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## Today in History on 27 AUG

➤ **1604: The Golden Temple in Amritsar houses the Guru Granth Sahib, the holy book of Sikhism.**

In 1604, the fifth Sikh Guru, Sri Guru Arjan Dev installed the Guru Granth Sahib, the holy and final book of Sikhism, in the Golden Temple in Amritsar. The dome of the Golden Temple was covered in gold by Maharaja Ranjit Singh. He covered the upper part of the temple with 750 kg of pure gold in the 19th century. It is an important pilgrimage site for Sikhism and is also known as the "Golden City". Additionally, Amritsar is also famous for its delicious food and shopping opportunities.



➤ **1870: India's first labour organisation, Shramjeevi Sangh, was founded.**

In 1870, Sasipada Banerjee founded the Working Men's Club in Bengal, which was an early step

towards organising labour in India, but it is not seen as a full-fledged labour organisation but rather a welfare and moral education body. India's first organised labour union, the Bombay Mill Hands' Association, was founded by M N Lokhande in 1890.



➤ **1947: Close to India's independence, the country's own news agency, Press Trust of India (PTI) was established.**

Press Trust of India is the largest news agency in India. It was established on 27 August 1947, while it started working from 1 February 1949. Press Trust of India (PTI) is India's largest and oldest news agency. It was established in 1947 and started working from 1949. PTI is a cooperative owned by Indian newspapers. It provides news, photo and video services across the country. It is headquartered in New Delhi.





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- **1939: The world's first jet-powered aircraft made its maiden flight from Germany.**

In 1939, the world's first jet-powered aircraft, the Heinkel He 178, made its maiden flight from Germany. The aircraft was developed by the German company Heinkel and was successfully flown by German test pilot Erich Warsitz on 27 August 1939 at Rostock airfield in Germany.

August 27, 1991, and adopted by the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova following the failure of the August 1991 coup attempt. Moldova's independence was officially recognized by the United Nations on March 2, 1992, after the country gained membership in the Soviet Union. The weakening of the Soviet Union in the late 1980s led to a revival of Moldovan national identity and political movements that led to the declaration of independence.



- **1991: Moldova declares its independence from the Soviet Union.**

In 1991, Moldova declared its independence from the Soviet Union; the declaration was made on

### Important NEWS on 27 AUG

- **PM Modi to Visit Japan, China From 29 August to Sept 1**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to undertake a significant four-day visit to Japan and China from August 29 to September 1, 2025, to engage in high-level diplomatic dialogues. The visit includes attending the 15th India-Japan Annual Summit in Tokyo and participating in the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit in Tianjin, China. These meetings are crucial for bolstering regional





cooperation, enhancing strategic partnerships, and reinforcing India's presence in multilateral forums.



#### ➤ Temporary Suspension of Postal Services to the United States of America

India's Department of Posts has announced the temporary suspension of international postal services to the United States starting August, 2025, in response to a recent policy shift by the U S government. Following Executive Order 14324, the U S will withdraw the duty-free de minimis exemption for imports up to USD 800, leading to customs duties on all incoming goods, regardless of value.



#### ➤ Anish Dayal Singh Appointed Deputy NSA to PM

In a strategic move to bolster India's national security leadership, the government has appointed Anish Dayal Singh, a seasoned 1988-batch IPS officer from the Manipur cadre, as Deputy National Security Advisor (NSA) to Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The 60-year-old former CRPF chief will report directly to NSA Ajit Doval, strengthening the security framework with his extensive experience in internal security, intelligence, and border management.



#### ➤ Aishwary Tomar Wins Gold at Asian Shooting 2025

Indian shooter Aishwary Pratap Singh Tomar delivered a stunning performance at the 16th Asian Shooting Championship 2025 in Shymkent, Kazakhstan, clinching the gold medal in the men's 50-meter rifle three-position event. His victory adds to India's growing medal tally in shooting, a sport where the country continues to shine on the global stage.



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#### ➤ NorthEast United Retain Durand Cup 2025 with 6-1 Win

NorthEast United FC stamped their authority on Indian football by retaining the Durand Cup title with a dominant 6-1 victory over debutants Diamond Harbour FC in the 134th edition of the tournament. The final, played at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata, saw the Highlanders lift the trophy for the second year in a row, becoming the first team in 25 years to successfully defend the title.



#### ➤ RBI Clears SMBC's 24.99% Stake in Yes Bank

In a landmark decision for India's financial sector, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has granted approval to Japan's Sumitomo Mitsui Banking Corporation (SMBC) to acquire up to 24.99% stake in Yes Bank. This move, initially structured as a 20% acquisition worth USD 1.6 billion, is now set to become one of the largest cross-border M&A transactions in India's banking industry.



