was recently in the news?**



- **Which state has become the first state in India to give 365 days of paid maternity leave to women employees for their third child?**
  Tamil Nadu

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COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2026

The **2026 Commonwealth Games**, officially known as the **XXIII Commonwealth Games** took place in Glasgow, Scotland between July 23 to August 2, 2026 with athletes from 74 nations competing across 11 sports.

MASCOT



The official mascot of the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow is Finnie, a magical Scottish unicorn- Named after the famous **Finnieston Crane** that towers over the Glasgow 2026 venues along the River Clyde

Opening Ceremony Highlights:



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Olympic medalists Mirabai Chanu and **Lovlina Borgohain** led the Indian team into the arena, carrying the tricolor to a loud ovation from the crowd



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- **Flag Bearer:** Boxer Jaismine Lamboria (women's 57kg gold medalist) led the Indian contingent during the athletes' parade.



- **Flag Acceptance:** Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra and IOA President PT Usha symbolically accepted the Commonwealth flag alongside Gujarat Deputy Chief Minister Harsh Sanghavi.





Milestone: India will host the 100th-anniversary Games in Ahmedabad, becoming only the second nation after Australia to host the event twice

- Which day is observed every year on ***23nd August***?

  International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade & Its Abolition (is a UNESCO designated Day)

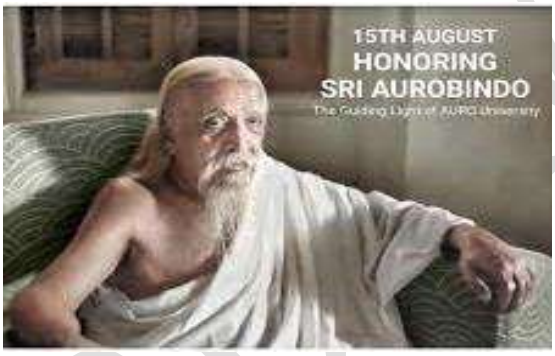
- **Who has been recognised by Guinness World Records as the world's youngest male Chartered Accountant?**

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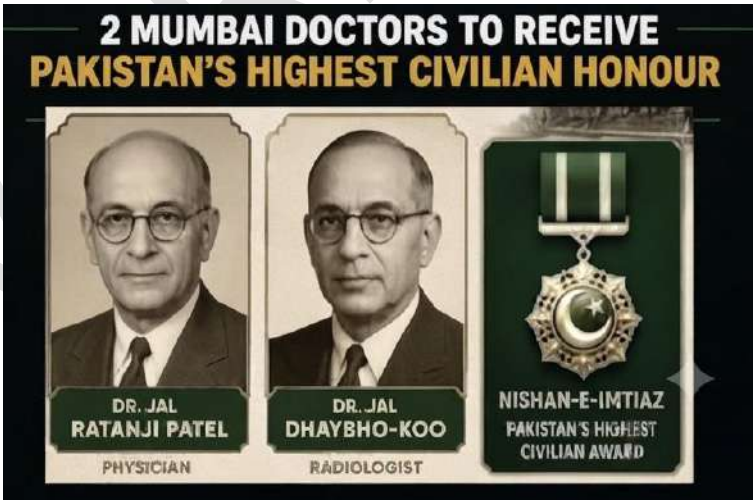


- **Which birth anniversary of Indian philosopher Sri Aurobindo was celebrated on 15th August 2026?**



154th

- **Which is the highest civilian award of Pakistan for which two Mumbai-based Parsi doctors have been nominated?**



- **PhonePe signed an MoU to integrate its PulsePro platform with which government portal?**

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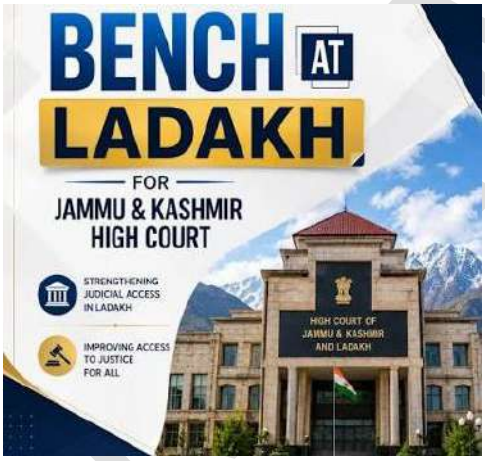


- **What is the name of Razorpay's first AI-powered Payments Foundation Model?**
  Razorpay Vulcan
- Which week is observed every year from ***23-27th August***?

