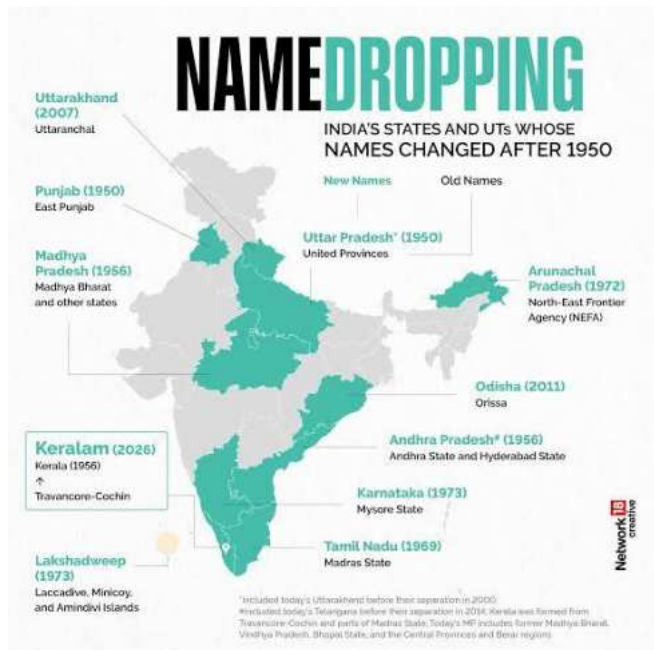


National News & Polity



Official name updates of Indian states including Keralam. Source: Reddit

1. President Grants Assent to Rename Kerala as 'Keralam'

- **Detailed Explanation:** President Droupadi Murmu granted presidential assent to the Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026, officially changing the name of the state from Kerala to **Keralam** in the First Schedule of the Constitution. The legislation follows a unanimous resolution passed by the state assembly, aligning the official English designation with its native Malayalam name.
- **Exam Angle (UPSC / State PSC):** Article 3 of the Indian Constitution empowers Parliament to alter the names, boundaries, or areas of existing states by simple majority, following reference to the concerned state legislature under Article 3 proviso.

Practice Question: Which Article of the Indian Constitution grants Parliament the authority to

alter the name or boundaries of an existing State?

Options: 1 (A) Article 2 (B) Article

- 3 (C) Article 4 (D) Article 368

• **Answer: (B) Article 3**

2. Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026

- **Detailed Explanation:** Parliament introduced the MMDR Amendment Bill, 2026, creating Section 9D to cap state levies and cesses on mineral-bearing lands. This legislative move addresses the Supreme Court's 9-judge Constitution Bench ruling in Mineral Area Development Authority (MADA) v. SAIL (2024), which affirmed state taxation powers under Entry 49 of the State List while clarifying that royalty is not a tax. The bill seeks to unify fiscal frameworks, protect critical mineral supply chains, and bolster foreign investment in deep-seated mineral exploration.

- **Exam Angle:** Key distinction between Entry 49 (Taxes on lands and buildings) and Entry 50 (Taxes on mineral rights subject to limitations imposed by Parliament by law) under Schedule VII.

Practice Question: The landmark Supreme Court ruling in MADA v. SAIL primarily dealt with which of the following subjects?

Options: (A) Disqualification under Anti-Defection Law

(B) Constitutional validity of State taxation powers on mineral-bearing lands

(C) Federal allocation of GST revenues

(D) Sub-classification within Scheduled Castes

Answer: (B) Constitutional validity of State taxation powers on mineral-bearing lands



3. Launch of 'Reform Utsav' Governance Initiative

- **Detailed Explanation:** The Central Government launched **Reform Utsav**, a nation-wide citizen engagement platform chaired by Cabinet Secretary T. V. Somanathan. The initiative establishes a structured feedback mechanism converting public suggestions into actionable administrative reforms across Union and State ministries.

