

International News

Massachusetts and Boston Declare August 15 as 'India Day'

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Boston officially proclaimed August 15, 2026, as "**India Day**". The declaration aims to strengthen bilateral cultural ties, promote civic engagement, and celebrate the 80th Independence Day of India.

- **Key Highlights:** The declaration coincided with the official welcoming of the newly opened Indian Consulate in Boston and the port call of the Indian Naval Sailing Vessel **INS Sudarshini** as part of the SAILBOSTON-250 celebrations.
- **Exam Relevance (UPSC / SSC):** Diplomatic partnerships, Indian diaspora initiatives, and naval diplomacy missions (INS Sudarshini).

Multiple Choice Question

Q1. Which US state recently declared August 15, 2026, as 'India Day' to mark Indian Independence Day celebrations?

- (a) California
- (b) Massachusetts
- (c) Texas
- (d) New York

Answer: (b) Massachusetts

Explanation: The Governor of Massachusetts and Mayor of Boston officially issued a proclamation declaring August 15 as India Day to promote cultural exchange and mark the opening of the new Indian Consulate.

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National News

1. Seven Years Since the Abrogation of Articles 370 and 35(A)

August 5, 2026, marks the **7th anniversary of the abrogation of Article 370 and Article 35(A)** of the Indian Constitution, which took place on August 5, 2019.

- **Constitutional Significance:** The Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 bifurcated the former state into two Union Territories—Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.
- **Key Achievements (2019–2026):** Full application of the Indian Constitution, extension of central reservation benefits (EWS, SC/ST), implementation of the Forest Rights Act 2006, and economic integration via industrial corridors.

2. Glaw Lake Designated as India's 101st Ramsar Site

The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEF&CC) officially designated **Glaw Lake** in the Tawang district of Arunachal Pradesh as India's **101st Ramsar Site** under the Ramsar Convention on Wetlands (1971).

- **Ecosystem Importance:** Glaw Lake is a high-altitude freshwater wetland critical for migratory avifauna and endemic alpine flora in the Eastern Himalayas.
- **Exam Note:** India currently holds the highest number of Ramsar sites in South Asia.

3. J&K Declared Fully Literate Union Territory Under ULLAS Scheme

Jammu & Kashmir has officially joined the group of States and Union Territories recognized as **fully literate** under the **ULLAS (Understanding Lifelong Learning for All in Society)** scheme.

Target Audience: ULLAS focuses on non-literates aged 15 years and above who missed formal schooling.

- **Implementation:** Spearheaded by the Ministry of Education using foundational literacy and numeracy modules.

Multiple Choice Question

Q2. Glaw Lake, recently declared as India's 101st Ramsar Site, is located in which state/UT?

- (a) Ladakh
- (b) Sikkim
- (c) Arunachal Pradesh
- (d) Himachal Pradesh

Answer: (c) Arunachal Pradesh

Explanation: Glaw Lake in Tawang district, Arunachal Pradesh was added to the Ramsar List of Wetlands of International Importance as India's 101st site.

Economics & Banking

1. RBI Monetary Policy Review: Repo Rate Held at 5.25%, FY27 Growth Forecast Raised

The Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) decided to maintain the **policy Repo Rate unchanged at 5.25%** for the fourth consecutive policy meeting.

Indicator	Status / Rate
Repo Rate	5.25% (Unchanged)
Standing Deposit Facility (SDF)	5.00%
Marginal Standing Facility (MSF)	5.50%

Indicator	Status / Rate
Bank Rate	5.50%
FY 2026–27 GDP Projection	Upgraded to 6.7% (from 6.6%)

- **Core Rationale:** Balancing inflation management within the target band (4% ± 2%) while supporting strong domestic growth dynamics.

2. HDFC Bank Launches "Max for Seniors" & "Max for Her" Accounts

HDFC Bank, India's largest private sector bank, introduced two specialized savings account variants:

- **Max for Seniors:** Includes built-in **cyber insurance cover up to ₹25,000** to protect senior citizens against digital banking frauds.
- **Max for Her:** Designed with tailored health insurance covers, cashback benefits, and preferential loan rates for women account holders.