World Water Week

<u>THEME 2026</u>: *"Water for People and Progress"*

- **The Union Cabinet approved a permanent bench of the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh in which Union Territory?**



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

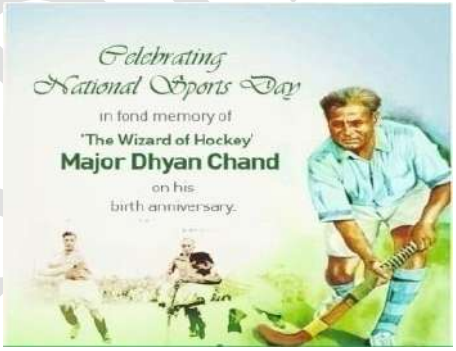
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- **For whom was the 'Friends of MY Bharat' initiative launched?**
  Indian-origin youth living abroad
- **Who has been appointed as an Honorary Advisor to BRICS Chamber of Commerce & Industry?**
  Dr. Eluri Sreedhar
- Which day is observed every year on ***29th August***?

National Sports Day



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International Day against Nuclear Tests

- **Who won the 2026 Sinquefield Cup title?**

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- **Which country will host the 2027 FIFA Women's World Cup?**
  Brazil



Kaziah Liz Mejo (19 years old, from Kerala) was crowned Miss Universe India 2026 on August 23, 2026, at Zee Studios in Jaipur, Rajasthan

- **Recently, the famous South Indian actress Sowcar Janaki passed away at the age of 94. In which year was he awarded the Padma Shri?**

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- **What is the name of India's first Al-piloted fighter jet programme?**



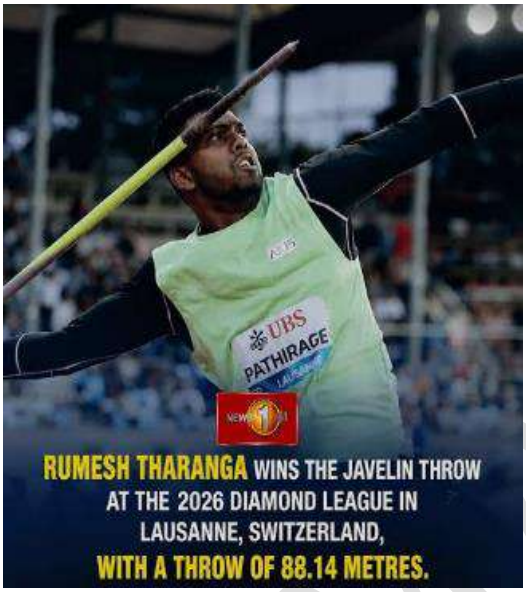
- **Which Indian javelin thrower has been suspended in 2022 (till 2025) for doping?**



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- **Who won the men's javelin throw event at the Lausanne Diamond League 2026?**



Sri Lanka's Rumesh Tharanga Pathirage, who won the event with a throw of 88.14 meters

Neeraj Chopra finished in second place with a season-best throw of 88.05 meters

- **Who won the Gold Medal in the Women's 76 kg category at the U20 World Wrestling Championship 2026?**



- **In which state was the world's first IVF female calf of the indigenous Lakhimi breed born?**

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- **Which was the only Indian city featured in the 2026 Work From Anywhere Index?**





- **What is the name of the sanctions campaign launched by the United States against Iran on 24 August 2026?**

Operation Economic Outcast

- **Who won the 72nd Nehru Trophy Boat Race 2026?**

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- **Which Ethiopian athlete set a new Half Marathon World Record on 23 August 2026?**



- **What is the name of the scheme announced by the Tamil Nadu Government for domestic LPG cylinder reimbursement?**

Annapoorani Super Six Scheme

- Which day is observed every year on ***30th August***?

