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## Today in History on 08 AUG

### ➤ 1700– Denmark and Sweden signed a peace treaty.

In 1700, Denmark and Sweden signed the Peace of Travendal. This treaty, signed on August 2025, concluded Denmark's initial involvement in the Great Northern War. Denmark was forced to recognize the sovereignty of Holstein-Gottorp, a Swedish ally, and withdraw from the anti-Swedish alliance.



### ➤ 1839– Beta Theta Pi is founded in Oxford, Ohio.

Beta Theta Pi (ΒΘΠ), commonly referred to as Beta, is a North American social fraternity founded in 1839 at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. One of the oldest fraternities in North America, as of August 2023, it consists of 150 active chapters and colonies in the United States and Canada. Over 223,000 members have been initiated worldwide and there are currently approximately 10,000 undergraduate

members. Beta Theta Pi is the oldest of the three fraternities that formed the Miami Triad



### ➤ 1864 – The Red Cross was founded in Geneva.

In 1864, the Red Cross was founded in Geneva. This event is known as the Geneva Accords, which aimed to help the wounded and sick in war. In this agreement, the red cross on a white background was adopted as a distinctive symbol, to identify medical personnel and facilities. The Geneva Accords and the establishment of the Red Cross brought about a significant change in the field of humanitarian aid and protection during the war.





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### ➤ 1876 – Thomas Alva Edison patents the mimeograph.

In 1876, Thomas Alva Edison patented the mimeograph, a device that revolutionized document duplication for small-scale printing. This invention, also known as a stencil duplicator, allowed users to create multiple copies of documents using a stencil and a specialized ink. The mimeograph filled a gap between limited carbon copies and expensive printing presses, proving particularly useful for schools, offices, and small publications.



### Important NEWS on 08 AUG

### ➤ India's First 'Make in India' Hydrogen Plant Sets a New Benchmark In This State

In a historic move towards clean energy and sustainable development, the Deendayal Port Authority (DPA) has commissioned the country's first 'Make in India' green hydrogen plant at Kandla, Gujarat. Inaugurated by Union Shipping Minister Sarbananda Sonowal, the 1MW facility is a significant milestone in India's journey toward maritime decarbonization and green energy adoption.

### ➤ 1900– The first Davis Cup series begins in Boston.

In 1900, Dwight Davis challenged British tennis players to play a tennis match with the US, which was held at the Longwood Cricket Club in Boston. The challenge was known as the "International Lawn Tennis Challenge", and was later renamed the Davis Cup. Davis himself led the US team and his team won 3–0. The tournament is still played today and is also known as the "World Cup of Tennis".





### ➤ Promotion of GI-Tagged Indian Textiles: Safeguarding Heritage and Empowering Artisans

The Ministry of Textiles, Government of India actively promotes the registration of handloom and handicraft products under the Geographical Indications of Goods (Registration & Protection) Act, 1999. This initiative ensures that these traditional products are safeguarded against misuse, counterfeit production, and unauthorized marketing. Under schemes such as the Handloom Marketing Assistance (HMA) and National Handloom Development Programme (NHDP), the government provides significant financial assistance to facilitate GI registration.



### ➤ IndusInd Bank Appoints Rajiv Anand as New Managing Director and CEO

IndusInd Bank, a leading private sector lender in India, announced the appointment of Rajiv Anand as its new Managing Director (MD) and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). Anand's tenure will begin on August

25, 2025, and continue until August 24, 2028, subject to shareholder approval at the bank's forthcoming general meeting.



### ➤ UPI Sets New Record with 707 Million Daily Transactions: India's Digital Payments Boom Continues

India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has reached yet another historic milestone. On August 25, 2025, UPI crossed 707 million daily transactions for the first time, according to a report by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI). This record marks a major leap for the country's digital payments ecosystem, which has been expanding rapidly in recent years.





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### ➤ RBI to Deliver \$5 Billion Dollar-Rupee Swap Without Rollover

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced it will deliver a \$5 billion dollar-rupee swap maturing on August, 2025, without opting for a rollover. This decision comes amid a comfortable liquidity surplus in India's banking system, which means there is no immediate need for additional liquidity support.



### ➤ ISRO Launches HOPE Mission in Ladakh to Simulate Astronaut Life for Gaganyaan

On August, 2025, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) launched a 10-day high-altitude isolation experiment in Ladakh. Conducted at 14,000 feet, this mission simulates the extreme conditions astronauts might face on long-duration space missions to the Moon or Mars. The initiative is part of preparations for India's Gaganyaan human spaceflight programme and future interplanetary exploration.