Economy, Banking & Technology

1. First-Pass Silicon Success for Indigenous 'VIHAAN' Chip

- **Detailed Explanation:** India achieved a major semiconductor milestone with the successful First-Pass Silicon Tapeout of **VIHAAN**, an indigenous broadband networking chip designed for high-throughput telecom routers and defense communications.
- **Exam Angle (Banking / SSC CGL):** Supports the National Semiconductor Mission (ISM) under MeitY aiming for domestic IP creation in fabless chip design.

Practice Question: What is 'VIHAAN', recently highlighted in national news?

- Options:** (A) India's deep-ocean manned submersible
(B) Indigenously designed broadband networking chip
(C) AI-driven defense satellite
(D) Naval stealth frigate

Answer: (B) Indigenously designed broadband networking chip

INSIGHTS IAS

2. Rapid Expansion of India's Space Economy

- **Detailed Explanation:** Official data released on 17 August 2026 confirms that India's registered space start-ups grew from 1 in 2014 to **440 in 2026**, with the domestic space economy reaching a valuation of **\$9 Billion USD**. Private sector capital inflows reached \$618.5 Million USD, supported by 113 IN-SPACe authorisations granted to Non-Government Entities (NGEs).
- **Target:** Projected growth to \$40–45 Billion USD over the next decade under the Indian Space Policy.

3. CEA Issues Mandatory Cybersecurity Rules for Power Sector

- **Detailed Explanation:** The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) promulgated the CEA (Cyber Security in Power Sector) Regulations, 2026. The regulations mandate trusted hardware procurement, mandatory pre-deployment vulnerability testing, and 1-month resolution timelines for high-risk vulnerabilities to shield SCADA grid controllers from cyber intrusions.

International Affairs

1. Hurricane 'Lala' Strikes Hawaii Islands

Detailed Explanation: Severe Hurricane **Lala** struck Hawaii's Big Island and Maui before weakening to a tropical storm. The event triggered mass blackouts affecting over 180,000 customers and highlighted infrastructure vulnerabilities in isolated Pacific island economies.

Practice Question: Tropical Storm / Hurricane 'Lala', which caused widespread damage in August 2026, primarily affected which region?

- **Options:** (A) Philippines Archipelago
- (B) Hawaiian Islands, USA
- (C) Gulf of Mexico
- (D) Madagascar Coast



- Answer: (B) Hawaiian Islands, USA
- 2. 'Suryapath Tiranga' Public Diplomacy Outreach
- Detailed Explanation: The Embassy of India in Jakarta highlighted the **Suryapath Tiranga** initiative—a overseas public diplomacy program utilizing the Indian Tricolour to deepen diaspora engagement and strengthen soft-power linkages across Southeast Asia.

Awards & Honors

- National Anubhav Awards 2026: Presented by the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW) under Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions to retiring central government civil servants for exemplary write-ups detailing administrative innovations and operational experience.

Art, Culture & Festivals

- Dahi Handi Celebrations: Marked across Maharashtra and Western India as part of Krishna Janmashtami festivities. Human pyramids (Govindas) form to break elevated earthen pots filled with curd and butter, symbolizing Lord Krishna's youthful playfulness (Bal Leela).

Important Days & Historical Anniversaries (17 August)

Day / Event	Historical Context & Significance
Radcliffe Line Publication (17 Aug 1947)	Publication of the official boundary award by Sir Cyril Radcliffe, defining the international borders separating India and

Day / Event	Historical Context & Significance
	Pakistan across Punjab and Bengal.
Indonesia Kemerdekaan Day (17 Aug 1945)	National Independence Day of Indonesia, commemorating the 1945 declaration by Sukarno and Mohammad Hatta.
Shaheed Madan Lal Dhingra Martyrdom	Indian revolutionary member of India House in London who was executed at Pentonville Prison on 17 August 1909 for assassinating Curzon Wylie.

Sports Briefs

- Cricket: Devdutt Padikkal hit a maiden comeback Test century against Sri Lanka in Galle.
- Chess: World No. 1 Magnus Carlsen captured the Esports Chess World Cup 2026 title in Paris without dropping a single game.
- Badminton: PV Sindhu and doubles pair Treesa Jolly / Gayatri Gopichand advanced to the Round of 32 at the BWF World Championships.