National Small Industry Day

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International Day of the Disappeared

- **What is the name of the official Al conversational assistant launched by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs?**

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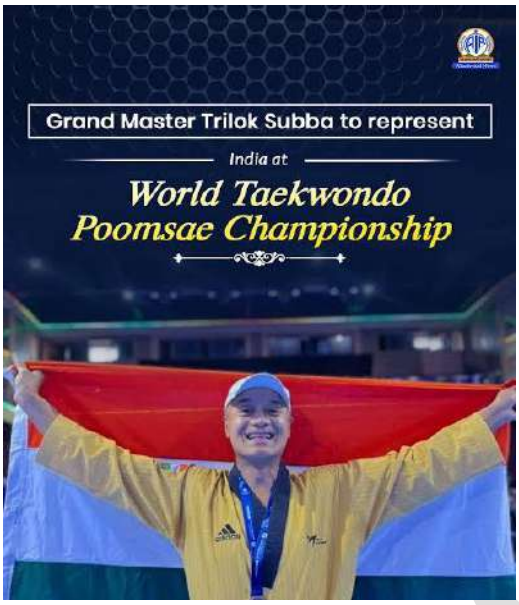
- **Which river was primarily associated with the devastating Flash Flood in Nepal on 26 August 2026?**
  Bhote Koshi River
- **Which mission was launched by the Ministry of Rural Development to develop poverty-free and employment-rich villages?**



- **What is the name of the Joint Coast Guard Exercise between India and Vietnam?**
  Sahyog HOP TAC
- **Which Fast Patrol Vessel was handed over to the Indian Coast Guard by Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL)?**
  ICGS Ajit
- **Grand Master Trilok Subba has been selected to represent India in which competition?**

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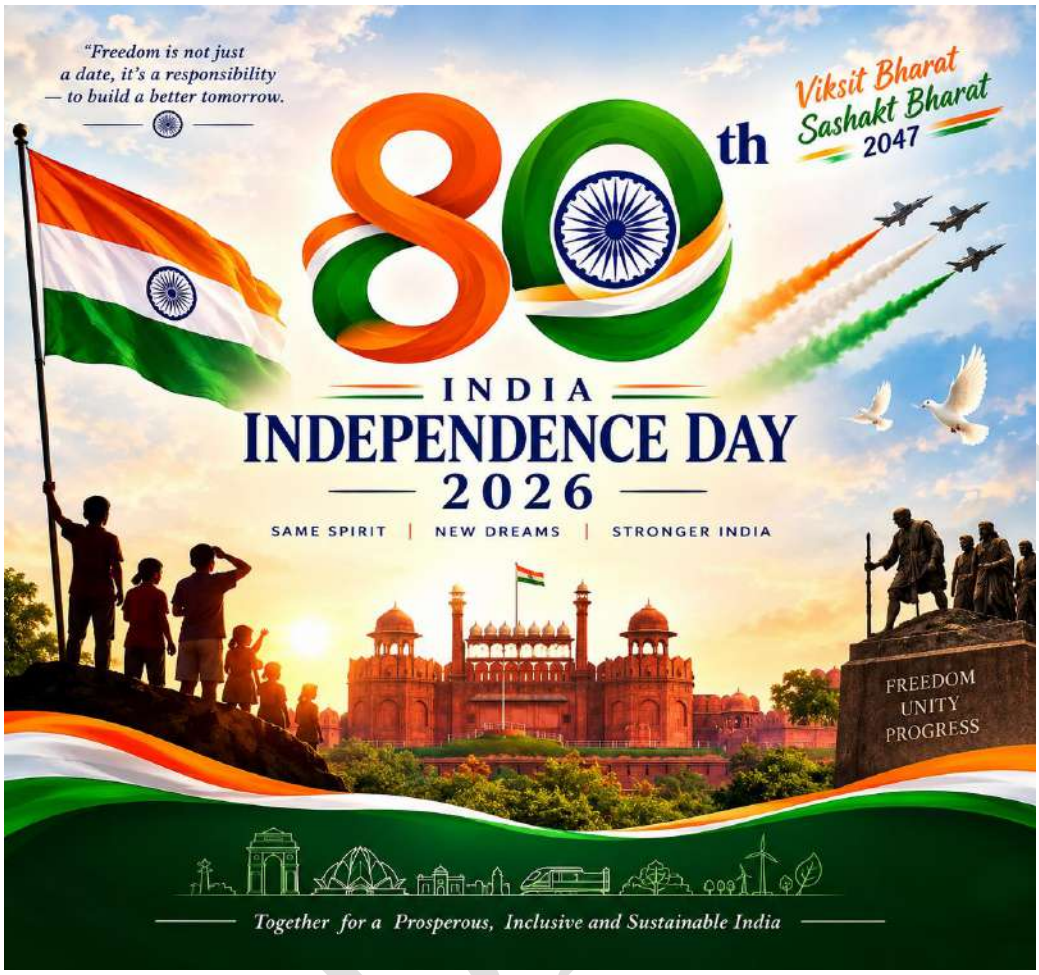
- **Asia's largest soap factory has been set up in Malanpur Industrial Area, in which state is this industrial area located?**
  Madhya Pradesh
- **Who became the first Indian to win the Grand Chess Tour 2026?**



