

1. National Affairs & Governance

Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport Inaugurated at Bhogapuram

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the **Alluri Sitarama Raju International Airport** at Bhogapuram near Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- **Key Details:** Named after the revered freedom fighter **Alluri Sitarama Raju** (leader of the Rampa Rebellion of 1922–24), the greenfield airport is positioned to transform the North Coastal Andhra region into a major industrial, maritime, and logistics hub.
- **Exam Relevance (UPSC / State PSCs):**
 - **Static History:** Alluri Sitarama Raju led the tribal uprising against the British Madras Forest Act, 1882.
 - **Geography/Infrastructure:** Greenfield airport development under the **PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan**.

India Declared Left-Wing Extremism (LWE) Free

- The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) presented a comprehensive operational review highlighting India's resolution of the six-decade-long Naxalite/LWE insurgency.
- **Background:** LWE peaked in 2010 across 223 districts ("Red Corridor"). Targeted counter-insurgency operations, intelligence integration, and infrastructure development under the **SAMADHAN** doctrine systematically neutralized armed cadres.
- **Exam Relevance:** Internal Security (GS-III), MHA initiatives, SAMADHAN framework (Smart leadership, Aggressive strategy, Motivation/training, Actionable intelligence,

Dashboard KPIs, Harnessing technology, Action plan, No access to financing).

2. International News & Global Relations

UNESCO 48th World Heritage Committee Session Adopts Busan Declaration

- The 48th Session of the World Heritage Committee concluded in Busan, Republic of Korea, adding **25 new World Heritage Sites** (19 cultural, 5 natural, 1 mixed), taking the global total to **1,273 sites across 173 countries**.
- **Key Declarations & Decisions:**
 - **Busan Declaration on World Heritage:** Introduced "**Collaboration**" as the official **6th 'C'** in the World Heritage Strategic Framework alongside Conservation, Credibility, Capacity-building, Communication, and Communities.
 - **Emergency Additions to Danger List:** Boma-Badingilo Migratory Landscape (South Sudan), Mount Amel Castles (Lebanon), and Sebastia (Palestine).
 - **Removed from Danger List:** Historic Centre of Vienna (Austria) was officially removed following urban heritage conservation compliance.
- **Exam Relevance:** International Organizations, UNESCO conventions (1972 World Heritage Convention), prelims-specific list of heritage sites.

OPEC+ Approves September Output Adjustment

- The Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries and allies (OPEC+) agreed to increase oil output by **188,000 barrels per day (BPD)** starting September 2026.

- **Context:** The decision aims to balance global supply dynamics amid fluctuating energy demand and stabilizing geopolitical tensions in key shipping channels like the Strait of Hormuz.

3. Banking, Economy & Finance

One-Year Review of PM-VBRY (Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana)

- The **Ministry of Labour & Employment** released the 1-year progress report of PM-VBRY (launched August 2025 originating from Union Budget 2024-25 as Employment-Linked Incentive package).
- **Key Milestones:**
 - **72+ Lakh** first-time employees registered under the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO).
 - **30% Women Participation:** Indicating formalization of female employment.
 - **Technology Integration:** Benefit distribution validated via Universal Account Number (UAN) authentication using **Aadhaar Face Authentication** on the **UMANG App** via Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT).
 - **Total Fiscal Commitment: ₹99,446 Crore.**

[PM-VBRY EPFO Registration] ---> [UMANG App Face Auth] ---> [Aadhaar DBT Credit]

Coal Production & Solar Energy Market Surge

- **Coal Output Growth:** India recorded a **7.5% YoY increase** in domestic coal production, reaching **69.75 Million Tonnes (MT)** for July 2026.
- **Solar Market Index:** India ranked as the world's **2nd fastest-growing solar market**, with the **Khavda Renewable Energy Park** in Gujarat advancing toward its target capacity of 30 GW by 2029.

4. Government Schemes & MoUs

Samudra Manthan (National Offshore 1. Exploration Scheme)

- **Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas (MoPNG).
- **Financial Outlay:** ₹84,084 Crore (100% Centrally Funded Central Sector Scheme) through FY 2030-31.
- **Objective:** Deep-sea seismic surveys and exploratory drilling in India's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) to boost domestic crude oil and natural gas security.

