

1. Important Days & Observances

12th National Handloom Day (7th August)

- **Background & Origin:** Observed annually on **August 7** to commemorate the launch of the **Swadeshi Movement** in 1905 at Calcutta Town Hall, which promoted indigenous products and self-reliance. Instituted in 2015, the first edition was inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Chennai.
- **2026 Celebrations:** The 12th edition was celebrated at the Rashtrapati Bhavan Cultural Centre (RBCC) in New Delhi with **President Droupadi Murmu** as Chief Guest.
- **Key Highlights:**
 - President Droupadi Murmu presented **22 prestigious awards**, including **3 Sant Kabir Handloom Awards** and **19 National Handloom Awards**.
 - Four commemorative postage stamps celebrating India's weaving heritage were released.
 - As per the 4th All India Handloom Census, India has over 31.45 lakh handloom households and 35.22 lakh weavers and allied workers.

National Javelin Day (7th August)

- **Significance:** Instituted by the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) to commemorate **Neeraj Chopra's** historic Gold Medal victory in the Men's Javelin Throw event at the Tokyo 2020 Olympics on August 7, 2021.
- **Objective:** To promote athletics and grassroots javelin throw talent across states and Union Territories in India.

2. Banking & Economics

RBI Policy & Macroeconomic Assessment

- **Key Policy Rates:**

- **Repo Rate:** Kept unchanged at **5.25%**.
- **Stance:** Maintained at **Neutral**.
- **Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) Rate:** 5.00%.
- **Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) & Bank Rate:** 5.50%.
- **Revised Growth & Inflation Forecasts:**
 - **FY27 GDP Growth Forecast:** Revised upward to **6.7%** (from 6.6%).
 - **FY27 CPI Inflation Projection:** Lowered to **5.0%** (from 5.1%).
- **Regulatory Directive:** RBI released draft guidelines for **on-tap licensing of Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs)** to establish a continuous licensing mechanism for eligible entities.

3. National News, Government Reports & Legal Directives

NITI Aayog Report: Caregiver Ecosystem Roadmap

- **Title:** "Reimagining Care: Strategies for Empowering Caregivers in Viksit Bharat@2047".
- **Objective:** Outlines a structured framework to build an organized, professional caregiving workforce, focusing on policy reforms, social security, and standard training certifications.

Supreme Court Ruling on Motor Vehicle Insurance

- **Bench:** Justice Sanjay Karol and Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra.
- **Ruling:** Extended mandatory third-party insurance compliance for new vehicles.
- **Pilot Initiative:** Directed IRDAI and MoRTH to explore a **"No Insurance, No Fuel"** pilot

- **Milestone:** 4th Indian overall, 1st Indian female scientist, and 3rd woman globally to win this award.

8. Defense & Space Technology

Unveiling of "Everest" Rocket Engine

- **Developer:** Astrobase Space Technologies (Bengaluru-based space tech firm).
- **Engine Specs:** 800 kN-class Full-Flow Staged Combustion (FFSC) Methalox Rocket Engine.
- **Significance:** First private Indian venture to develop full-flow staged combustion technology.

Defense Industrial Partnership: Dassault Aviation

- French manufacturer Dassault Aviation submitted a proposal to set up a **Rafale Final Assembly Line (FAL)** in India in partnership with the TATA Group.

9. Sports News

- **Chess (St. Louis Rapid & Blitz 2026):** Indian Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa won the Grand Chess Tour St. Louis Rapid & Blitz title in the USA.
- **Weightlifting (Asian Youth & Junior Championships):** Titli Maji won the Silver Medal in the Women's 45kg category in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
- **Athletics (World Athletics U20 Championships):** Mohammed Ashfaq broke the Indian U20 National Record in the Men's 400m event with a timing of 45.81 seconds in Eugene, USA.
- **Cricket:** Travis Head won his second consecutive Allan Border Medal (5th total) in Australian Cricket Awards.

10. Birth & Death Anniversaries

Sushma Swaraj (Death Anniversary - August 7)

- Passed away on August 7, 2019.
- Served as Union Minister for External Affairs (2014–2019) and was the 1st female Chief Minister of Delhi (1998).