3. Parliament Passes Bankers' Books Evidence Bill, 2026

The Lok Sabha passed the **Bankers' Books Evidence Bill, 2026**. The legislation updates the framework for handling digital banking records, electronic ledgers, and core banking solution data as admissible evidence in court proceedings.

Multiple Choice Question

Q3. What is the revised real GDP growth forecast for FY 2026–27 projected by the RBI in its August 2026 Monetary Policy meeting?

- (a) 6.4%

(b) 6.5%

(c) 6.6%

(d) 6.7%

Answer: (d) 6.7%

Explanation: The RBI upgraded India's real GDP growth forecast for FY27 to 6.7% from the previous estimate of 6.6% due to resilient domestic consumption and investment.

Defense News

BEL and Esri India Sign MoU for Geospatial AI & Location Intelligence

Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL), a Navratna Public Sector Enterprise under the Ministry of Defence, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with **Esri India**.

- **Objective:** To build and deploy advanced Geographic Information Systems (GIS), Location Intelligence, and **Geospatial Artificial Intelligence (GeoAI)** solutions for tactical operations across the Indian Armed Forces.
- **Impact:** Enhances real-time situational awareness, battlefield management systems, and border monitoring capabilities.

Multiple Choice Question

Q4. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) partnered with which entity to develop GeoAI and location intelligence tools for defense applications?

- (a) Esri India
- (b) MapmyIndia
- (c) Google Cloud India
- (d) ISRO Telemetry Centre

Answer: (a) Esri India

Explanation: BEL signed an MoU with Esri India to co-develop GIS and GeoAI applications

tailored for defense domain operational requirements.

Govt Schemes & MoUs

1. Launch of 100-Week 'Nasha Mukh Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the nationwide 'Nasha Mukh Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan'.

- **Duration:** A 100-week campaign running every Sunday.
- **Target:** To mobilize over 1 crore youth across 28,000+ locations to eradicate drug abuse.
- **Parent Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment under the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA) framework.

2. PM Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana (PM-VBRY) Completes 1 Year

The PM-VBRY scheme completed one year of implementation on August 1, 2026.

- **Total Outlay:** ₹99,446 crore (Implemented from August 1, 2025, to July 31, 2027).
- **Nodal Agency:** Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) under the Ministry of Labour & Employment.
- **Achievement:** Over 72 lakh first-time employees joined the formal workforce in its first year.

Multiple Choice Question

Q5. What is the total financial outlay approved for the Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana (PM-VBRY)?

- (a) ₹50,000 crore
- (b) ₹75,250 crore
- (c) ₹99,446 crore
- (d) ₹1,20,000 crore



Answer: (c) ₹99,446 crore

Explanation: The PM-VBRY scheme has an approved financial outlay of ₹99,446 crore for a two-year operational window (2025–2027) to promote formal employment creation.

Appointments

Monisha Chakraborty Appointed Executive Director of Reserve Bank of India

The Reserve Bank of India appointed **Monisha Chakraborty** as its Executive Director (ED).

- **Portfolios Handled:** Foreign Exchange Department (FED) and Financial Markets Regulation Department (FMRD).
- **Prior Experience:** She previously served as Chief General Manager in charge of financial surveillance and cross-border trade regulation.

Multiple Choice Question

Q6. Monisha Chakraborty has been appointed as the Executive Director (ED) of which financial institution?

- (a) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- (c) State Bank of India (SBI)
- (d) NABARD

Answer: (b) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)

Explanation: The RBI appointed Monisha Chakraborty as Executive Director to oversee the Foreign Exchange Department and Financial Markets Regulation Department.

Art & Culture, Awards, Books & Anniversaries

1. Birth Centenary Stamp Released for Padma Vibhushan Satish Gujral

The Department of Posts (India Post) released a **₹5 commemorative postage stamp** honoring the 100th birth anniversary of legendary painter, sculptor, muralist, and architect **Satish Gujral**.

- **Significance:** Satish Gujral was awarded the Padma Vibhushan in 1999. He designed the iconic Embassy of Belgium in New Delhi.

2. ZSI Releases Comprehensive 22-Volume Catalogue of Indian Moths

The **Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)** under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change published a 22-volume cataloging effort on Indian moth fauna.

- **Publication:** The final volume was published in the international journal *Zootaxa*, authored by ZSI taxonomists Dr. Rahul Joshi and Dr. Navneet Singh.