2. Pradhan Mantri Surya Sarovar Yojana (PM-SSY)

- **Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MoNRE).
- **Outlay:** ₹5,070 Crore.
- **Focus:** Floating Solar Photovoltaic (FSPV) installations across reservoirs, dams, and industrial ponds.
- **Static Fact:** India's largest operational FSPV is the **Omkareshwar Floating Solar Park** on the Narmada River in Madhya Pradesh (278 MW operational capacity).

3. Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana (PM-VBRY)

- **Target:** To incentivize employers to generate over 3.5 crore jobs, supporting 1.92 crore first-time entrants into the formal sector.
- **Tech Mechanism:** Uses Face Authentication Technology on the UMANG App and links EPFO Universal Account Numbers (UAN) to prevent proxy enrollments.

5. MoUs & Partnerships

Ministry of AYUSH Partnered with IndiaAI Mission (MeitY)

- **Objective:** To leverage Artificial Intelligence in traditional medicine research, clinical trials, and epidemiological analysis.
- **Key Terms:**
 - Ministry of AYUSH will integrate its digital assets into **AIKosh** (National AI Portal repository).
 - Resources include anonymized health research datasets, metadata, AI diagnostic models, and natural language processing toolkits for Ayurvedic literature.
- **Signatories:** Dr. Kavita Jain (Joint Secretary & CVO, Ministry of AYUSH) and Sudeep Srivastava (COO, IndiaAI Mission & Joint Secretary, MeitY).

6. Defense & Security News

Joint Aviation Tactical Exercise: ROTOR CLAP III

- **Overview:** The Indian Armed Forces commenced **Exercise ROTOR CLAP III**, a specialized joint tactical exercise evaluating rotary-wing aviation integration.
- **Focus Areas:** Deep-penetration heliborne operations, nighttime tactical troop insertion, air-to-ground precision strikes, and joint combat search and rescue (CSAR) in varied terrain scenarios.

7. Appointments & Resignations

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved major senior administrative reshuffles:

- **Naresh Pal Gangwar (IAS, RJ:1994):** Appointed as **Secretary, Department of Higher Education**, Ministry of Education.

- **Vineet Joshi (IAS, MN:1992):** Appointed as **Secretary, Ministry of Panchayati Raj**.
- **Sushil Kumar Lohani (IAS, OR:1995):** Appointed as **Secretary, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying**.
- **Chandra Bhushan Kumar (IAS, UT:1995):** Appointed as **Secretary, Ministry of Labour & Employment**.
- **Hari Shankar Verma (IRTS:1987):** Assumed charge as **Member (Operations & Business Development)**, Railway Board.

8. Sports Affairs

Decathlon Milestone & Commonwealth Games Framework

- **Tejaswin Shankar:** Made history by becoming the first Indian decathlete to achieve a podium finish in decathlon at major international multisport meets.
- **E-KIAs Category Launch:** Under the expanded Khelo India outlay, the government created the **Emerging Khelo India Athletes (E-KIAs)** category to scale structural athlete scouting by nearly 10-fold across tier-2 and tier-3 towns.

9. Important Days, Themes & Anniversaries

Important Days (August 1–3)

- **World Breastfeeding Week (August 1–7):** Annual campaign focusing on empowering working parents and improving workplace lactation support.
- **World FinTech Day (August 1):** Commemorates financial technology innovation.
 - **Historical Significance:** Commemorates the death anniversary of **Cosimo de' Medici** (died 1 August 1464), the Italian banker



pioneer regarded as a foundational figure in modern double-entry and branch banking systems.

- **International Cloves Syndrome Awareness Day (August 3):** Dedicated to spreading knowledge regarding rare congenital overgrowth disorders.

Birth & Death Anniversaries in Focus

- **Alluri Sitarama Raju:** Honored during the Bhogapuram airport launch. Born 1897; led the anti-British guerrilla campaign in the Eastern Ghats.
- **Cosimo de' Medici (1389–1464):** Remembered on World FinTech Day for establishing the Medici Bank and pioneering global trade finance.

NATIONAL NEWS

Q1. What is the new sanctioned strength of judges in the Supreme Court of India as per the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill passed in the Lok Sabha on August 3, 2026?