- **Who is the author of the book *'Sankalp Se Siddhi Ka Modi Yug'*?**
  Ghanshyam Tiwari
- **India has signed an agreement with the USA to procure which Anti-Tank Missile System?**
  Javelin Missile

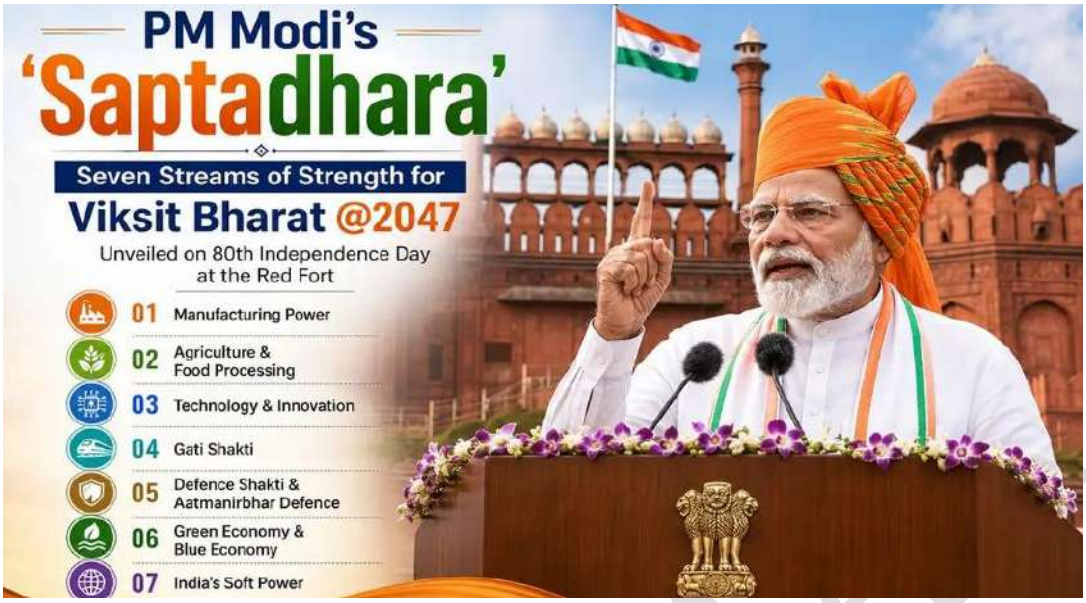
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The Prime Minister addressed the nation from the **Red Fort on India's 80th Independence Day**. For the **first time during Independence Day celebrations**, the full version of India's National Song, **'Vande Mataram', was rendered at the Red Fort on 15th August 2026**, commemorating the **150th anniversary of its enduring legacy**.

- The address also outlined the **'Sapt Dhara' (Seven Streams of Strength)** for strengthening India's capabilities and advancing the vision of **Viksit Bharat by 2047**.



What is the Prime Minister's 'Sapt Dhara' (Seven Streams of Strength) Framework for Viksit Bharat by 2047?