1. International News: NASA-ISRO Moon Cooperation

Q1. NASA recently extended an official invitation to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) to participate in its proposed Moon Base Programme targeting the lunar south pole by around 2030. In this context, which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. India became a signatory to the Artemis Accords in 2023 for peaceful civil space exploration.
2. The lunar south pole is strategically valuable primarily because permanently shadowed craters contain water ice.
3. China and Russia are concurrently developing a parallel lunar partnership known as the International Lunar Research Station (ILRS).

(A) 1 and 2 only

(B) 2 and 3 only

(C) 1 and 3 only

(D) 1, 2, and 3

- **Answer:** (D) 1, 2, and 3
- **Explanation:** All three statements are correct. NASA has invited ISRO to collaborate on its Moon Base initiative near the lunar south pole. The south pole of the Moon is of high strategic and scientific interest because permanently shadowed regions harbor significant reserves of water ice, which can yield life-support oxygen and hydrogen rocket fuel for future deep-space missions. India signed the U.S.-led Artemis Accords in 2023. Concurrently, China and Russia are leading a competing consortium to construct the International Lunar Research Station (ILRS).

2. International News:

Q2. Tropical storm activity in the Pacific ocean caused massive power disruptions affecting over 180,000 residents in Hawaii's Big Island and Maui in mid-August 2026. What was the name of this hurricane?

(A) Hurricane Beryl

(B) Hurricane Lala

(C) Hurricane Otis

(D) Hurricane Dora

- **Answer:** (B) Hurricane Lala
- **Explanation:** In mid-August 2026, Hurricane Lala struck the Hawaiian archipelago, impacting Maui and the Big Island before degrading into a tropical storm. It unleashed high winds, severe flooding, and widespread infrastructure damage, temporarily cutting off electricity to more than 180,000 customers.

3. International News: Historic Anniversaries

Q3. On 17 August 2026, Indonesia celebrated its 81st Independence Day (Hari Kemerdekaan). Who among the following leaders officially proclaimed Indonesian independence on 17 August 1945?

(A) Suharto and Adam Malik

(B) Sukarno and Mohammad Hatta

(C) Joko Widodo and Prabowo Subianto

(D) Megawati Sukarnoputri and Abdurrahman Wahid

- **Answer:** (B) Sukarno and Mohammad Hatta
- **Explanation:** Indonesia commemorates its national day on 17 August, marking the historical proclamation of independence read by nationalist leaders Sukarno and Mohammad Hatta at 10:00 AM on 17 August 1945 in Jakarta. This declaration initiated the four-year Indonesian National Revolution against Dutch colonial rule, which ended with formal Dutch recognition of sovereignty in December 1949.

4. International News: Geopolitics & Security



Q4. Iranian official channels announced a monetary bounty of \$30,000 targeting military personnel in mid-August 2026. Which country's armed forces were explicitly targeted in this directive?

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

• **Answer:** (B) United States

• **Explanation:** On 17 August 2026, Tehran escalated geopolitical rhetoric by announcing a \$30,000 bounty for killing or capturing American military personnel. This move marked a dramatic shift in strategic messaging within the broader U.S.-Iran tension matrix.

5. National News: Constitutional & Legislative Updates

Q5. President Droupadi Murmu gave royal assent to the Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026, officially renaming the State of Kerala to 'Keralam'. Which Article of the Constitution of India empowers Parliament to alter the name of any State?

- (A) Article 1
- (B) Article 2
- (C) Article 3
- (D) Article 4

• **Answer:** (C) Article 3

• **Explanation:** Under Article 3 of the Indian Constitution, Parliament possesses the power to form new States, alter boundary lines, or change the name of any existing State. Following a unanimous resolution

passed by the state assembly, the Union Cabinet introduced the Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026, which was passed by both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha before receiving presidential assent on 17 August 2026.

6. National News: Cultural & Overseas Diplomacy

Q6. What is the main objective of the overseas outreach initiative 'Suryapath Tiranga' highlighted by the Indian Embassy in Jakarta during August 2026?