#### ➤ CM's Breakfast Scheme expansion

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister will launch the expansion of the Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme to State-aided urban primary schools on August, 2025. Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann will attend the launch as the chief guest. The expansion will benefit approximately 3.05 lakh additional students across the State. As of February 2025, about 17.53 lakh students in 34,987 schools have benefited from the programme.







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### Current affairs MCQS on 27 AUG

Q.1. Which tiger reserve has recently become India's second largest tiger reserve?

- A) Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve
- B) Namdapha Tiger Reserve
- C) Corbett Tiger Reserve
- D) Sunderban Tiger Reserve

**Answer: D) Sunderban Tiger Reserve**

Sundarbans in West Bengal has become India's second largest tiger reserve after the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) approved the expansion. The area of the reserve has increased by 1,044.68 sq km to 3,629.57 sq km, just a little less than the Nagarjunasagar-Srisailem Tiger Reserve (3,727.82 sq km) in Andhra Pradesh. Three tiger-inhabited areas in South 24 Parganas - Matla, Raidighi and Ramganga - have been added. The expansion, already approved by the National Tiger Conservation Authority (NTCA), brings all tiger-rich mangroves under integrated management.





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**Q.2. What is the estimated interest payment on India's public debt in the recent fiscal year 2025-26 (FY26)?**

- A) ₹8.5 Lakh Crore
- B) ₹10.0 Lakh Crore
- C) ₹12.76 Lakh Crore
- D) ₹15.0 Lakh Crore

**Answer:C) ₹12.76 Lakh Crore**

Interest payments on India's public debt have risen nearly threefold over the past decade. Interest payments are estimated to reach ₹12.76 lakh crore in FY26. This increase reflects India's changing debt structure and fiscal pressures.

**Q3. What was India's composite PMI in August 2025, which is the highest level since December 2005?**

- A) 61.1/61.1
- B) 62.5/62.5
- C) 64.0/64.0
- D) 65.2/65.2

**Answer:C) 64.0/64.0**

India's private sector Next Industry recorded its fastest expansion ever in August 2025, with the HSBC Flash India Composite Index trailing index rising to 65.2 from 61.1 (July). According to S&P Global, this is the highest level ever, driven mainly by record growth in the services sector and resilient expansion in the manufacturing sector.

**Q.4. Who has recently been appointed by Donald Trump as the next US Ambassador to India and Special Envoy for South and Central Asian Affairs?**

- A) Eric Garcetti
- B) Sergio Gor
- C) John McCain
- D) Rand Paul

**Answer:B) Sergio Gor**

US President Donald Trump has announced the appointment of his close aide Sergio Gor as the next US Ambassador to India and Special Envoy for South and Central Asian Affairs. Announcing this through a post on Truth Social, President Trump said that for the world's most populous region, he needs

someone he can trust completely and who can help him advance his agenda and make America great again.

**Q.5. Which country has recently been elected as the Chairman of the Executive Board of the Asia-Pacific Broadcasting Development Institute (AIBD)?**

- A) China
- B) India
- C) Indonesia
- D) Japan

**Answer:B) India**

India has been elected Chair of the Executive Board of the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD) with the highest number of votes at the 23rd AIBD Conference held in Phuket, Thailand. India last held the position in 2016, and this further strengthens its leadership role as it will also remain the Chair of the AIBD Conference till August 2025. Established in 1977 under UNESCO, the AIBD has 92 member organisations from 45 countries. The theme of the conference was "Media for People, Peace and Prosperity", reflecting India's growing global influence in the field of broadcasting.

**Q.6. Recently, India has announced to co-develop a jet engine for which indigenous fighter aircraft in collaboration with France's Safran company?**

- A) Tejas
- B) AMCA
- C) Mirage 2000
- D) Sukhoi Su-30MKI

**Answer:B) AMCA**

In a historic move to strengthen India's aerospace self-reliance, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh announced that India and French aerospace giant Safran will jointly develop and manufacture jet engines indigenously. These engines will power India's upcoming Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA), an indigenously designed fifth-generation stealth fighter.