- **Reform Express:** The Sapt Dhara framework is linked to a broader push for accelerated reforms over the next five to seven years, involving changes in policies, institutions, work culture and the scale of national ambition to advance the goal of **Viksit Bharat by 2047**.
- **Manufacturing:** Focus on building the **entire domestic value chain**, from components to finished products, and making India a **trusted hub of global supply chains**. Emphasis is on **zero-defect, precision manufacturing**, competitive factories, quality products and stronger global brand value.**Make in India, Swadeshi and Vocal for Local** are positioned as instruments of **Aatmanirbhar Bharat**.
    - Highlighted that India has also entered into **Free Trade Agreements (FTAs) with nearly 40 countries since 2014**, creating opportunities for **MSMEs and Indian products in global markets**.
- **Agriculture and Food Production:** Focus on **food processing, value addition and integration of farmers with global export markets**, enabling movement from **farm to export market**.
    - Greater emphasis is placed on **chemical-free farming** to meet rising global demand and international quality standards. The address also highlighted **affordable fertilisers**, with **Urea and Di-ammonium Phosphate (DAP)** being provided to farmers at substantially lower prices than global market prices.

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- **Technology and Innovation: :** To address the aspirations and anxieties of **Gen Z and India's youth**, the address emphasised positioning India as a **global innovation hub** in **AI, quantum technology, space, robotics, data centres and next-generation communication technologies**, alongside **semiconductor self-reliance**.
    - It also highlighted **UPI and Digital Public Infrastructure(DPI), Bharat 6G Vision and indigenous 6G research and development, the National Drone Policy, Atal Tinkering Labs, the Research, Development, and Innovation (RDI) Scheme**, **AI skilling of 1 crore youth within one year**, **free online coaching for competitive examinations through DPI**, and a **nationwide sports talent hunt for children aged 5–15 years** to support India's **2036 Olympic ambitions**.
- **Gati Shakti:** Focus on **seamless and fast multimodal connectivity** through **high-speed rail, modern highways, inland waterways, airports and multimodal logistics systems**.
    - Railway modernisation is also being prioritised, with **modern railway coach production increasing 21-fold**. Railway electrification has expanded from around **30% to near-total electrification**, reducing diesel dependence, while the introduction of a **hydrogen-powered train** reflects the integration of clean energy with transport.
    - Ports are also being developed towards **port-led development**, supported by opportunities in the **blue economy**.
- **Defence Power:** Strengthen **Aatmanirbharta in defence** and position India as a **global defence supplier**, with focus on **drones, counter-drone systems, hypersonic defence technologies and cybersecurity**.
    - **Mission Sudarshan Chakra** and next-generation defence technologies were highlighted, alongside a **vibrant civil defence network** to prepare citizens for emerging forms of warfare and security threats.
    - The Prime Minister also stated that **armed Naxalism has been effectively countered**, while warning of the lingering threat from **"dimagi Naxals"** seeking to revive violence and disrupt society. eats.

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- **Green and Blue Economy:** India aims for global leadership in **green hydrogen, renewable energy, energy storage, green mobility and green manufacturing**.
    - The address highlighted the **SHANTI Act 2025**, which paved the way for expanding nuclear energy, with a target of **100 GW nuclear power capacity by 2047**, while the Nuclear Energy Mission aims to develop and operationalise at least five indigenous SMRs by 2033..
    - It also emphasised **Fast Breeder Reactor technology, critical mineral security, fisheries, coastal tourism and ocean technology** to strengthen energy security and create green jobs.
    - **Piped gas distribution** has expanded from **70 cities to 700 cities**, reaching around **1.75 crore households**.
    - The **National Critical Minerals Mission and Critical Minerals Corridor** aim to strengthen mineral security for the clean-energy and technology transition.
    - The **Blue Economy** focus includes **fisheries, coastal tourism, ocean technology and port-led development**, while **electric vehicle sales reached 25 lakh in 2025-26**, compared with 1.5 lakh in 2009-10.
- **Soft Power:** Leverage India's strengths in **Yoga, Ayurveda, culture, tourism, handicrafts, films, VFX, animation, gaming and digital content**. **Heal in India** can take India's healthcare and Ayurveda capabilities to the world, while **wildlife resources, national parks, sports and the growing concert economy** can strengthen tourism-led soft power.
- Highlighted that the **WAVES Summit** provided a platform to showcase India's **creative economy and audio-visual capabilities** globally.

The development also draws attention to the **Panch Pran (Five Resolves)**, outlined in the **2022 Independence Day address**, which provide the broader guiding principles for India's journey towards **Viksit Bharat 2047**.

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