3. Upcoming Observance: National Handloom Day (August 7)

- **Background:** Observed annually on **August 7** to commemorate the **Swadeshi Movement** launched on August 7, 1905, at the Calcutta Town Hall.
- **Objective:** Focuses on empowering weavers and promoting India's handloom industry.

Multiple Choice Question

Q7. India Post released a commemorative postage stamp marking the 100th birth anniversary of which Padma Vibhushan artist and architect?

- (a) M.F. Husain
- (b) Satish Gujral
- (c) S.H. Raza
- (d) Tyeb Mehta

Answer: (b) Satish Gujral

Explanation: India Post released a ₹5 commemorative stamp celebrating the birth

centenary of renowned artist and architect Padma Vibhushan Satish Gujral.

Sports News

Neeraj Chopra Prepares for Lausanne Diamond League 2026

Double Olympic medalist and javelin star **Neeraj Chopra** is set to compete in the **Lausanne Diamond League (Athletissima)**.

- **Context:** This comes following his silver medal triumph at the Commonwealth Games (CWG).
- **Event Detail:** Athletissima is one of the premier track and field legs in the Wanda Diamond League series held in Lausanne, Switzerland.

Multiple Choice Question

Q8. The prestigious 'Athletissima' competition, where Indian javelin thrower Neeraj Chopra is competing, is the Lausanne leg of which event series?

- (a) World Athletics Championships
- (b) Wanda Diamond League
- (c) Golden Spike Series
- (d) Continental Tour Gold

Answer: (b) Wanda Diamond League

Explanation: Athletissima is the official Swiss leg of the Wanda Diamond League held annually in Lausanne.

National News

Q1. The Union Government introduced the Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026 in the Lok Sabha. Which of the following is a primary feature of this Bill?

- (a) Imposition of windfall tax on renewable energy exporters

(b) Complete exemption of income derived from government securities for specified non-resident entities

(c) Mandatory 30% corporate tax rate for all MSMEs

(d) Abolition of Goods and Services Tax (GST) on digital services

Answer: (b) Complete exemption of income derived from government securities for specified non-resident entities

Explanation: The Taxation and Other Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2026 was introduced in the Lok Sabha to promote Ease of Doing Business and attract Foreign Direct Investment (FDI). Among its key provisions is providing tax exemptions on income from government securities to encourage long-term foreign capital inflows into India's sovereign debt market.

Q2. According to the NOTTO Annual Report, India recorded a historic high of 20,138 organ transplants in 2025. Which Indian state led the nation in deceased organ donations?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Gujarat

Answer: (c) Tamil Nadu

Explanation: The National Organ and Tissue Transplant Organisation (NOTTO) reported that India crossed 20,000 organ transplants in a single year for the first time. Tamil Nadu maintained its position as the leading state in deceased organ donations due to its robust transplant infrastructure and community awareness programs.

Q3. August 5, 2026, marks how many years since the abrogation of Article 370 and Article 35(A) of the Indian Constitution?

- (a) 5 years
- (b) 6 years
- (c) 7 years
- (d) 8 years

Answer: (c) 7 years

Explanation: On August 5, 2019, the Parliament of India abrogated Article 370 and Article 35(A), which granted special status to Jammu and Kashmir, and passed the J&K Reorganisation Act, 2019, bifurcating the region into two Union Territories (J&K and Ladakh). August 5, 2026, marks the 7th anniversary of this historic constitutional milestone.

Q4. Under the National Hydrology Project, India has deployed over 24,000 Digital Water Level Recorders (DWLRs) in piezometer wells. What is the primary purpose of this technology?

- (a) Desalination of seawater for agricultural use
- (b) Real-time automated monitoring of groundwater level fluctuations
- (c) Atmospheric water vapor collection
- (d) Measuring river surface current speed

Answer: (b) Real-time automated monitoring of groundwater level fluctuations

Explanation: Under the National Hydrology Project and Central Ground Water Board (CGWB) initiatives, over 24,000 DWLRs transmit continuous real-time data on aquifer levels. This digital groundwater mapping assists local bodies in participatory demand-side water budgeting.

International News & Global Affairs

Q5. The Pacific Island nation of Nauru officially changed its name in August 2026. What is the country's new official name?