- (A) 34
- (B) 36
- (C) 38
- (D) 40

Correct Answer: (C) 38

Detailed Explanation:

- **Legislative Action:** On August 3, 2026, the Lok Sabha passed the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026 by voice vote to replace an earlier ordinance.
- **Key Provisions:** The Bill increases the sanctioned strength of Supreme Court judges from **34 to 38** (including the Chief Justice of India).

- **Background & Exam Relevance:** Article 124(1) of the Indian Constitution empowers Parliament to prescribe the number of Supreme Court judges. The initial strength in 1950 was 8. It was progressively increased to 11 (1956), 14 (1960), 18 (1977), 26 (1986), 31 (2009), and 34 (2019). The increase to 38 aims to tackle mounting case pendency in higher judiciary.

Q2. The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) advised state governments on August 3, 2026, to grant an extension of up to how many months for RERA-registered projects affected by force majeure delays?

- (A) 2 Months
- (B) 4 Months
- (C) 6 Months
- (D) 12 Months

Correct Answer: (B) 4 Months

Detailed Explanation:

- **MoHUA Advisory:** The Ministry advised state Real Estate Regulatory Authorities (RERA) to grant up to a **4-month extension** for real estate projects that faced operational disruptions due to unexpected monsoon flooding and supply chain bottlenecks.
- **Exam Relevance:** Section 6 of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016 allows extensions under force majeure conditions (unforeseen events beyond control). RERA was enacted in 2016 to ensure transparency and accountability in real estate.

Q3. The Central Government directed states in August 2026 to set up special NDPS Courts to expedite the trial of nearly 3.9 lakh pending drug-related cases. What does NDPS stand for?

- (A) National Drug Prevention Strategy

- (B) Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances
- (C) Non-Domestic Pharmaceutical Safety
- (D) National Detection and Protection System

Correct Answer: (B) Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances

Detailed Explanation:

- **Context:** On August 3, 2026, the Ministry of Home Affairs urged states to fast-track dedicated NDPS courts to clear 3.9 lakh pending illicit drug cases under the Nasha Mukta Bharat initiative.
- **Exam Relevance:** The Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act was enacted in 1985. It fulfills India's obligations under international conventions (Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs 1961, Convention on Psychotropic Substances 1971).

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Q4. The 48th Session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee was held in Busan, South Korea. Which country secured its first-ever World Heritage Site inscription during this session?

- (A) Comoros
- (B) Maldives
- (C) Fiji
- (D) Madagascar

Correct Answer: (A) Comoros

Detailed Explanation:

- **Highlights of 48th Session:** Held in Busan, South Korea, the committee added 25 new sites (19 cultural, 5 natural, 1 mixed), taking total global World Heritage sites to 1,273 across 173 countries.

- **First-Timers:** Three African nations achieved their first-ever UNESCO World Heritage inscriptions: **Comoros, São Tomé and Príncipe, and South Sudan.**
- **Busan Declaration:** Introduced "Collaboration" as the 6th 'C' of UNESCO's strategic heritage framework alongside Conservation, Credibility, Capacity-building, Communication, and Community.

Q5. Which African nation celebrates its Independence Day and National Arbor Day annually on August 3, commemorating its liberation from France in 1960?

- (A) Mali
- (B) Niger
- (C) Chad
- (D) Senegal

Correct Answer: (B) Niger

Detailed Explanation:

- **Historical Event:** Niger achieved independence from France on **August 3, 1960.**
- **Arbor Day Tradition:** Since 1975, August 3 is also celebrated in Niger as **Arbor Day**, where citizens traditionally plant trees across the country to combat Sahelian desertification.
- **Exam Relevance:** Capital: Niamey | Currency: West African CFA Franc.

Q6. Egypt's primary satellite ground hub, Cairo Teleport (operated by Nilesat), achieved which top-tier international standard from the World Teleport Association (WTA) in August 2026?

- (A) Tier 1 Certification
- (B) Tier 2 Certification
- (C) Tier 3 Certification
- (D) Tier 4 Certification



Correct Answer: (D) Tier 4 Certification

Detailed Explanation:

- **Achievement:** Nilesat's Cairo Teleport earned **Full Tier 4 Certification** from the World Teleport Association (WTA).
- **Significance:** Tier 4 is the highest level of operational quality, redundancy, site security, and uptime availability awarded by WTA, placing Nilesat among an elite group of global satellite ground station operators.

