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Today in History on 04 AUG

➤ 1870: The British Red Cross Society was founded.

The British Red Cross Society was founded in 1870. This society was founded on August 4, 1870 in London. The British National Society for Aid to the Sick and Wounded in War was formed. It gave aid and relief to both warring armies during the Franco-Prussian War and in other wars and campaigns during the 19th century. This was done under the protection of the red cross emblem.



➤ 1967: America conducted nuclear tests in Nevada.

Operation Crosstie was a series of 48 nuclear tests conducted by the United States in 1967–1968 at the Nevada Test Site. These tests followed the Operation Latchkey series and preceded the Operation Bowline series. The blast designated Gasbuggy involved an underground detonation, intended to stimulate

production of natural gas by cracking the rock in the underground formation of its deposit.



➤ 2007: NASA launches "Phoenix Mars Lander" to explore Mars.

In 2007, NASA launched the "Phoenix Mars Lander" to Mars. Its purpose was to look for water ice in the northern polar region of Mars and to search for an environment suitable for microorganisms. This view is a combination of hundreds of images taken during the first several weeks after NASA's Phoenix Mars Lander arrived on the Arctic plain located at 68.22 degrees north latitude and 234.25 degrees east longitude on Mars. The landing took place on May 25, 2008.





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➤ 2008: Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) was given Navratna status.

In 2008, Shipping Corporation of India (SCI) was given Navratna status by the Government of India. This status provides SCI with greater autonomy and more powers for capital expenditure, formation of joint ventures and mergers etc. The company operates in the shipping, bulk carrier, tanker, technical and offshore segments and operates a diversified fleet.

eventually gained the weather position and safety, although with heavy losses.



Important NEWS on 04 AUG

➤ Sacred Piprahwa Relics of Lord Buddha Return Home: A Historic Repatriation

The Government of India, in collaboration with the Godrej Industries Group, has successfully repatriated the sacred Piprahwa relics of Lord Buddha to their rightful home. This historic cultural milestone, announced by the Ministry of Culture on July, 2025, not only revives a deep spiritual connection but also establishes India's growing role as a global guardian of heritage and peace.

➤ 1666 - A naval battle took place between the Netherlands and England.

In 1666, during the Second Anglo-Dutch War, an important naval battle took place between the Netherlands and England, known as the Four Days' Battle. This battle was one of the longest naval battles in history. The battle was fiercely contested, with significant casualties on both sides. While the Dutch initially had the upper hand, the English





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➤ New Textile Parks Under PM MITRA Scheme to Boost India's Textile Sector

On August, 2025, the Government of India announced the finalization of seven PM Mega Integrated Textile Region and Apparel (PM MITRA) Parks across the country. With an investment outlay of ₹4,445 crore over seven years (up to 2027-28), the ambitious scheme is set to attract investments worth ₹70,000 crore and create nearly 20 lakh direct and indirect jobs, marking a historic step in India's mission to become a global leader in textiles.



➤ USA Will Explore Pakistan Oil Reserves Amid India Trade Deal

US President Donald Trump imposed fresh tariffs on India, citing an unfair trade imbalance and India's continued oil imports from Russia. Just hours later, he unveiled a deal with Pakistan to jointly develop its untapped oil reserves. The move came against the backdrop of India's membership in BRICS, which Trump criticized as "anti-United States."



➤ Full List of Countries Hit by Donald Trump's New US Tariffs

In a significant move that could reshape global trade dynamics, US President Donald Trump has signed an executive order introducing new tariffs on imports from a wide range of trading partners — including India. These tariffs, ranging from 10% to 41%, will come into effect on August 7, 2025.





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In a historic decision, the All India Football Federation (AIFF) on August, 2025, appointed Khalid Jamil as the head coach of the Senior Men's Indian National Team. The announcement came after a virtual meeting of the AIFF Executive Committee, where extensive discussions were held regarding the future direction of Indian football.

➤ Meet The New Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre

India's space research journey received a significant boost with the appointment of Dr A Rajarajan as the new Director of the Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) in Thiruvananthapuram, effective August 1, 2025. He succeeds Dr S Unnikrishnan Nair, who retired on July, 2025. With nearly four decades of experience in India's space sector, Dr Rajarajan is recognized as a composites expert and a pioneering force behind the launch of Vikram-S, India's first privately built rocket.