Daily Practice MCQs (7th August 2026)

Q1. National Handloom Day is commemorated annually on 7th August to mark which historic event?

- (A) Declaration of Purna Swaraj (1930)
- (B) Launch of Swadeshi Movement (1905)
- (C) Champaran Satyagraha (1917)
- (D) Non-Cooperation Movement (1920)

Answer: (B)

Explanation: On August 7, 1905, the Swadeshi Movement was formally launched at the Calcutta Town Hall to encourage indigenous products and boycott foreign goods.

Q2. What is the RBI's revised GDP growth forecast for Financial Year 2026–27?

- (A) 6.4%
- (B) 6.5%
- (C) 6.7%
- (D) 7.0%

Answer: (C)

Explanation: The RBI revised its FY27 GDP growth forecast upward from 6.6% to 6.7%, keeping the Repo Rate unchanged at 5.25%.

Q3. Who became the first Indian female scientist to receive the prestigious COSPAR Vikram Sarabhai Medal?

- (A) Dr. Tessy Thomas



- (B) Dr. Annapurni Subramaniam
(C) Dr. Ritu Karidhal
(D) Dr. N. Kalaiselvi

Answer: (B)

Explanation: Dr. Annapurni Subramaniam, Director of IIA Bengaluru, became the first Indian female scientist and 4th Indian overall to win the COSPAR Vikram Sarabhai Medal.

Q4. Which Indian space startup unveiled "Everest", an 800 kN Full-Flow Staged Combustion (FFSC) Methalox rocket engine?

- (A) Skyroot Aerospace
(B) Agnikul Cosmos
(C) Astrobase Space Technologies
(D) Bellatrix Aerospace

Answer: (C)

Explanation: Astrobase Space Technologies (Bengaluru) unveiled "Everest", India's first 80-ton fully integrated FFSC methalox rocket engine.

Q5. Who was appointed as the Senior Adviser to the Executive Director (India) at the International Monetary Fund (IMF)?

- (A) Satyajit Mohanty
(B) Rahul Jain
(C) T. V. Somanathan
(D) Rajiv Gauba

Answer: (B)

Explanation: Senior IAS officer Rahul Jain was appointed as Senior Adviser to the Executive Director (India) at the IMF for a three-year term.

Q6. Which Indian Grandmaster won the Grand Chess Tour St. Louis Rapid & Blitz title?

- (A) D. Gukesh
(B) R. Praggnanandhaa

- (C) Arjun Erigaisi
(D) Vidit Gujrathi

Answer: (B)

Explanation: R. Praggnanandhaa secured the Grand Chess Tour St. Louis Rapid & Blitz title after scoring 23 points in the United States.

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- (D) Launch of the Non-Cooperation Movement (1920)

Correct Answer: (B) Launch of the Swadeshi Movement (1905)

Detailed Explanation: National Handloom Day is celebrated every year on August 7 to commemorate the formal launch of the Swadeshi Movement at the Calcutta Town Hall in 1905. The movement promoted indigenous products and local weaving industries. In 2015, Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared August 7 as the official National Handloom Day. The 12th edition was celebrated in New Delhi, honoring handloom weavers across India where over 35 lakh artisans contribute to the sector.

Q2. August 7 is celebrated as 'National Javelin Day' across India. To commemorate whose historic Olympic achievement was this day designated by the Athletics Federation of India (AFI)?

- (A) Shivpal Singh
- (B) Neeraj Chopra
- (C) Kishore Jena



- (D) Davinder Singh Kang

Correct Answer: (B) Neeraj Chopra

Detailed Explanation: The Athletics Federation of India (AFI) instituted August 7 as "National Javelin Day" to mark Neeraj Chopra's historic Gold Medal win in the Men's Javelin Throw at the Tokyo 2020 Olympic Games on August 7, 2021. With a throw of 87.58 meters, he became India's first track-and-field Olympic champion.

2. Banking & Economics

Q3. In the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) announcement, what policy Repo Rate did the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) decide to maintain?