ECONOMICS & BANKING

Q7. The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) commenced its 3-day bi-monthly review meeting on August 3, 2026. What is the Repo Rate?

- (A) Rate at which RBI borrows short-term money from commercial banks
- (B) Rate at which RBI lends short-term money to commercial banks against government securities
- (C) Percentage of deposits banks must keep with RBI in cash
- (D) Rate at which commercial banks lend long-term money to retail customers

Correct Answer: (B) Rate at which RBI lends short-term money to commercial banks against government securities

Detailed Explanation:

- **Monetary Tool:** Repo Rate (Repurchase Option Rate) is the primary interest rate tool used by the RBI to control liquidity and inflation in the economy.
- **MPC Structure:** Formed under Section 45ZB of the amended RBI Act, 1934. It consists of **6 members** (3 from RBI, 3 appointed by the Central Government). The RBI Governor acts as the ex-officio Chairperson and holds a casting vote in case of a tie.

Q8. The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development (Amendment) Bill discussed in Parliament in August 2026 mandates buyers/courts to order a minimum deposit of what percentage of the awarded amount during pending appeals?

- (A) 25%
- (B) 35%
- (C) 50%
- (D) 75%

Correct Answer: (C) 50%

Detailed Explanation:

- **Pro-MSME Mandate:** The Rajya Sabha debated amendments to the MSMED Act 2006 requiring buyers to deposit **at least 50% of the awarded amount** with courts/facilitation councils if an application to set aside an arbitration award remains pending for over six months.
- **Objective:** To safeguard small suppliers against delayed payments and lengthy judicial stalls by buyers.

Q9. The Union Cabinet approved the establishment of the 'Bharat Maritime Insurance Pool' (BMIP) in August 2026. What is its core function?

- (A) Subsidizing port construction along the inland waterways
- (B) Providing domestic marine hull, cargo, war risk, and Protection & Indemnity (P&I) liability coverage
- (C) Insuring coastal fishermen against deep-sea monsoon storms
- (D) Direct credit transfer for shipbuilding yards

Correct Answer: (B) Providing domestic marine hull, cargo, war risk, and Protection & Indemnity (P&I) liability coverage

Detailed Explanation:

- **BMIP Mechanism:** BMIP provides combined underwriting for Hull & Machinery, Cargo, War Risk, and Protection & Indemnity (P&I) coverage for Indian-flagged vessels.
- **Strategic Importance:** Reduces Indian shipping lines' dependency on international foreign P&I clubs and saves foreign currency outflow.

DEFENSE NEWS

Q10. The Indian Navy launched 'DSC A24' on August 3, 2026. What type of vessel is DSC A24?

- (A) Stealth Guided Missile Destroyer
- (B) Diving Support Craft
- (C) Nuclear Submarine
- (D) Offshore Patrol Vessel

Correct Answer: (B) Diving Support Craft

Detailed Explanation:

- **Launch Event:** DSC A24 is the **fifth Diving Support Craft** launched under the Indian Navy's 5-DSC project built by Titagarh Rail Systems Limited (TRSL).
- **Operational Role:** Designed for underwater clearance diving operations, submarine search and rescue support, and harbor patrol missions, boosting indigenous naval manufacturing under Atmanirbhar Bharat.

Q11. The 4th Tri-Services Future Warfare Course commenced on August 3, 2026, to develop joint operational strategy among defense personnel. Where was this course inaugurated?

- (A) National Defence Academy, Khadakwasla
- (B) Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi
- (C) Indian Military Academy, Dehradun

- (D) College of Air Warfare, Secunderabad

Correct Answer: (B) Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi

Detailed Explanation:

- **Joint Warfare Focus:** Inaugurated at **Manekshaw Centre, New Delhi**, the 4-week course brings together officers from the Indian Army, Navy, Air Force, and strategic defense think tanks.
- **Key Modules:** Covers multi-domain operations, artificial intelligence in warfare, space, maritime domain awareness, and grey-zone conflict scenarios.

Q12. India issued a Notice to Airmen (NOTAM) covering a distance corridor of how many kilometers over the Indian Ocean Region for a scheduled missile trial in August 2026?