➤ This Veteran Appointed Head Coach of the Indian Senior Men's Football Team



➤ Paddy procurement in Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu is all set to create a record in paddy procurement. It is going to touch the 45-lakh-tonne mark soon. As of now, 44.49 lakh tonnes have been procured. As on date, the record in procurement was 44.95 lakh tonnes during 2020-21. The State is procuring an average of about 15,000 tonnes from farmers on a daily basis.





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Current affairs MCQS on 04 AUG

Q.1. Recently, Donald Trump has announced how much duty on Indian goods which will come into effect from 07 August?

- A. 15%
- B. 25%
- C. 35%
- D. 45%

Answer: B. 25%

Recently, Donald Trump has announced to impose 25% tariff on Indian goods which will come into effect from 7th August. Trump has released a list of new tariffs on 92 countries. In this, 25% tariff has been imposed on India and 19% on Pakistan. Whereas, 35% tariff has been imposed on Canada. The lowest tariff in South Asia has been imposed on Pakistan. America had earlier imposed 29% tariff on Pakistan. Whereas, the highest tariff in the world at 41% has been imposed on Syria.

Q.2. Recently, M.S. Swaminathan's birth anniversary will be celebrated as "Sustainable Agriculture Day" in which state?

- A. Kerala
- B. Karnataka
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Rajasthan

Answer: C. Maharashtra

The Maharashtra government has announced that August 7, the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, will be celebrated as Sustainable Agriculture Day. The decision recognises the pioneering contribution of this great scientist to Indian agriculture, especially his role in boosting the production of wheat and rice, which brought about the Green Revolution in India.

Q.3. Recently, the first count of grassland birds was done in Kaziranga National Park in which state?

- A. Assam
- B. Meghalaya
- C. Nagaland





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D. Manipur

Answer: A. Assam

Kaziranga National Park in Assam has conducted India's first grassland bird count (March-May 2025) using acoustic technology to identify and monitor bird species. The survey, conducted by forest officials, researchers and conservationists, recorded 43 species, including critically endangered and endemic birds such as the Finn's Weaver. The count is a significant achievement in biodiversity monitoring, highlighting conservation successes as well as existing threats such as habitat loss and climate change.

Q.4. Recently, the world's smallest known snake, Ozhasnake, was recovered from where after 20 years?

- A. Barbados
- B. Guyana
- C. Colombia
- D. Cuba

Answer: A. Barbados

Recently, the world's smallest known snake, the Barbados threadsnake, was rediscovered in Barbados after nearly 20 years. It belongs to the species Tetracheilostoma carlae, named by scientist S. Blair Hedges in 2008. It has pale yellow dorsal lines and eyes on the sides of its head. It is blind, burrows underground, feeds on termites and ants, and lays a single thin egg. According to the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), it is critically endangered.

Q.5. Who has been appointed as the Executive Director of Reliance Industries recently?

- A. Akash Ambani
- B. Anant Ambani
- C. Isha Ambani
- D. None of these

Answer: B. Anant Ambani

Anant Ambani, the youngest son of Mukesh Ambani, has been appointed as the Executive Director of Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) following

shareholders' approval. His appointment will mark a new chapter in the leadership structure of India's largest conglomerate.

Q.6. Recently, which state has been selected by the Central Government for AI based road safety project?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Rajasthan
- C. Uttarakhand
- D. Himachal Pradesh

Answer: A. Uttar Pradesh

Uttar Pradesh has become the first Indian state to launch an Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Big Data Analytics-based road safety pilot project approved by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH). The state government has allocated Rs 10 crore in its 2025-26 budget to develop a 'data-driven administrative model' for the transport department.

Q.7. Recently, the first indigenous hovercraft for the Indian Coast Guard is being built in which shipyard?

- A. Cochin Shipyard
- B. Hindustan Shipyard
- C. Goa Shipyard
- D. Mazagon Dock

Answer: C. Goa Shipyard

Recently, the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) began construction of its first indigenous Air Cushion Vehicle (ACV) at the Goa-based Chowgule & Company Pvt Ltd shipyard. The ACV is based on the Griffon Hoverwork design but customised by Indian experts for coastal security operations. These ACVs will improve the speed, flexibility and operations of the ICG in shallow waters. They will boost patrolling, interception and rescue operations along India's long coastline.

Q.8. Kavach 4.0 is an automated train protection system which has been recently launched by which organization?