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**Q.7. Recently, which institution has released a report titled "Rethinking Homestay: Moving Forward on a Policy Path"?**

- A) NITI Aayog
- B) Reserve Bank of India
- C) Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS)
- D) Ministry of Finance

**Answer:A) NITI Aayog**

NITI Aayog in collaboration with Internet and Mobile Association of India (IAMAI) released the report "Rethinking Homestays: Charting Policy Paths". The report highlights homestays as a driver of cultural inclusion, local entrepreneurship and job creation. It calls for transparent regulations to ensure safety, heritage conservation and sustainable development. The report emphasises public-private collaboration with partners like MakeMyTrip and Airbnb. The report suggests digital platforms, flexible policies, capacity building and best practices to build a robust homestay sector.

**Q8. Recently, NASA in collaboration with IBM has developed the 'Surya' model for what purpose?**

- A) For weather forecasting on Earth
- B) For space weather and solar activity prediction
- C) For searching life on Mars
- D) For spacecraft route planning

**Answer:B) For space weather and solar activity prediction**

NASA has recently launched an advanced artificial intelligence (AI) model called 'Surya', designed to revolutionise space weather forecasting. It has been developed in collaboration with IBM. It has been trained on nine years of Solar Dynamics Observatory (SDO) data.

**Q.9. Recently, what percentage of capital assistance does the Central Government provide for projects in the tourism sector under the SASCI scheme of the Government of India?**

- A) 75%
- B) 100%
- C) 50%

D) 25%

**Answer:B) 100%**

Under the SASCI scheme of the Government of India, the Central Government provides 100% central funding for capital assistance to tourism projects. The Central Government provides funding for project development, while the operation and maintenance of these projects is the responsibility of the State Government.

**Q.10. Which report has recently been officially recognized by NTCA in the identification of tiger corridors?**

- A) WII 2016 & 2021 Reports
- B) 2014 Least Cost Pathways Report
- C) All India Tiger Estimation 2023
- D) TCPs 2022

**Answer:B) 2014 Least Cost Pathways Report**

In a letter sent by the NTCA to all states, only the corridors recorded in the 2014 "least cost route" report and the TCP have been recognised. Scientific data such as that of WII and AITE have been completely ignored.

**Q.11. Recently, under which scheme, the Government of India has extensively used fortified rice to reduce anemia among school children and adolescent girls?**

- A) PM POSHAN
- B) Mid-Day Meal Pilot
- C) NFN Gift Milk Program
- D) PMKSY

**Answer:A) PM POSHAN**

The Government of India has widely used fortified rice to reduce anaemia among school-age children and adolescent girls under the Pradhan Mantri Poshan Yojana. Under this scheme, fortified rice is distributed to children to prevent anaemia and other micronutrient deficiencies, such as iron, folic acid and vitamin B12.





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**Q.12. Under what name did Iran start its first major military exercise after the war with Israel in June 2025?**

- A) Desert Shield 1404
- B) Sustainable Power 1404
- C) Iron Fist 1404
- D) Persian Sea Drill 1404

**Answer: B) Sustainable Power 1404**

Iran launched its first major military exercise named 'Sustainable Power 1404' after the 12-day war with Israel. The exercise was held in the Gulf of Oman and the North Indian Ocean, in which the Iranian Navy demonstrated its strategic capabilities by firing missiles. The exercise took place at a time when Tehran is trying to demonstrate its power and preparedness after the military losses suffered in the recent war.

**Q.13. Recently India and China agreed to reopen which traditional trade route?**

- A) Nathu La
- B) Rohtang
- C) Shipki-La
- D) Lipulekh

**Answer: C) Shipki-La**

China has agreed in principle to the proposal for resumption of trade through Shipki-La in Himachal Pradesh's Kinnaur district during the recent visit of its Foreign Minister Wang Yi to India, a statement issued by the state government said.

**Q.14. Recently India suspended which service for America?**

- A) Permanent ban
- B) Postal services
- C) Trade talks
- D) Defence supplies

**Answer: B) Postal services**

The Postal Department has announced the temporary suspension of most postal services to the US. The decision has been taken in response to the US administration's Executive Order No. 14324,

which, effective August 29, ends the duty-free de minimis exemption for goods valued up to US\$800.

**Q.15. At which level is the India-Bangladesh border talks taking place recently?**

- A) Prime Minister level
- B) Minister level
- C) DG level
- D) Secretary level

**Answer: C) DG level**

India and Bangladesh will hold the 56th Director General (DG) level border talks in Dhaka. The Border Security Force (BSF) and its Bangladeshi counterpart, Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB), hold Director General-level border coordination conferences twice a year, with the two sides travelling alternately to New Delhi and Dhaka.

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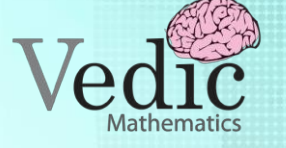
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