- (A) 5.00%
- (B) 5.25%
- (C) 5.50%
- (D) 6.00%

Correct Answer: (B) 5.25%

Detailed Explanation: The RBI Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) unanimously decided to keep the policy Repo Rate unchanged at 5.25% while maintaining a 'Neutral' stance. Consequently, the Standing Deposit Facility (SDF) rate stands at 5.00%, and both the Marginal Standing Facility (MSF) and Bank Rate remain at 5.50%.

Q4. What is the revised Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth projection for Financial Year 2026-27 (FY27) announced by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- (A) 6.4%
- (B) 6.5%
- (C) 6.7%
- (D) 7.0%

Correct Answer: (C) 6.7%

Detailed Explanation: Reflecting strong domestic economic activity and resilient private

consumption, the RBI revised its FY27 GDP growth forecast upward to 6.7% from its earlier estimate of 6.6%. Additionally, the CPI inflation projection for FY27 was revised downward to 5.0%.

Q5. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issued draft guidelines for "on-tap licensing" for which category of banking institutions?

- (A) Small Finance Banks (SFBs)
- (B) Payments Banks (PBs)
- (C) Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs)
- (D) Regional Rural Banks (RRBs)

Correct Answer: (C) Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs)

Detailed Explanation: The RBI released draft guidelines for the on-tap licensing of Urban Co-operative Banks (UCBs). On-tap licensing provides a continuous mechanism allowing eligible entities to apply for a UCB license at any time, subject to meeting prescribed regulatory capital and operational criteria.

Q6. Under which regulatory framework does the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) issue its annual list of systemically important Upper Layer Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFC-UL)?

- (A) Insolvency and Bankruptcy Code (IBC)
- (B) Scale-Based Regulation (SBR) Framework
- (C) Prompt Corrective Action (PCA) Framework
- (D) Basel III Capital Adequacy Accord

Correct Answer: (B) Scale-Based Regulation (SBR) Framework

Detailed Explanation: The RBI released the list of Upper Layer NBFCs (NBFC-UL) under its Scale-Based Regulation (SBR) framework. Under SBR, NBFCs are categorized into four

layers—Base, Middle, Upper, and Top—based on size, leverage, and systemic risk, with Upper Layer institutions subject to enhanced regulatory supervision.

3. Government Schemes & Reports

Q7. NITI Aayog released a report titled "Reimagining Care: Strategies for Empowering Caregivers in Viksit Bharat@2047". What is the target focus of this roadmap?

- (A) Building a subsidized health insurance model for senior citizens
- (B) Creating an organized, professional caregiving ecosystem and social security framework
- (C) Establishing AI-driven primary healthcare centers in all Gram Panchayats
- (D) Privatizing elderly home healthcare services nationwide

Correct Answer: (B) Creating an organized, professional caregiving ecosystem and social security framework

Detailed Explanation: The NITI Aayog report outlines a national roadmap to transform caregiving into a structured, professional workforce. It highlights that India's elderly population will double to 21% by 2050. It calls for standardized certifications, minimum wage protections, and social security to support caregivers—79% of whom are currently women engaged in unpaid care work.

Q8. The GOBARDhan Scheme, managed across multiple ministries with the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas as a primary driver, primarily focuses on which objective?

- (A) Direct subsidies for chemical fertilizers

- (B) Converting cattle dung, organic waste, and crop residue into Compressed Biogas (CBG)
- (C) Solar power pump installation in rainfed areas
- (D) Financial support for organic certification of small farmers

Correct Answer: (B) Converting cattle dung, organic waste, and crop residue into Compressed Biogas (CBG)

Detailed Explanation: GOBARDhan (Galvanizing Organic Bio-Agro Resources Dhan) focuses on converting cattle dung, crop residue, and municipal waste into Compressed Biogas (CBG) and organic bio-slurry manure. The initiative helps reduce stubble burning, promotes a circular economy, and substitutes imported fossil fuels.

Q9. Which Union Ministry implements the "Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science" (SPCS) to build scientific temper and establish Science Cities?

- (A) Ministry of Science and Technology
- (B) Ministry of Culture
- (C) Ministry of Education
- (D) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology

Correct Answer: (B) Ministry of Culture

Detailed Explanation: The Scheme for Promotion of Culture of Science (SPCS) is a flagship initiative implemented by the Union Ministry of Culture. It provides central financial assistance to set up Science Cities, Science Centres, and Innovation Hubs across states to foster scientific curiosity and awareness among students and the general public.