- (A) A solar power distribution network for ASEAN nations
- (B) A soft-power diaspora outreach using the Indian Tricolour as a symbol of unity
- (C) An ocean shipping route connecting India and Indonesia
- (D) A renewable energy trade agreement among Indian Ocean Rim Association (IORA) members

• **Answer:** (B) A soft-power diaspora outreach using the Indian Tricolour as a symbol of unity

• **Explanation:** 'Suryapath Tiranga' is an overseas public diplomacy and cultural outreach initiative launched around Independence Day 2026. It connects the overseas Indian diaspora and global friends of India through a symbolic global Tricolour relay, leveraging soft power to strengthen people-to-people relations.

7. National News: Inter-State Water Dispute

Q7. On 17 August 2026, the Supreme Court monitored progress regarding Cauvery river water allocation. Which statutory body



oversees water release compliance between Karnataka and Tamil Nadu?

- (A) Krishna River Management Board (KRMB)
- (B) Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA)
- (C) Godavari Water Disputes Tribunal (GWDT)
- (D) Central Water Commission (CWC)

- **Answer:** (B) Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA)
- **Explanation:** The Cauvery Water Management Authority (CWMA) was constituted by the Central Government under Section 6A of the Inter-State River Water Disputes Act, 1956, following Supreme Court directives to regulate and enforce water allocation orders among Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, Kerala, and Puducherry.

8. National News: Legal & Judicial Updates

Q8. On 17 August 2026, the Supreme Court of India granted interim relief to Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi by staying proceedings in a disproportionate assets case initiated by which High Court?

- (A) Delhi High Court
- (B) Allahabad High Court
- (C) Bombay High Court
- (D) Patna High Court

- **Answer:** (B) Allahabad High Court
- **Explanation:** A three-judge Bench headed by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant halted single-judge proceedings and directions issued by the Allahabad High Court against Rahul Gandhi, emphasizing that judicial

institutions must strictly adhere to principles of natural justice.

9. Economics & Mining Sector Reforms

Q9. Parliament passed the Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026. Which newly introduced section restricts State Governments from imposing new taxes or cesses on mineral-bearing lands without Centre-prescribed conditions?

- (A) Section 9A
- (B) Section 9D
- (C) Section 11B
- (D) Section 13A

- **Answer:** (B) Section 9D
- **Explanation:** Section 9D restricts State Governments from imposing new taxes, cesses, or additional levies on mineral rights or mineral-bearing lands based on quantity, royalty, or mineral value, except under explicit conditions prescribed by the Central Government under Section 13 rules.

10. Economics & Public Finance

Q10. Under the provisions of the MMDR Amendment Bill, 2026, how are past retrospective state levies treated if they were not collected or deposited prior to the commencement of the Act?

- (A) They are converted into mandatory long-term state bonds
- (B) They are declared invalid, while previously deposited amounts remain non-refundable
- (C) They must be refunded to mining companies with interest
- (D) They are referred to the GST Council for final arbitration



- **Answer:** (B) They are declared invalid, while previously deposited amounts remain non-refundable
- **Explanation:** The MMDR Amendment Bill, 2026 specifies that retrospective demands or levies that were not deposited with or recovered by the State Government prior to the enforcement of the Act are deemed invalid. However, amounts that were already deposited or recovered prior to commencement will not be refunded.

11. Regulatory Frameworks: Cyber Security

Q11. Under the Central Electricity Authority (Cyber Security in Power Sector) Regulations, 2026, what is the mandatory timeframe for covered entities to report a cyber security incident?

- (A) Within 2 hours
- (B) Within 6 hours
- (C) Within 12 hours
- (D) Within 24 hours

- **Answer:** (B) Within 6 hours
- **Explanation:** The CEA Regulations 2026 mandate that any critical or minor cyber security incident occurring within power IT/OT infrastructure must be reported to CSIRT-Power and CERT-In within 6 hours of detection. If the incident is confirmed to be cyber sabotage targeting critical assets, a detailed report must be submitted within 24 hours.

