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## Today in History on 26 AUG

### ➤ 1910 – Mother Teresa born

Mother Teresa (26 August 1910 – 5 September 1997), canonized by the Roman Catholic Church as Saint Teresa of Calcutta, was born Anje Gonxha Bojaxhiu to an Albanian family in Uskub, Ottoman Empire (now Skopje, Republic of Macedonia). Mother Teresa was a Roman Catholic nun who voluntarily accepted Indian citizenship in 1948. She founded the Missionaries of Charity in Kolkata in 1950. For 45 years, she helped the poor, the sick, the orphans and the dying and also paved the way for the spread of the Missionaries of Charity.



Operation, was fought between Russia and Germany between 23 and 30 August 1914, the first month of World War I. The battle resulted in the encirclement and near total destruction of the Russian Second Army by the German Eighth Army and the suicide of its commanding general, Alexander Samsonov. A series of subsequent battles (First Masurian Lakes) led to the Russian First Army being driven out of East Prussia.



### ➤ 1920 – Women's Equality Day

The year 1920 is part of Women's Equality Day because it was the date of passing the 19th Constitutional Amendment in the US on August 26, 1920, which gave women the right to vote. Women's Equality Day is celebrated every year on August 26 to commemorate this historic event, highlighting the importance of women's rights and equality.

### ➤ 1914 - Battle of Tannenberg

The Battle of Tannenberg, also known as the Second Battle of Tannenberg and in Russian historiography as the Samsonov Operation or Hindenburg





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### ➤ 1303: Sultan Alauddin Khilji captures Chittorgarh.

In 1303 CE, Sultan Alauddin Khilji, as the ruler of the Delhi Sultanate, captured the Chittor fort after defeating the Guhila Rajput king Ratnasimha after an eight-month-long siege. Alauddin Khilji built two important forts in Delhi: Siri Fort and Hauz Khas Fort. Siri Fort was the second city of Delhi, built to protect the city from Mongol invasions.

main purpose of the summit was to assess progress towards sustainable development since the 1992 Rio Earth Summit and to set new targets and timelines for achieving the goals of the 1992 Agenda 21.



### Important NEWS on 26 AUG

### ➤ Pampa river under National River Conservation Plan

Kerala's Pampa River is the state's third-longest river, measuring 176 km in length. The river originates from Pulachimalai hill in the Peermade plateau at an altitude of 5,410 ft. It flows through the districts of Pathanamthitta, Idukki, and Alappuzha. The Pampa River basin covers an area of 2,235 sq km and includes 30 panchayats and Chengannur municipality.



### ➤ 2002: Earth Summit begins in Johannesburg, South Africa.

The World Summit on Sustainable Development (also known as 'Earth Summit 2002' or 'Rio+10') was held in Johannesburg, South Africa in 2002. The







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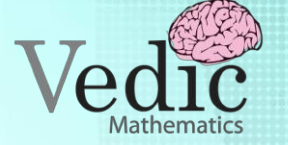
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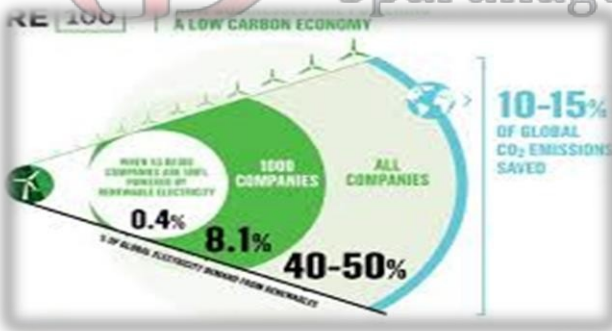


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#### ➤ RE100 initiative

Suzlon Group pledges to use 100% renewable energy at all 15 manufacturing units by 2030. It became the first Indian energy company to join the global RE100 initiative for renewable electricity transition. Suzlon aims for carbon neutrality by 2035 and net zero emissions by 2040 across all emission scopes. Currently, its Dhule rotor blade unit operates entirely on renewable energy, achieving over 92% carbon neutrality.



#### ➤ Iran Conducts “Sustainable Power 1404” Missile Drills in Gulf of Oman

In a show of strategic strength, Iran conducted a large-scale missile drill titled “Sustainable Power

1404” in the northern Indian Ocean and the Gulf of Oman. This two-day exercise, launched on Thursday, is Iran’s first major military drill since the June 12-day conflict, reflecting heightened regional tensions and Tehran’s effort to assert maritime deterrence following recent military setbacks.



#### ➤ Trump Appoints Sergio Gor as US Ambassador to India and Special Envoy for South, Central Asia

In a major diplomatic and political move, US President Donald Trump has nominated his long-time aide, Sergio Gor, as the next United States Ambassador to India and Special Envoy for South and Central Asian Affairs. This nomination comes amid rising tensions between the US and India over steep tariffs and geopolitical disagreements, making the role particularly sensitive and high-stakes. Gor’s appointment highlights Trump’s intent to ensure loyalists take on critical global roles during his second term.