- (a) Republic of Naoero
- (b) Dominion of Pleasant Island
- (c) Republic of Micronesia Nauru
- (d) Commonwealth of Naoero

Answer: (a) Republic of Naoero

Explanation: Following a constitutional amendment, the Pacific Island nation officially reverted from "Nauru" to its traditional indigenous name, the "Republic of Naoero". The country's international code transitions from NRU to NRO, and its citizens are officially recognized as dei-Naoero.

Q6. Which US state officially declared August 15, 2026, as 'India Day' to celebrate Indian culture and mark the 80th Independence Day?

- (a) California
- (b) Massachusetts
- (c) Texas
- (d) New York

Answer: (b) Massachusetts

Explanation: The Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the City of Boston issued a joint proclamation declaring August 15, 2026, as 'India Day'. The event coincided with the operationalization of the new Indian Consulate in Boston and the visit of Indian Navy Vessel INS Sudarshini.

Q7. Which European country retained the top overall position in the Global Environmental Performance indicators for 2026?

- (a) Denmark
- (b) Finland
- (c) Estonia

(d) Luxembourg

Answer: (c) Estonia

Explanation: Estonia retained the 1st position with an overall top score of 74.79, followed by Luxembourg (2nd) and the United Kingdom (3rd). India's overall performance saw growth in renewable energy capacity but faced challenges in environmental health indicators.

Q8. India has been strengthening trade, connectivity, and critical mineral supply chains (Uranium, Copper, Rare Earths) via Chabahar Port with which Central Asian country?

- (a) Kazakhstan
- (b) Uzbekistan
- (c) Turkmenistan
- (d) Kyrgyzstan

Answer: (b) Uzbekistan

Explanation: Uzbekistan is a key landlocked partner in Central Asia collaborating with India to utilize Iran's Chabahar Port and the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC). Uzbekistan possesses rich reserves of uranium, copper, and rare earth elements crucial for high-tech manufacturing.

Economics & Banking

Q9. In its Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) review announced on August 5, 2026, the RBI maintained the Repo Rate at what percentage?

- (a) 5.00%
- (b) 5.25%
- (c) 5.50%
- (d) 6.00%

Answer: (b) 5.25%

Explanation: The Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee, headed by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra, kept the policy Repo

Rate unchanged at 5.25% for the fourth consecutive meeting, maintaining a 'neutral' stance to balance growth and inflation.

Q10. What is the RBI's projected real GDP growth rate for India for the financial year FY 2026-27 (FY27)?

- (a) 6.2%
- (b) 6.5%
- (c) 6.7%
- (d) 7.2%

Answer: (c) 6.7%

Explanation: The RBI revised India's real GDP growth projection for FY 2026-27 to 6.7%, citing resilient domestic demand, expanding private investment, and strong rural consumption despite global geopolitical headwinds.

Q11. During the August 2026 MPC briefing, the RBI announced plans to pilot which type of currency notes by the start of the next fiscal year?

- (a) Digital-only CBDC paper vouchers
- (b) Polymer banknotes

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- (c) Wooden-pulp hybrid notes
- (d) Smart microchip-embedded paper currency

Answer: (b) Polymer banknotes

Explanation: RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra stated that polymer currency notes will be rolled out on a pilot basis early next financial year. Polymer notes enhance durability and lifespan, making them ideal for lower denomination notes with high transaction velocity.

Q12. Which private sector bank introduced two special savings account variants named "Max for Seniors" and "Max for Her" in August 2026?



- (a) ICICI Bank
- (b) Axis Bank
- (c) HDFC Bank
- (d) Kotak Mahindra Bank

Answer: (c) HDFC Bank

Explanation: HDFC Bank Limited launched "Max for Seniors" (featuring cyber insurance protection against digital banking fraud) and "Max for Her" (offering specialized health cover and preferential credit benefits for women).

Defense & MoUs

Q13. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) signed an MoU with which technology firm to develop Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and Geospatial AI (GeoAI) for defense applications?

- (a) Esri India
- (b) MapmyIndia
- (c) Trimble Inc.
- (d) Hexagon AB

Answer: (a) Esri India

Explanation: Public sector defense enterprise BEL partnered with Esri India to build GIS, location intelligence, and GeoAI solutions tailored for tactical defense, operational surveillance, and military mapping applications.