Q10. Under the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS), financial

assistance is awarded to meritorious students from economically weaker sections from which class onwards?

- (A) Class 6
- (B) Class 8
- (C) Class 9
- (D) Class 11

Correct Answer: (C) Class 9

Detailed Explanation: Implemented by the Ministry of Education, the National Means-cum-Merit Scholarship Scheme (NMMSS—launched in 2008) provides 1,00,000 scholarships of ₹12,000 per annum to selected students from Class 9 through Class 12 to prevent secondary school dropouts.

4. MoUs & Corporate Partnerships

Q11. Pawan Hans Limited (PHL) signed an MoU with Noemi Aerospace (Elfly AS) to explore sustainable amphibious aircraft operations. In which country is Noemi Aerospace headquartered?

- (A) Sweden
- (B) Norway
- (C) Denmark
- (D) Finland

Correct Answer: (B) Norway

Detailed Explanation: Public sector helicopter operator Pawan Hans Limited (under the Ministry of Civil Aviation) signed a non-binding MoU with Norway's Noemi Aerospace (Elfly AS) in New Delhi. The collaboration explores zero-emission amphibious aircraft operations and eco-friendly air transport solutions for regional connectivity.

Q12. Bajaj General Insurance partnered with Swiss Re Corporate Solutions for commercial

risk engineering solutions. Where are the global headquarters of Swiss Re Group?

- (A) Zurich, Switzerland
- (B) Geneva, Switzerland
- (C) Frankfurt, Germany
- (D) London, United Kingdom

Correct Answer: (A) Zurich, Switzerland

Detailed Explanation: Bajaj General Insurance signed an MoU with Swiss Re Corporate Solutions, the commercial insurance arm of Zurich-based Swiss Re Group. The partnership aims to provide corporate clients in India with risk management engineering, advanced property underwriting, and tailored reinsurance coverage.

5. National News, Legal & Judiciary

Q13. A Supreme Court bench comprising Justice Sanjay Karol and Justice Prashant Kumar Mishra directed IRDAI and MoRTH to explore a pilot project for which mandatory policy at petrol pumps?

- (A) "No Helmet, No Fuel"
- (B) "No Insurance, No Fuel"
- (C) "No PUC Certificate, No Fuel"
- (D) "No FASTag, No Fuel"

Correct Answer: (B) "No Insurance, No Fuel"

Detailed Explanation: To improve Motor Vehicles Act compliance and address the vast number of uninsured motor vehicles on Indian roads, the Supreme Court extended third-party insurance compliance and directed IRDAI and MoRTH to execute a pilot "No Insurance, No Fuel" verification policy at fuel outlets in select cities.

Q14. India's first guided high-altitude wildlife safari was approved in which region to promote eco-tourism and Snow Leopard conservation?

- (A) Sikkim
- (B) Himachal Pradesh
- (C) Ladakh
- (D) Uttarakhand

Correct Answer: (C) Ladakh

Detailed Explanation: Ladakh approved India's first guided high-altitude wildlife safari. The initiative promotes sustainable eco-tourism while generating local livelihoods and protecting fragile high-altitude species such as the Snow Leopard, Tibetan Argali, and Asiatic Ibex.

6. Appointments & Extensions

Q15. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) granted a one-year service extension to which senior officer as Cabinet Secretary of India?

- (A) Rajiv Gauba
- (B) T. V. Somanathan
- (C) Ajay Kumar Bhalla
- (D) Vinay Mohan Kwatra

Correct Answer: (B) T. V. Somanathan

Detailed Explanation: Senior IAS officer T. V. Somanathan was granted a one-year extension as Cabinet Secretary of India by the ACC, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. The Cabinet Secretary is the ex-officio Chairman of the Civil Services Board and the top-ranking civil servant in India.

Q16. Who was appointed as Senior Adviser to the Executive Director (India) at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington D.C. for 3 years?