- (A) 1,200 km
- (B) 1,850 km
- (C) 2,530 km
- (D) 3,500 km

Correct Answer: (C) 2,530 km

Detailed Explanation:

- **Strategic NOTAM:** India issued a **2,530-km NOTAM** over the Bay of Bengal and Indian Ocean Region for testing a long-range strategic missile system.
- **Exam Angle:** NOTAM (Notice to Airmen) is issued by aviation authorities to alert aircraft pilots of potential hazards along a flight route or airspace zone.

GOVERNMENT SCHEMES & MOUS

Q13. The Union Cabinet approved the 'Samudra Manthan' Scheme in August 2026 with an outlay of ₹84,084 crore. What is the main objective of this scheme?

- (A) Deep-sea mining for polymetallic nodules
- (B) Boosting Offshore Oil and Gas Exploration
- (C) Modernizing 50 major commercial ports
- (D) Coral reef restoration along the western coast

Correct Answer: (B) Boosting Offshore Oil and Gas Exploration

Detailed Explanation:

- **Scheme Highlights:** The ₹84,084 crore Samudra Manthan Scheme aims to accelerate offshore oil and natural gas exploration and production across India's Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ).
- **Goal:** Enhances domestic energy security, reduces crude oil import reliance, and incentivizes deep-water drilling technologies.

Q14. Under the revamped Khelo India Scheme extended till 2031 (Outlay ₹36,441 Crore), what new athlete development category was introduced to expand talent scouting by nearly 10 times?

- (A) Future Olympic Champions (FOC)
- (B) Emerging Khelo India Athletes (E-KIAs)
- (C) Grassroot Sports Prodigies (GSP)
- (D) National Talent Cadre (NTC)

Correct Answer: (B) Emerging Khelo India Athletes (E-KIAs)

Detailed Explanation:

- **Expanded Framework:** Introduces Emerging Khelo India Athletes (E-KIAs) alongside Khelo India Feeder Schools (KIFS) and Khelo India Utkrishta Vidyalayas (KIUV).

- **Objective:** Integrates sports directly into school education to identify talent at an early age.

Q15. Under the 'PM Surya Sarovar Yojana' approved in August 2026, what is India's estimated floating solar potential as per the National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE)?

- (A) 50.50 GWp
- (B) 75.00 GWp
- (C) 102.18 GWp
- (D) 150.00 GWp

Correct Answer: (C) 102.18 GWp

Detailed Explanation:

- **PM Surya Sarovar:** Aims to install floating solar projects across reservoirs and water bodies.
- **Potential & Subsidy:** NISE estimates floating solar potential at **102.18 GWp**. The scheme offers Central Financial Assistance (CFA) of ₹1 crore per MW after project commissioning and up to ₹50 lakh per project for feasibility studies.

SPORTS NEWS

Q16. Which nation finished at the top of the overall medal tally at the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games, where India secured 4th position with 13 Gold medals?

- (A) England
- (B) Australia
- (C) Canada
- (D) Scotland

Correct Answer: (B) Australia

Detailed Explanation:

- **CWG 2026 Concluded:** The 2026 Commonwealth Games concluded in

Glasgow, Scotland. **Australia topped the medal tally.**

- **India's Performance:** India finished **4th overall**. India's all-time CWG medal count has reached 602 medals, with weightlifting and wrestling remaining India's most successful disciplines.
- **Handover Ceremony:** The CWG baton was officially handed over to **Ahmedabad, India**, which will host the **2030 Commonwealth Games**.

Q17. Which 17-year-old Indian shuttler claimed her maiden BWF World Tour title by winning the Taipei Open Super 300 Women's Singles title on August 3, 2026?

- (A) Anupama Upadhyaya
- (B) Tanvi Sharma
- (C) Unnati Hooda
- (D) Tasnim Mir

Correct Answer: (B) Tanvi Sharma

Detailed Explanation:

- **Record Win:** Tanvi Sharma defeated Vietnam's 6th seed Nguyen Thuy Linh (21-16, 21-16) to win the Taipei Open Super 300.
- **Youngest Ever:** At 17 years of age, she became the youngest Taipei Open champion in history, breaking the previous record held by Tai Tzu Ying.

Q18. Who scripted history in August 2026 by becoming the first Indian woman cyclist to compete in the Tour de France Femmes?