### ➤ Brain-dead organ donors

Tamilnadu state honours for brain-dead organ donors impacted the transplant programme substantially. The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has said this. It was lauding the proactive initiatives of the State government in achieving significant progress in the organ transplant programme. The Directorate-General of Health Services said 461 State honours were accorded since the announcement was made in September 2023.







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Current affairs MCQS on 08 AUG

**Q.1. Recently, which state has announced to impose a fee of ₹80 per metric ton on all vehicles transporting minerals?**

- A. Haryana
- B. Jharkhand
- C. Chhattisgarh
- D. Odisha

**Answer: A. Haryana**

The Haryana Cabinet has approved amendments to the Mineral Mining Rules. This will enable the state to implement the Inter-State Transit Pass (ISTP) framework. These amendments were approved in a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini. All vehicles transporting minerals in Haryana will be charged ₹ 80 per metric tonne. This fee will not be applicable at the destination or place of consumption. The payment should be made in the specified format and manner through the portal of the concerned department.

**Q.2. Recently, which state government has launched the Chief Minister Santosh Moina 2.0 scheme to promote higher education of girls?**

- A. Nagaland
- B. Assam
- C. Tripura
- D. Manipur

**Answer: B. Assam**

Assam Chief Minister Dr Himanta Biswa Sarma launched the Mukhyamantri Santusti Moina 2.0 scheme in Guwahati. The scheme provides monthly financial assistance to increase the enrollment of girls in higher education. Application forms were formally distributed at Guwahati University and across the state. Santusti Moina 2.0 is a major initiative to reduce school dropout rate and empower girl students. Girls from all families, regardless of economic status, are eligible for the scheme.





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**Q.3. Recently, which two crops of Ladakh are part of NASA's Crew-11 experiment on the International Space Station (ISS)?**

- A. Barley and Maize
- B. Seabuckthorn and Himalayan Tartary
- C. Mizuna Mustard and Black-eyed Peas
- D. None of the above

**Answer: B. Seabuckthorn and Himalayan Tartary**

Seabuckthorn and Himalayan Tartary Buckwheat seeds, grown in the cold desert of Ladakh, are part of NASA's Crew-11 experiment on the International Space Station (ISS). These seeds were received by Bengaluru-based Indian space startup Protoplanet. The experiment aims to test how seeds respond to space stress and microgravity before germination. It focuses on gene activation and metabolic processes required for space agriculture. Himalayan Tartary Buckwheat and Seabuckthorn are rich in nutrients and suitable for long-duration space missions.

**Q.4. Recently, who has released the report titled 'Unlocking a \$200 Billion Opportunity: Electric Vehicles in India'?**

- A. RBI
- B. SBI
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. Finance Commission

**Answer: C. NITI Aayog**

NITI Aayog has released a report titled 'Unlocking the \$200 Billion Opportunity for Electric Vehicles in India'. The report presents a timely and comprehensive assessment of the current challenges and highlights the key measures required to accelerate the adoption of electric mobility in India.

**Q.5. Recently, 'Pariksha Pe Charcha 2025' has been awarded the Guinness World Record for which achievement?**

- A. Longest educational webinar
- B. Largest student competition
- C. Highest registration in a month

D. Educational program held in most number of countries

**Answer: C. Highest registration in a month**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's flagship initiative "Pariksha Pe Charcha (PPC)" has achieved a historic feat by creating a Guinness World Record for "Most registrations in a month on a citizen participation platform". The eighth edition of the programme held this year saw a total of 3.53 crore valid registrations on the MyGov platform, which reflects the immense popularity and public trust in this unique educational initiative.

**Q.6. Sahel region, which was in news recently, is located in which continent?**

- A. Africa
- B. Europe
- C. Australia
- D. North America

**Answer: A. Africa**

Russia has recently signed a crucial nuclear deal with Niger, further strengthening its influence in the Sahel region of West Africa. The Sahel region is located in Africa and forms a 5,000 kilometer-long semi-arid strip. It stretches from the Atlantic Ocean in the west to the Red Sea in the east. It lies between the Sahara Desert in the north and the humid savannah in the south. It passes through African countries such as Senegal, Mauritania, Mali, Burkina Faso, Niger, Nigeria, Chad, Sudan and Eritrea.