- (A) Rahul Jain
- (B) Krishnamurthy Subramanian
- (C) Soumya Kanti Ghosh

- (D) V. Anantha Nageswaran

Correct Answer: (A) Rahul Jain

Detailed Explanation: Rahul Jain (2005-batch IAS officer of the Madhya Pradesh cadre), serving as Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, was appointed as Senior Adviser to the Executive Director (India) at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) for a three-year tenure.

Q17. Senior bureaucrat Satyajit Mohanty was appointed as the Representative of India in the Council of which international aviation organization?

- (A) International Maritime Organization (IMO)
- (B) International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)
- (C) World Meteorological Organization (WMO)
- (D) International Air Transport Association (IATA)

Correct Answer: (B) International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO)

Detailed Explanation: Satyajit Mohanty, Joint Secretary in the Ministry of Defence, was appointed as Representative of India in the Council of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) in Montreal, Canada, for a tenure of three years.

Q18. Air India appointed Tewolde Gebremariam as its new Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director (CEO & MD). He previously headed which major global airline?

- (A) Emirates
- (B) Ethiopian Airlines Group
- (C) Qatar Airways
- (D) Singapore Airlines

Correct Answer: (B) Ethiopian Airlines Group

Detailed Explanation: Aviation industry veteran Tewolde Gebremariam, who spent over a decade leading the Ethiopian Airlines Group into Africa's largest and most profitable carrier, was appointed CEO & MD of Air India.

7. International News & Diplomacy

Q19. The 36th meeting of the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination on Border Affairs (WMCC) between India and China was hosted in which city?

- (A) Beijing
- (B) New Delhi
- (C) Shanghai
- (D) Chengdu

Correct Answer: (B) New Delhi

Detailed Explanation: The 36th India-China WMCC meeting took place in New Delhi. Discussions centered on maintaining peace along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), completing disengagement in remaining friction points, and facilitating transboundary hydrological river data exchange.

8. Awards & Honors

Q20. Dr. Annapurni Subramaniam was awarded the COSPAR Vikram Sarabhai Medal 2026 in Italy. She serves as Director of which research institution?

- (A) Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru
- (B) Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bengaluru
- (C) Raman Research Institute (RRI), Bengaluru
- (D) Inter-University Centre for Astronomy and Astrophysics (IUCAA), Pune

Correct Answer: (B) Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), Bengaluru

Detailed Explanation: Dr. Annapurni Subramaniam, Director of IIA Bengaluru, was awarded the COSPAR Vikram Sarabhai Medal 2026 by the Committee on Space Research in Italy. She became the first Indian female scientist (and 4th Indian overall) to receive this honor for contributions to space science in developing nations.

9. Defense & Space Technology

Q21. Which nation submitted a formal government-to-government proposal to India for supplying 114 Rafale fighter jets to the Indian Air Force?

- (A) United States
- (B) France
- (C) Russia
- (D) United Kingdom

Correct Answer: (B) France

Detailed Explanation: France submitted a government-to-government (G2G) proposal to India for the procurement of 114 Rafale multi-role fighter aircraft for the Indian Air Force (IAF), including domestic manufacturing options under Make in India.

Q22. "Everest", an 800 kN Full-Flow Staged Combustion (FFSC) Methalox Rocket Engine, was unveiled by which private Indian space startup?

- (A) Skyroot Aerospace
- (B) Agnikul Cosmos
- (C) Astrobase Space Technologies
- (D) Bellatrix Aerospace

Correct Answer: (C) Astrobase Space Technologies

Detailed Explanation: Bengaluru-based startup Astrobase Space Technologies unveiled "Everest", an 80-ton thrust Full-Flow Staged Combustion (FFSC) engine powered by Methane and Liquid Oxygen (Methalox). This marks a significant development in high-efficiency liquid propulsion engines by a private entity in India.

Q23. Agni-4, developed by DRDO and operated by the Strategic Forces Command (SFC), falls under which category of missile systems?

- (A) Short-Range Ballistic Missile (SRBM)
- (B) Medium-Range Ballistic Missile (MRBM)
- (C) Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM)
- (D) Submarine-Launched Cruise Missile (SLCM)

Correct Answer: (B) Medium-Range Ballistic Missile (MRBM)

Detailed Explanation: Agni-4 is an indigenously developed Medium-Range Ballistic Missile (MRBM) with a strike range of approximately 4,000 km. Developed by DRDO, it features solid-propellant composite rocket motors and micro-navigation systems.