- (A) Deborah Herold
- (B) Harshita Jakhar
- (C) Triyasha Paul
- (D) Mayuri Lute

Correct Answer: (B) Harshita Jakhar

Detailed Explanation:

- **Historic Milestone:** 19-year-old **Harshita Jakhar** became the first Indian woman cyclist to feature in the Tour de France Femmes in Switzerland.
- **Rider Group:** She joined an international pack of young elite cyclists chosen from developing cycling nations (Afghanistan, Algeria, Ethiopia, Namibia, Uganda, and India).

APPOINTMENTS

Q19. Vice Admiral Alok Ananda assumed charge on August 1, 2026, as the 13th Commandant of which elite defense training institution?

- (A) National Defence Academy (NDA), Khadakwasla
- (B) Indian Naval Academy (INA), Ezhimala
- (C) Officers Training Academy (OTA), Chennai
- (D) Defence Services Staff College (DSSC), Wellington

Correct Answer: (B) Indian Naval Academy (INA), Ezhimala

Detailed Explanation:

- **Appointment:** Vice Admiral Alok Ananda took over as the **13th Commandant** of INA Ezhimala (Kannur district, Kerala).
- **Predecessor:** He succeeded Vice Admiral Manish Chadha. INA is the largest naval academy in Asia, responsible for training officer cadets of the Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard.

Q20. Air Marshal Tejpal Singh was appointed to which key operational leadership position in the Indian Air Force in August 2026?

- (A) Vice Chief of the Air Staff
- (B) Deputy Chief of the Air Staff

- (C) Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief (Western Air Command)
- (D) Director General of Air Operations

Correct Answer: (B) Deputy Chief of the Air Staff

Detailed Explanation:

- **Profile:** Air Marshal Tejpal Singh assumed charge as Deputy Chief of Air Staff (DCAS).
- **Background:** Commissioned as a fighter pilot in June 1990 with over 3,500 flying hours. He succeeded Air Marshal Awadhesh Kumar Bharti.

Q21. Global automotive technology firm Varroc appointed Eric Hamon as its Chief Technical Officer (CTO) on August 3, 2026. What is his primary focus?

- (A) Expanding internal combustion engine manufacturing
- (B) Electric vehicle (EV) powertrains, software-defined vehicles, and connected mobility
- (C) Setting up lithium-ion mining plants
- (D) Managing corporate legal disputes

Correct Answer: (B) Electric vehicle (EV) powertrains, software-defined vehicles, and connected mobility

Detailed Explanation:

- **Appointment Details:** Eric Hamon (formerly Director at Valeo E) brings over 25 years of automotive R&D experience.
- **Role:** Leads Varroc's global engineering roadmap for eAxle platforms, embedded software, and electrical system architectures for future mobility.

AWARDS & HONORS

Q22. Gujarat's ritualistic wall art, practiced by the Rathwa, Bhilala, and Nayak tribes to honor deity Baba Pithora and holy horses, was granted

a Geographical Indication (GI) tag on August 3, 2026. What is the name of this art?

- (A) Warli Painting
- (B) Pithora Painting
- (C) Saora Painting
- (D) Gond Art

Correct Answer: (B) Pithora Painting

Detailed Explanation:

- **GI Tag Recognized:** Pithora ritual painting from Chhota Udaipur / Panchmahal districts of Gujarat received GI protection.
- **Cultural Features:** Executed on house walls by Lakhara (artisan-priests) during rituals. Key imagery includes seven horses, sun, moon, heavenly bodies, and chief tribal deity Baba Pithora.

Q23. In August 2026, which historic city was selected for establishing the 'Swami Vivekananda Cultural Youth Centre' to promote youth empowerment and cultural education?

- (A) Belagavi
- (B) Mysuru
- (C) Hubballi
- (D) Shivamogga

Correct Answer: (B) Mysuru

Detailed Explanation:

- **Centre Setup:** Announced in Mysuru, Karnataka, to commemorate Swami Vivekananda's historic stay and promote leadership, moral education, and skill development among youth.

ART, CULTURE & FESTIVALS

Q24. The 'Nasha Mukta Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan' was launched on August 3, 2026, under which central ministry's flagship initiative?