Q14. The Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM) signed an MoU with which foreign agency in August 2026 to enhance bilateral trade and technology transfer?

- (a) Business France
- (b) JETRO Japan
- (c) US-India Business Council
- (d) UKIBC

Answer: (a) Business France

Explanation: ASSOCHAM signed strategic agreements with Business France and the India & Arab Countries Chamber of Commerce, Industry and Agriculture (IACCIA) to foster trade, industrial collaboration, and investments.

Q15. Which Indian Naval Sailing Vessel made a port call at Boston, USA, as part of international naval diplomacy during the SAILBOSTON-250 celebrations?

- (a) INS Tarangini
- (b) INS Sudarshini
- (c) INS Mhadei
- (d) INS Svadhisthana

Answer: (b) INS Sudarshini

Explanation: INS Sudarshini, a three-masted barque sail training ship of the Indian Navy, visited Boston Port during its transatlantic voyage to participate in SAILBOSTON-250, promoting maritime heritage and diplomatic goodwill.

Government Schemes & Initiatives

Q16. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 100-week nationwide campaign 'Nasha Mukh Yuva for Viksit Bharat Sankalp Abhiyan'. Which nodal ministry oversees this campaign?

- (a) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- (b) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment
- (c) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (d) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

Answer: (b) Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment

Explanation: The campaign was launched under the umbrella of the Nasha Mukh Bharat Abhiyan (NMBA), which is led by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment to eliminate substance abuse among youth.

Q17. The Pradhan Mantri Viksit Bharat Rojgar Yojana (PM-VBRY) completed one year on August 1, 2026. What is the total approved financial outlay for this two-year scheme?

- (a) ₹50,000 crore
- (b) ₹75,000 crore
- (c) ₹99,446 crore
- (d) ₹1,20,000 crore

Answer: (c) ₹99,446 crore

Explanation: PM-VBRY is implemented from August 1, 2025, to July 31, 2027, with an outlay of ₹99,446 crore. It is executed by the Ministry of Labour & Employment via EPFO and formalised over 72 lakh first-time workers in its initial year.

Q18. Which Union Territory recently achieved full literacy status for non-literates aged 15 and above under the ULLAS scheme?

- (a) Ladakh
- (b) Chandigarh
- (c) Jammu & Kashmir
- (d) Puducherry

Answer: (c) Jammu & Kashmir

Explanation: Jammu & Kashmir successfully met literacy targets under the ULLAS (Understanding Lifelong Learning for All in Society) scheme, empowering adult non-literates with foundational literacy, numeracy, and digital skills.

Environment & Science

Q19. Glaw Lake was designated as India's 101st Ramsar Site in August 2026. In which state/UT is Glaw Lake located?

- (a) Sikkim
- (b) Ladakh
- (c) Arunachal Pradesh

(d) Himachal Pradesh

Answer: (c) Arunachal Pradesh

Explanation: Glaw Lake, situated in the high-altitude region of Tawang district in Arunachal Pradesh, was declared India's 101st Wetland of International Importance under the 1971 Ramsar Convention.

Q20. Indian scientists developed the country's first indigenous MA-104 cell line-based live-attenuated vaccine to combat which livestock disease?

- (a) Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD)
- (b) African Swine Fever (ASF)
- (c) Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD)
- (d) Rinderpest

Answer: (b) African Swine Fever (ASF)

Explanation: Developed to safeguard pig farming and tribal livelihoods (especially in North-East India), this indigenous live-attenuated vaccine targets African Swine Fever Virus (ASFV Genotype II) using an MA-104 cell line platform.

Appointments

Q21. Who was appointed as the Executive Director (ED) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) effective August 3, 2026?

- (a) Monisha Chakraborty
- (b) Swaminathan J.
- (c) Poonam Gupta
- (d) Radha Chauhan

Answer: (a) Monisha Chakraborty

Explanation: The RBI appointed Monisha Chakraborty as Executive Director. In her new post, she oversees the Foreign Exchange Department (FED) and the Financial Markets Regulation Department (FMRD).

Q22. Who currently serves as the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India presiding over the August 2026 MPC decisions?

