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National News

Political and Government Initiatives

Mission Sudarshan Chakra: Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the launch of a new national security initiative called "Mission Sudarshan Chakra." This program, inspired by Lord Krishna's mythological act of shielding the sun, aims to protect India's critical establishments over the next decade. The mission will use entirely indigenous research and technology, implementing a multi-layered security framework that includes advanced surveillance, cyber protection, and physical safeguards.

Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP): Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation inaugurated a two-day workshop on the VVP in New Delhi. This flagship initiative focuses on the holistic development of remote and strategic villages located along India's land borders. The latest phase, VVP-II, expands its coverage to international border villages in 17 states and union territories.

Commemorative Committees: The Government of India established three high-level committees to oversee the celebrations of significant anniversaries: the 150th birth anniversaries of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel and Birsa Munda, and the birth centenary of Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

One Health Mission: The third meeting of the Scientific Steering Committee on the National One Health Mission was held, emphasizing a "One Health" approach that recognizes the interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health to address issues like

zoonotic diseases, food safety, and climate change.

NHAI Project Aarohan: The National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) launched "Project Aarohan" to support the educational aspirations of its toll plaza employees. The project aims to remove financial barriers and provide access to quality education, including scholarships of ₹50,000 for 50 students pursuing postgraduate studies.

Economic and Market News

U.S. Tariffs: U.S. President Donald Trump's new tariffs on Indian goods came into effect, bringing the total tariff on certain products to 50%. The tariffs, reportedly a response to India's continued purchase of Russian oil, are expected to significantly impact labor-intensive sectors like textiles, gems and jewelry, and shrimp exports.

India's Economic Response: The Indian government and business community are responding to the tariffs. Prime Minister Modi reiterated the "vocal for local" and "Aatmanirbhar Bharat" (self-reliant India) mantras. There is a proposal to simplify the Goods and Services Tax (GST) structure to a two-tier system to boost domestic consumption.

Stock and Commodity Markets: India's equity and commodity markets were closed on August 27, 2025, in observance of Ganesh Chaturthi.

Other Significant Events

Vaishno Devi Landslide: A landslide occurred on the route to the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district, killing at least five people and injuring 14 others. The yatra was temporarily suspended due to heavy rain.





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rains and a red alert issued by the India Meteorological Department (IMD).

State-Level Legislation: Several states passed new bills and regulations. For instance, Madhya Pradesh updated its civil service rules to extend maternity and childcare leave to surrogate mothers and single parents. Karnataka passed a bill to levy a welfare fee on app-based aggregators to provide social security to gig workers.

National Human Rights Commission (NHRC): The NHRC took suo motu cognizance of several incidents across the country, including the death of four workers in a gas leak in Maharashtra, the death of a Zimbabwean student in Punjab, and the death of a man amidst allegations of torture at a de-addiction center in Uttar Pradesh.

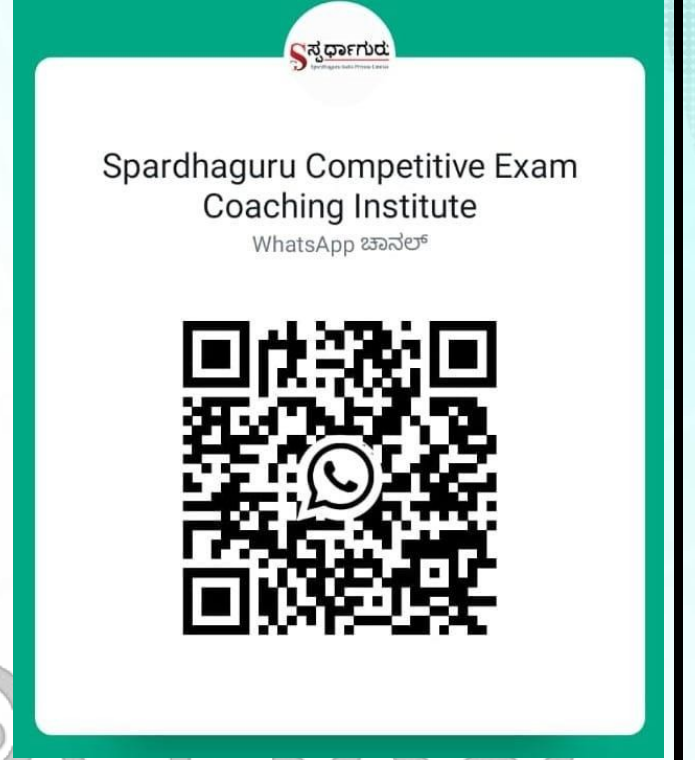
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MCQS

1:What is the primary goal of the "Mission Sudarshan Chakra" announced by Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

- A) To promote tourism in border villages.
- B) To protect India's critical establishments using indigenous technology.
- C) To provide scholarships to students.
- D) To simplify the Goods and Services Tax (GST) structure.

Answer: B) To protect India's critical establishments using indigenous technology. The news states that "Mission Sudarshan Chakra" is a new national security initiative aimed at protecting India's critical establishments over the next decade, based entirely on indigenous research and technology.





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2:Why were India's equity and commodity markets closed on August 27, 2025?

- A) For a national holiday in honor of a historical figure.
- B) Due to a landslide in Jammu and Kashmir.
- C) In observance of Ganesh Chaturthi.
- D) Because of a decline in economic growth.

Answer: C) In observance of Ganesh Chaturthi.
The news explicitly states that India's equity and commodity markets were closed on August 27, 2025, in observance of Ganesh Chaturthi.

3:Which government program is focused on the holistic development of remote and strategic villages located along India's land borders?

- A) NHA Project Aarohan
- B) Mission Sudarshan Chakra
- C) One Health Mission
- D) Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP)

Answer: D) Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP)
The news identifies the "Vibrant Villages Programme (VVP)" as a flagship initiative for the holistic development of remote and strategic villages along India's land borders.

4:The new U.S. tariffs on Indian goods are expected to have a significant impact on which types of sectors?

- A) The technology sector
- B) Labor-intensive sectors like textiles and gems and jewelry
- C) The financial and banking sector
- D) The agricultural sector only

Answer: B) Labor-intensive sectors like textiles and gems and jewelry.
According to the news, the U.S. tariffs are expected to "significantly impact labor-intensive sectors like textiles, gems and jewelry, and shrimp exports."

5:What did the new legislation passed in Karnataka aim to do?

- A) Extend maternity and childcare leave to surrogate mothers.
- B) Provide a welfare fee to gig workers.
- C) Protect critical establishments using indigenous technology.
- D) Simplify the Goods and Services Tax (GST) structure.

Answer: B) Provide a welfare fee to gig workers.
The news mentions that Karnataka passed a bill to "levy a welfare fee on app-based aggregators to provide social security to gig workers."

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