12. Banking & Energy Governance

Q12. What is the minimum installed power generating capacity threshold above which generating companies and captive power plants

fall under mandatory compliance of CEA Cyber Security Regulations 2026?

- (A) 10 MW
- (B) 25 MW
- (C) 50 MW
- (D) 100 MW

- **Answer:** (C) 50 MW
- **Explanation:** The CEA (Cyber Security in Power Sector) Regulations, 2026 apply to power entities owning, operating, or managing Operational Technology (OT) and interconnected IT infrastructure. Generating stations, captive plants, and energy storage systems with an installed capacity of 50 MW or more are directly bound by these rules. Smaller entities below 50 MW are advised to voluntarily implement CERT-In's 15 Elemental Cyber Defense Controls.

13. Defense & Internal Security

Q13. In August 2026, Home Minister Amit Shah announced the dismantling of a major terror network operating across 14 states with links to Pakistan's ISI. What was the name of this network?

- (A) Ghazwa-e-Hind module
- (B) Shahzad Bhatti network
- (C) Ansarullah Bangla Team
- (D) Lashkar-e-Taiba sleeper cell

- **Answer:** (B) Shahzad Bhatti network
- **Explanation:** Union Home Minister Amit Shah confirmed that security agencies conducted coordinated multi-state intelligence-led raids across 14 states ahead of Independence Day, arresting over 200 operatives and effectively dismantling the



ISI-backed Shahzad Bhatti terror and logistics network.

14. Defense & Infrastructure Protection

Q14. Within how many days must an entity notify the Appropriate Government after identifying a critical system asset as Critical Information Infrastructure (CII) under CEA Cyber Security Regulations 2026?

- (A) 15 days
- (B) 30 days
- (C) 60 days
- (D) 90 days

- **Answer:** (C) 60 days
- **Explanation:** According to the operational guidelines of the CEA Cyber Security Regulations 2026, power sector entities must approach and notify the designated Appropriate Government authority within 60 days of identifying any key asset as Critical Information Infrastructure (CII).

15. Defense & Maritime Readiness

Q15. Under the CEA Cyber Security Regulations 2026, what is the mandatory operational gap required between consecutive annual comprehensive cyber security audits?

- (A) 3 to 6 months
- (B) 6 to 9 months
- (C) 9 to 15 months
- (D) 12 to 18 months

- **Answer:** (C) 9 to 15 months
- **Explanation:** The CEA Regulations stipulate that comprehensive cyber security audits must occur every financial year, maintaining a strict interval gap of 9 to 15 months between two consecutive formal audits to ensure continuous compliance.

16. Appointments: Political & National

Q16. Who was appointed as the National Treasurer of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in the new office-bearers list announced on 17 August 2026?

- (A) Smriti Irani
- (B) Piyush Goyal
- (C) Anil Baluni
- (D) Rajesh Agarwal

- **Answer:** (B) Piyush Goyal
- **Explanation:** Union Minister Piyush Goyal was appointed as the National Treasurer of the BJP on 17 August 2026, taking over from Rajesh Agarwal. Smriti Irani was named National General Secretary, while Former Tripura CM Biplab Kumar Deb was also inducted into the general secretary team.

17. Appointments & Organizational News

Q17. Former Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb was appointed to which organizational post in the national team announced on 17 August 2026?

- (A) Vice President
- (B) General Secretary
- (C) Joint Treasurer
- (D) Chief Spokesperson

- **Answer:** (B) General Secretary
- **Explanation:** As part of the national office-bearers reshuffle on 17 August 2026, former Tripura Chief Minister Biplab Kumar Deb was appointed as BJP National General Secretary.

18. Governance Appointments & Policy Steering



Q18. Who heads the high-level Coordination Committee set up to govern the three-month citizen-centric governance campaign "Reform Utsav"?

- (A) Principal Secretary to the Prime Minister
- (B) Cabinet Secretary T. V. Somanathan
- (C) CEO of NITI Aayog
- (D) Union Home Secretary

- **Answer:** (B) Cabinet Secretary T. V. Somanathan
- **Explanation:** The Coordination Committee established to steer the "Reform Utsav" campaign across central ministries and state governments is chaired by Cabinet Secretary T. V. Somanathan.