- A. Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)





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B. Research Designs & Standards Organisation (RDSO)

C. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

D. Ministry of Transport

Answer: B. Research Designs & Standards Organisation (RDSO)

Recently, Indian Railways started operating Kavach 4.0 on the Mathura-Kota section of the Delhi-Mumbai route. Kavach 4.0 is an advanced automatic train protection system developed by the Research Design and Standards Organization (RDSO) of Indian Railways to enhance safety and efficiency in train operations. It aims to reduce accidents by controlling train speed using advanced technology and reducing human errors. Kavach is designed at Safety Integrity Level 4 (SIL 4), the highest safety standard. Kavach was first tested in 2015 on South Central Railway and received operational certification in 2018.

Q.9. Neetu Chandra has recently been made the icon face of which State Election Commission?

- A. Punjab
- B. Bihar
- C. Rajasthan
- D. Uttarakhand

Answer: B. Bihar

In a historic decision, the Bihar Election Commission has appointed internationally acclaimed actress and National Award winning producer Neetu Chandra as the Iconic Face of Bihar. This historic appointment is not only an honour but a tribute to a citizen who has worked tirelessly to promote Bihar's identity at global, national and cultural platforms.

Q.10. Recently, the country's largest Unani medical college is being built in which city at a cost of 264 crores?

- A. Patna
- B. Lucknow
- C. Bhopal
- D. Dispur

Answer: A. Patna

The construction of the country's largest Unani medical college being built near NMCH in the capital Patna at a cost of 264 crores has started. Its construction work is targeted to be completed by 2027. It will be completed in the next two years.

Q.11. Recently, which institution has launched the "Saksham Niveshak" campaign?

- A. Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA)
- B. Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- C. Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- D. National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)

Answer: A. Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA)

Recently, the Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) has launched the "Saksham Investor" campaign. It is a 100-day national campaign. IEPFA functions under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs. The campaign aims to help shareholders recover undeclared dividends held by companies. It guides investors to update Know Your Customer (KYC) and nomination details. Companies are encouraged to actively approach shareholders to recover pending dividends.

Q.12 Recently, the proposal to extend President's rule has been passed by the Lok Sabha for which state?

- A. Nagaland
- B. Manipur
- C. Odisha
- D. Meghalaya

Answer: B. Manipur

The Lok Sabha passed a statutory resolution to extend the President's rule in Manipur for six months. Minister of State for Home Nityanand Rai said that peace and normalcy is returning to the state and to continue it, it was considered necessary to extend the period of President's rule. A resolution





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will also have to be passed in the Rajya Sabha to extend the period of President's rule.

Q.13. Recently, India sent 5 metric tonnes of essential medicines to which country as humanitarian aid?

- A. Syria
- B. Gaza
- C. South Sudan
- D. Venezuela

Answer:A. Syria

India has once again demonstrated its commitment to global humanitarian efforts by sending a consignment of humanitarian aid to Syria. The aid package includes 5 metric tonnes of essential medicines aimed at helping the Syrian people overcome their current health crisis.

Q.14. Recently which is India's first PPP model based airport?

- A. Rajiv Gandhi International Airport
- B. Indira Gandhi International Airport
- C. Cochin International Airport
- D. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose Airport

Answer:C. Cochin International Airport

Cochin International Airport Limited (CIAL), India's first PPP-model airport, is embarking on a major green and digital expansion plan. This includes setting up the world's first airport-based green hydrogen plant, increasing solar power to 50 MW, expanding MRO services, and creating an aerotropolis model with IT parks and lifestyle zones. These initiatives are not only in line with carbon neutrality goals but also strengthen India's aviation and business ecosystem under the vision of Make in India and Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

Q.15. Recently which country has banned social media and YouTube for children below 16 years of age?

- A. France
- B. Britain
- C. Japan

D. Australia

Answer:D. Australia

The Australian government has announced that YouTube will be among the internet media platforms that must ensure users are at least 16 years old from December. Australia has officially decided to include YouTube in its upcoming social media ban for children under 16, overturning an earlier commitment to consider the platform an educational tool. The new law, which comes into force in December 2025, will also apply to Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, Snapchat and X (formerly Twitter). Under the law, social media companies are responsible for blocking accounts of children under 16, or face hefty fines of up to 50 million Australian dollars (\$32 million).

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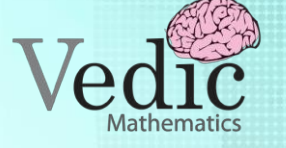
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