**Q.7. Recently, which ministry has launched an initiative called 'Apna Ghar' to enhance the safety and convenience of truck drivers?**

- A. Ministry of Home Affairs
- B. Ministry of Finance
- C. Ministry of Transport
- D. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas

**Answer: D. Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas**

To improve the safety, health and comfort of India's trucking workforce, the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas has launched a pioneering initiative







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called 'Apna Ghar'. This nationwide program provides clean and comfortable rest facilities for truck drivers on major highways, a significant step towards ensuring a better quality of life for the people who are considered the backbone of the Indian economy.

**Q.8. Recently, India's first Make-in-India Green Hydrogen Plant has been started in which port area?**

- A. Kandla Port
- B. Paradip Port
- C. Jawaharlal Nehru Port
- D. Visakhapatnam Port

**Answer:A. Kandla Port**

Kandla-based Deendayal Port Authority has commissioned India's first Make-in-India green hydrogen plant at the Kandla port area. The port authority said this is a strong step towards Prime Minister Narendra Modi's net-zero vision. In a post on social media, Mr Modi said this is a commendable effort that promotes sustainability and empowers the net-zero vision.

**Q.9. What is the percentage increase in fish production in India in 2024-25 as compared to 2013-14?**

- A. 50%
- B. 75%
- C. 103%
- D. 133%

**Answer:C. 103%**

India ranks second in the world in fish production after China. India's fish production is projected to grow by 103% in 2024-25 compared to 2013-14. About 75% of the total fish production in the country comes from inland fisheries. The fisheries sector accounts for 1.12% of the national gross value added (GVA) and 7.26% of the agricultural gross value added (GVA). About 3 crore people are engaged in it.

**Q.10. Recently Philippines President Ferdinand R. Marcos has come to India on a five-day state visit, in which continent is it located?**

- A. Europe
- B. Asia
- C. Africa
- D. North America

**Answer:B. Asia**

Aimed at deepening maritime cooperation with the South-East Asian region, India will host Philippines President Ferdinand Romualdez Marcos Jr. during his visit. This will be the first visit of President Marcos Jr., son of the late President Ferdinand Marcos, who visited India in 1976.

**Q.11. Recently which country has become the first European Union nation to ban all arms trade with Israel?**

- A. Slovenia
- B. France
- C. Poland
- D. Germany

**Answer:A. Slovenia**

Slovenia has become the first country in the European Union to ban all arms trade with Israel due to the war in Gaza. Prime Minister Robert Golob announced the arms ban after a government session. He said the EU has been unable to take concrete steps due to internal differences and divisions, so it is moving independently.

**Q.12. Recently which institute has launched India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI)?**

- A. Reserve Bank of India
- B. Bureau of Indian Standards
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

**Answer:C. NITI Aayog**

NITI Aayog has recently launched the India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI). The India Electric Mobility Index (IEMI) is the first tool of its kind to track and rank the electric mobility progress of states and union territories (UTs). It evaluates all states and union territories out of 100 based on 16 indicators under three main themes.





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**Q.13. Recently, with which country has China started joint naval exercises in the Sea of Japan?**

- A. Russia
- B. North Korea
- C. Japan
- D. Malaysia

**Answer:A. Russia**

China and Russia began a three-day naval exercise called "Joint Sea-2025" in the Sea of Japan. According to China's Defense Ministry, the exercise is taking place near Russia's strategic port city of Vladivostok and aims to promote bilateral maritime cooperation and jointly challenge the perceived dominance of the US-led international order.

**Q.14. Where has the third ship of Nilgiri Project 17A been handed over to the Indian Navy recently?**

- A. In Mumbai
- B. In Chennai
- C. In Visakhapatnam
- D. In Kolkata

**Answer:D. In Kolkata**

Warship Himgiri (Yard 3022) was handed over to the Indian Navy by Kolkata-based Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers. It is the third ship of the Nilgiri class and the first ship built by GRSE. These frigates of Project 17A are equipped with modern stealth, firepower, automation and survivability. Himgiri carries forward the legacy of INS Himgiri, which was decommissioned in 2005.

**Q.15. Recently, VOC port has become the first Indian port to produce green hydrogen?**

- A. Kandla port
- B. Mormugao port
- C. Cochin port
- D. VO Chidambaranar port

**Answer:D. VO Chidambaranar port**

Thoothukudi-based VO Chidambaranar (VOC) Port has become the first port in India to successfully produce green hydrogen and cross the 1 MW mark

in rooftop solar power generation, shared Sushant Kumar Purohit, Chairman, VOC Port Authority.

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