10. Sports News

Q24. Indian Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa won which prestigious international tournament title in the United States?

- (A) Norway Chess Masters 2026
- (B) Grand Chess Tour St. Louis Rapid & Blitz 2026
- (C) Tata Steel Chess India 2026
- (D) FIDE Candidates Tournament 2026

Correct Answer: (B) Grand Chess Tour St. Louis Rapid & Blitz 2026

Detailed Explanation: Indian GM R. Praggnanandhaa won the Grand Chess Tour St. Louis Rapid & Blitz 2026 in Missouri, USA, securing 23 points across the rapid and blitz formats against a world-class field.

Q25. Titli Maji won a Silver Medal for India at the Asian Youth & Junior Weightlifting Championships in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, in which weight division?

- (A) Women's 45 kg
- (B) Women's 49 kg
- (C) Women's 55 kg
- (D) Women's 59 kg

Correct Answer: (A) Women's 45 kg

Detailed Explanation: Indian weightlifter Titli Maji won the Silver Medal in the Women's 45 kg youth category at the Asian Youth and Junior Weightlifting Championships in Tashkent, lifting a cumulative total of 148 kg.

Q26. Mohammed Ashfaq set a new Indian U20 National Record in which track event at the World Athletics U20 Championships in Eugene, USA?

- (A) Men's 100m
- (B) Men's 200m
- (C) Men's 400m
- (D) Men's 800m

Correct Answer: (C) Men's 400m

Detailed Explanation: Sprinter Mohammed Ashfaq set a new Indian U20 National Record in the Men's 400m discipline at the World Athletics U20 Championships in Eugene, Oregon, with a time of 45.81 seconds.

11. Art & Culture, Festivals & Heritage

Q27. The historic Dhableswar Temple, situated on an island in the Mahanadi River, is located in which state?

- (A) West Bengal
- (B) Odisha
- (C) Chhattisgarh
- (D) Jharkhand

Correct Answer: (B) Odisha

Detailed Explanation: Dhabaleswar Temple is an ancient Shiva shrine located on an island in the Mahanadi River near Cuttack, Odisha. Constructed in the traditional Kalinga architectural style, the temple's origin traces back to King Yayati Keshari of the Somavamshi dynasty.

Q28. Which program was highlighted to support traditional textile clusters, Khadi, and Handlooms under the One District One Product (ODOP) initiative?

- (A) PM-MITRA Scheme
- (B) Mahatma Gandhi Gram Swaraj Initiative
- (C) SAMARTH Scheme
- (D) Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana

Correct Answer: (B) Mahatma Gandhi Gram Swaraj Initiative

Detailed Explanation: The Mahatma Gandhi Gram Swaraj Initiative strengthens Khadi, handlooms, and rural handicrafts. It provides artisans with global market access, technology upgrades, branding assistance, and skill development integrated with the One District One Product (ODOP) framework.

12. Birth & Death Anniversaries

Q29. August 7 marks the death anniversary of Sushma Swaraj. In 1998, she held which historical leadership position?

- (A) First Female Chief Minister of Delhi
- (B) First Female Governor of Uttar Pradesh

- (C) First Female Chief Minister of Haryana
- (D) First Female Speaker of the Lok Sabha

Correct Answer: (A) First Female Chief Minister of Delhi

Detailed Explanation: Sushma Swaraj (1952–2019) was a prominent leader who served as India's Union Minister for External Affairs (2014–2019) and became the 1st female Chief Minister of Delhi in 1998. She passed away on August 7, 2019.

13. Environment & Wildlife

Q30. What is the IUCN Red List conservation status of the Himalayan Serow (*Capricornis sumatraensis thar*)?

- (A) Critically Endangered
- (B) Endangered
- (C) Near Threatened
- (D) Least Concern

Correct Answer: (C) Near Threatened

Detailed Explanation: The Himalayan Serow, a goat-antelope native to the high altitudes of the Himalayas, is classified as **Near Threatened** on the IUCN Red List. In India, it receives high-level legal protection under Schedule I of the Wildlife Protection Act, 1972, and Appendix I of CITES.