- (a) Shaktikanta Das
- (b) Sanjay Malhotra
- (c) Urjit Patel
- (d) Michael Patra

Answer: (b) Sanjay Malhotra

Explanation: Sanjay Malhotra is the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, leading the 6-member Monetary Policy Committee during the August 2026 policy announcement.

Art, Culture & Literature

Q23. India Post released a ₹5 commemorative postage stamp celebrating the birth centenary (100th anniversary) of which Padma Vibhushan artist and architect?

- (a) Ram Kumar
- (b) Satish Gujral
- (c) S. H. Raza
- (d) M. F. Husain

Answer: (b) Satish Gujral

Explanation: Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia unveiled a ₹5 commemorative stamp honoring the birth centenary of Padma Vibhushan Satish Gujral, renowned painter, sculptor, muralist, and architect (who designed the Belgian Embassy in New Delhi).

Q24. The Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) published a comprehensive 22-volume cataloging effort on which group of fauna in the journal Zootaxa?

- (a) Indian Butterflies
- (b) Indian Moths
- (c) Freshwater Crabs
- (d) Himalayan Amphibians

Answer: (b) Indian Moths

Explanation: Taxonomists from the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) completed a 22-volume taxonomy cataloging Indian moth species, providing a scientific database for biodiversity conservation.

Sports News

Q25. Harshita Jakhar achieved a historical milestone in Indian sports in August 2026 by becoming the first Indian woman to participate in which event?

- (a) Tour De France Femmes
- (b) Vuelta a España Femenina
- (c) Giro d'Italia Women
- (d) Paris-Roubaix Femmes

Answer: (a) Tour De France Femmes

Explanation: Harshita Jakhar created history by becoming the first Indian female cyclist to compete in the prestigious Tour De France Femmes elite cycling competition.

Q26. Two-time Olympic medalist Neeraj Chopra is competing in the 'Athletissima' javelin event. Athletissima is the official leg of which tournament series held in Lausanne, Switzerland?

- (a) World Athletics Gold Tour
- (b) Continental Classic Series
- (c) Wanda Diamond League
- (d) European Athletics Championship

Answer: (c) Wanda Diamond League

Explanation: Athletissima is the official Lausanne stage of the elite Wanda Diamond League athletics series, where top track and field athletes compete globally.

Important Days & Anniversaries

Q27. World Breastfeeding Week is observed globally every year during which period?

- (a) August 1 to 7
- (b) August 8 to 14
- (c) August 15 to 21
- (d) August 21 to 27

Answer: (a) August 1 to 7

Explanation: Supported by WHO, UNICEF, and health ministries, World Breastfeeding Week is celebrated from August 1 to 7 to promote infant nutrition, survival, and maternal healthcare support.

Q28. National Handloom Day is celebrated annually in India on August 7 to commemorate which historic freedom movement event?

- (a) Launch of Non-Cooperation Movement (1920)
- (b) Launch of Swadeshi Movement (1905)
- (c) Bardoli Satyagraha (1928)
- (d) Champaran Satyagraha (1917)

Answer: (b) Launch of Swadeshi Movement (1905)

Explanation: August 7 was chosen as National Handloom Day because the Swadeshi Movement was formally proclaimed on August 7, 1905, at the Calcutta Town Hall to encourage indigenous handloom products.

Q29. Hiroshima Day is observed globally on August 6 to promote peace and remember the victims of atomic weapons. In which year was the atomic bomb dropped on Hiroshima?

- (a) 1942
- (b) 1944
- (c) 1945
- (d) 1947

Answer: (c) 1945

Explanation: On August 6, 1945, during World War II, the US dropped the first operational atomic bomb ("Little Boy") on the Japanese city of Hiroshima, followed by Nagasaki on August 9.

Q30. Which important Indian historical movement is commemorated every year on August 8?

- (a) Swadeshi Movement
- (b) Quit India Movement
- (c) Khilafat Movement
- (d) Royal Indian Navy Mutiny

Answer: (b) Quit India Movement

Explanation: On August 8, 1942, Mahatma Gandhi launched the Quit India Movement (Bharat Chhodo Andolan) at the All-India Congress Committee session in Bombay, giving the famous "Do or Die" (Karo ya Maro) call.