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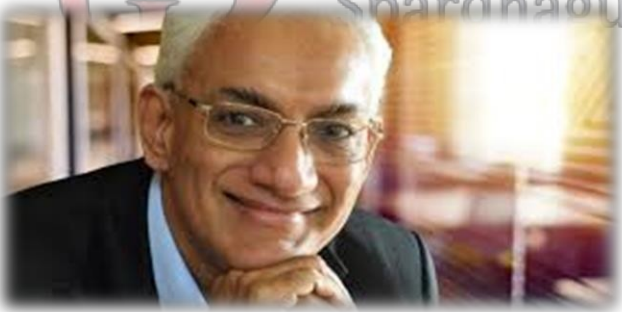


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#### ➤ Srinivasan K Swamy Re-Elected as President of AAAI for 2025-26

The Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI) has re-elected Srinivasan K Swamy, Executive Group Chairman of R K Swamy Ltd, as its President for 2025-26. His reappointment reflects the industry's continued trust in his leadership, especially as the association celebrates 80 years since its founding in 1945.



#### ➤ Cheteshwar Pujara announces retirement

Indian cricket team's star batsman Cheteshwar Pujara has announced his retirement from all formats of cricket. He was out of the Indian Test

team for a long time. Now he has said goodbye to his golden career. In his place, many young players are performing well in the Indian team. Cheteshwar Pujara made his debut for the Indian Test team in 2010 against Australia. After this, on the basis of good performance, he became an integral part of the Indian team. After Rahul Dravid, he started being called the wall of Test. He had the amazing ability to stay at the crease.



#### ➤ Chief Minister's State Youth Award 2025

Reigning Carrom World Champion M Khazima won the Chief Minister's State Youth Award 2025. The Chief Minister's State Youth Award 2025 Tamil Nadu recognizes a young individuals aged 15 to 35 for their voluntary contributions to community development. The award includes a cash prize of ₹1,00,000, a certificate of appreciation, and a medal.







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### Current affairs MCQS on 26 AUG

**Q.1. Which company has recently launched the first Indian "Quantum Computer Cloud Service"?**

- A) TCS
- B) Infosys
- C) Reliance Jio
- D) HCL Tech

**Answer: C) Reliance Jio**

Reliance Jio has launched a new cloud-based virtual desktop called JioPC, which is a major initiative towards making digital services affordable and accessible in India. It can turn any TV into a fully functional personal computer without any CPU.

**Q.2. Which new fitness test will Indian cricketers have to give recently?**

- A) Beep Test
- B) Bronco Test
- C) Yo-Yo Test
- D) Shuttle Run





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#### Answer: C) Yo-Yo Test

The Indian cricket team has incorporated the Bronco test in its fitness assessment protocol along with the existing Yo-Yo test and 2 km time trial. Head coach Gautam Gambhir and strength and conditioning coach Adrian Le Roux have introduced this new measure to improve overall fitness standards.

#### Q.3. Till when has Pakistan recently extended the ban on Indian flights?

- A) 15 September
- B) 23 September
- C) 30 August
- D) 10 October

#### Answer: B) 23 September

Pakistani authorities have extended the ban on their airspace for Indian aircraft till September 23. Pakistan Airports Authority has issued a new NOTAM (Notice to Airmen) announcing the extension of the ban on Indian aircraft in Pakistan's airspace for one month.

#### Q.4. Recently, India has signed an agreement with which organization to start free trade talks?

- A) ASEAN
- B) European Union
- C) EAEU
- D) SAARC

#### Answer: C) EAEU

India and the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU), comprising Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic and the Russian Federation, signed the Terms of Reference (TOR) to start negotiations on a Free Trade Agreement (FTA) in Moscow. The Terms of Reference were signed by Shri Ajay Bhadoo, Additional Secretary, Department of Commerce, Government of India, and Mr Mikhail Cherkayev, Deputy Director, Trade Policy Department, Eurasian Economic Commission (EEC).

#### Q.5. UIDAI has recently partnered with which company for Aadhaar verification?

- A) Google

B) Microsoft

C) Starlink

D) Amazon

#### Answer: C) Starlink

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has tied up with satellite-based internet provider Starlink Satellite Communication Pvt Ltd. Starlink will use Aadhaar authentication for customer verification. This will make the entire process smooth, secure and extremely easy.