- (A) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- (B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- (C) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (D) Ministry of Education

Correct Answer: (B) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment

Detailed Explanation:

- **Campaign Details:** Driven under the Nasha Mukta Bharat Abhiyaan (NMBA) to combat substance abuse across university campuses and youth forums.
- **Goal:** Engages youth clubs and educational institutions in drug-free pledges as part of Viksit Bharat 2047 goals.

Q25. A symbolic 79-km NCC Cyclothon was organized in New Delhi in August 2026 under which central campaign theme?

- (A) Clean India, Green India, Fit India
- (B) Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat
- (C) Beti Bachao Beti Padhao
- (D) Digital India for Youth

Correct Answer: (A) Clean India, Green India, Fit India

Detailed Explanation:

- **Event Highlights:** Flagged off under the leadership of DG NCC Lt Gen Virendra Vats, 79 cadets completed a 79-km ride.
- **Associated Initiatives:** Supported national causes like Swachh Bharat, TB Mukta Bharat, Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam, and Har Ghar Tiranga.

IMPORTANT DAYS (NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL)

Q26. World FinTech Day is observed globally on August 1st to mark the death anniversary of

which pioneer, regarded as the "Father of Modern Banking"?

- (A) Adam Smith
- (B) Cosimo de' Medici
- (C) Amadeo Giannini
- (D) John Law

Correct Answer: (B) Cosimo de' Medici

Detailed Explanation:

- **Origin:** Commemorates Cosimo de' Medici (died August 1, 1464), who founded the Medici Bank in Florence, Italy.
- **Legacy:** Pioneer of modern banking systems, introducing double-entry accounting, letters of credit, and holding companies.

Q27. On August 3, Venezuela celebrates National Guard Day along with which other national patriotic observance?

- (A) Independence Day
- (B) Flag Day (Día de la Bandera)
- (C) Republic Day
- (D) Constitution Day

Correct Answer: (B) Flag Day (Día de la Bandera)

Detailed Explanation:

- **Venezuelan Flag Day:** Observed on August 3 to mark the day in 1806 when General Francisco de Miranda first unfurled the yellow, blue, and red tricolor flag at La Vela de Coro during his liberation expedition.

BOOKS & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS

Q28. Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman introduced the Bankers' Books Evidence Bill, 2026 in Lok Sabha on August 3, 2026. What 19th-century colonial law does it replace?

- (A) Negotiable Instruments Act, 1881



- (B) Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891
- (C) Indian Evidence Act, 1872
- (D) Imperial Bank Act, 1920

Correct Answer: (B) Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891

Detailed Explanation:

- **Legislative Update:** Replaces the outdated Bankers' Books Evidence Act, 1891.
- **Key Provisions:** Explicitly recognizes electronic bank statements, core banking software logs, digital signatures, and cloud data records as legally admissible primary evidence in court proceedings without requiring physical ledgers.

BIRTH & DEATH ANNIVERSARIES

Q29. August 3 marks the birth anniversary of 'Rashtrakavi' Maithili Sharan Gupta (born August 3, 1886). Which patriotic Hindi masterpiece did he write during the Freedom Struggle?

- (A) Kamayani
- (B) Bharat-Bharati
- (C) Rashmirathi
- (D) Urvashi

Correct Answer: (B) Bharat-Bharati

Detailed Explanation:

- **Profile:** Born on August 3, 1886, in Chirgaon, Jhansi (UP). He was bestowed the title "Rashtrakavi" (National Poet) by Mahatma Gandhi.
- **Literary Masterpiece:** Bharat-Bharati (1912) inspired millions during the Indian Independence Movement. Other famous works include Saket and Yashodhara.

Q30. Freedom Fighter Krantisinh Nana Patil was born on August 3, 1900. He is famous for establishing which parallel independent

government during the 1942 Quit India Movement?

- (A) Azad Hind Government in Singapore
- (B) Patri Sarkar in Satara
- (C) Tamralipta Jatiya Sarkar in Midnapore
- (D) Prati Sarkar in Ballia

Correct Answer: (B) Patri Sarkar in Satara

Detailed Explanation:

- **Patri Sarkar (1943–1946):** Established by Krantisinh Nana Patil in Satara district, Maharashtra, defying British colonial rule during the Quit India Movement.
- **Features:** Set up its own courts (Nyayadan Mandals), market control, and defense units (Tufan Sena), serving as one of the most successful parallel governments in modern Indian history.