#### Q.6. Recently Sara Errani and Andrea Vavassori won the mixed doubles title of which tournament?

- A) Wimbledon
- B) French Open
- C) US Open
- D) Australian Open

#### Answer: C) US Open

Sara Errani and Andrea Vavassori defeated Iga Swiatek and Casper Ruud to claim their second consecutive US Open mixed doubles title and a \$1 million prize. The Italian pair's established partnership proved crucial in a revamped competition that featured singles stars eager for a pre-singles challenge. Errani stressed the importance of dedicated doubles teams after her victory.

#### Q.7. Recently which state government has announced to organize a special program on National Space Day?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Uttar Pradesh
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Maharashtra

#### Answer: C) Tamil Nadu

The Uttar Pradesh state government announced and organised a special programme in schools across the state for the 2nd National Space Day, including special activities and the launch of a new NCERT module titled "India – An Emerging Space Power" to inspire students about space science and technology.







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**Q.8. Recently which state became the first fully digitally literate state of India?**

- A) Kerala
- B) Karnataka
- C) Tamil Nadu
- D) Andhra Pradesh

**Answer: A) Kerala**

Kerala has become India's first digitally literate state through its 'Digi Keralam' initiative. The campaign successfully trained over 21 lakh digitally illiterate citizens, including over 15,000 senior citizens above the age of 90. This feat, achieved with the help of 2.57 lakh volunteers, reflects the state's leadership in e-governance and its commitment to bridge the digital divide.

**Q.9. Recently EPFO increased the ex-gratia amount of death relief fund for central board employees from 8.8 lakh to how much?**

- A) Rs 10 lakh
- B) Rs 12 lakh
- C) Rs 15 lakh
- D) Rs 20 lakh

**Answer: C) Rs 15 lakh**

The Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) has announced a major change to help the families of its deceased employees. The ex-gratia amount under the Death Relief Fund has been increased from ₹8.8 lakh to ₹15 lakh.

**Q.10. Recently Prime Minister Modi inaugurated projects worth ₹5,200 crore in which city?**

- A) Kolkata
- B) Mumbai
- C) Chennai
- D) Bengaluru

**Answer: A) Kolkata**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of several development projects worth over ₹5,200 crore in Kolkata, West Bengal. Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister highlighted the historical significance of Kolkata and its role in shaping India's economic future. He

emphasised that 21st century India needs modern, integrated transport systems and Kolkata is a perfect example of this transformation.

**Q.11. Who was recently re-elected as the President of AAAI for 2025-26?**

- A) Prashant Kumar
- B) Srinivasan K. Swamy
- C) Jaideep Gandhi
- D) Mohit Joshi

**Answer: B) Srinivasan K. Swamy**

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**Q.12. Who is heading the two high-level committees recently formed for "Developed India" reforms?**

- A) Amit Shah
- B) Rajnath Singh
- C) Rajiv Gauba
- D) T.V.S. Swaminathan

**Answer: C) Rajiv Gauba**

The Government of India has constituted two high-level committees headed by Rajiv Gauba, full-time member of NITI Aayog and former Cabinet Secretary. The objective of these committees is to accelerate the implementation of next generation reforms and realize the ambitious vision of "Developed India" (Developed Nation by 2047).

**Q.13. Recently APEDA announced to open regional offices in which cities?**

- A) Patna, Raipur and Dehradun
- B) Mumbai, Bengaluru and Kochi
- C) Jaipur, Lucknow and Kolkata
- D) Chandigarh, Bhubaneswar and Guwahati

**Answer: A) Patna, Raipur and Dehradun**

With an aim to strengthen India's agricultural export ecosystem, the Agricultural and Processed Food





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Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) has announced the opening of three new regional offices in Patna, Raipur and Dehradun. This strategic expansion has been done to provide better support to agricultural exporters in deprived regions and streamline export processes.

**Q.14. Who has been appointed as the new ex-officio member of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) ahead of the October policy meeting of RBI?**

- A) Rajiv Ranjan
- B) Indranil Bhattacharya
- C) Shakti Kanta Das
- D) Urjit Patel

**Answer: B) Indranil Bhattacharya**

In a significant leadership development, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed Indranil Bhattacharya, Executive Director, Monetary Policy Department, as the latest ex-officio member of the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC). The move comes ahead of the committee's upcoming meeting, scheduled between September 29 and October 1, 2025. Bhattacharya will replace the retiring Rajiv Ranjan, ensuring a seamless transition at RBI's key policy-making body.

**Q.15. Who recently inaugurated the fourth edition of Semicon India 2025 at Yashobhoomi in New Delhi?**

- A) President Draupadi Murmu
- B) Prime Minister Narendra Modi
- C) Union Electronics Minister
- D) Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar

**Answer: B) Prime Minister Narendra Modi**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 4th edition of SEMICON India 2025 on 2 September 2025 at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi. The 3-day event from 2nd to 4th September is India's largest semiconductor and electronics showcase, bringing together 33 countries, 50+ global CXOs, 350 exhibitors and 50+ key speakers from across the world.

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