19. Awards & Honors: Good Governance

Q19. Under the National Anubhav Awards Scheme 2026 guidelines issued by the Department of Pension and Pensioners' Welfare (DoPPW), how many Awards and Jury Certificates will be presented in 2026?

- (A) 3 Anubhav Awards and 5 Jury Certificates
- (B) 5 Anubhav Awards and 10 Jury Certificates
- (C) 10 Anubhav Awards and 15 Jury Certificates
- (D) 12 Anubhav Awards and 20 Jury Certificates

- **Answer:** (B) 5 Anubhav Awards and 10 Jury Certificates
- **Explanation:** Under the National Anubhav Awards Scheme 2026, 5 Anubhav Awards will be given to the best submitted write-ups along with 10 Jury Certificates to promote wider civil service participation. The initiative encourages retiring government employees to document administrative innovations and best practices.

20. Awards & Honors: Civil Service Governance

Q20. What is the maximum word limit for write-ups submitted by retiring or retired Central Government employees on the Anubhav Portal for award consideration?

- (A) 2,000 words
- (B) 3,500 words
- (C) 5,000 words
- (D) 7,500 words

- **Answer:** (C) 5,000 words
- **Explanation:** Retiring employees (retiring within 8 months) or retired employees (retired within the last 3 years) can upload detailed operational write-ups up to a maximum word limit of 5,000 words on the Anubhav Portal.

21. Governance Awards & Portal Guidelines

Q21. Write-ups published on the Anubhav Portal during which timeline are eligible for selection under the National Anubhav Awards Scheme 2026?

- (A) 1st January 2025 to 31st December 2025
- (B) 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026
- (C) 1st July 2025 to 30th June 2026
- (D) 1st August 2025 to 31st July 2026

- **Answer:** (B) 1st April 2025 to 31st March 2026
- **Explanation:** All write-ups submitted and published on the official Anubhav Portal between 1st April 2025 and 31st March 2026 qualify for evaluation under the 2026 award cycle.

22. Government Schemes & Public Policy

Q22. What is the main objective of the proposed three-month nationwide campaign "Reform Utsav" planned by the Union Government to launch on October 2, 2026?

- (A) A clean-up initiative for national highways
- (B) A campaign to collect citizen suggestions and convert them into actionable administrative reforms
- (C) A tax amnesty scheme for small and medium enterprises
- (D) A skill development training drive for agricultural labor

- **Answer:** (B) A campaign to collect citizen suggestions and convert them into actionable administrative reforms
- **Explanation:** "Reform Utsav" is a planned 3-month public campaign starting on Mahatma Gandhi's birth anniversary (October 2, 2026). It aims to institutionalize citizen participation by gathering public feedback (Jan Manthan), deliberating on ideas (Vimarsh), and implementing "quick-win" administrative reforms (Samadhan).

23. MoUs & Renewable Energy

Q23. On 18 August 2026, Saatvik Solar Industries signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to set up a 3.6 GW solar cell manufacturing facility in which state?

- (A) Gujarat
- (B) Rajasthan
- (C) Odisha
- (D) Tamil Nadu

- **Answer:** (C) Odisha
- **Explanation:** Saatvik Solar Industries (a subsidiary of Saatvik Green Energy Ltd)

signed an MoU with the Government of Odisha to set up a integrated 3.6 GW greenfield solar cell manufacturing facility.

24. Schemes & AI Integration

Q24. In the 'Jan Manthan' phase of the Reform Utsav campaign, which technology will be deployed to categorize and classify public feedback?

- (A) Blockchain-ledger verification
- (B) Artificial Intelligence (AI) algorithms
- (C) Quantum key encryption
- (D) Robotic Process Automation (RPA)

- **Answer:** (B) Artificial Intelligence (AI) algorithms
- **Explanation:** The 'Jan Manthan' portal will utilize AI-assisted feedback processing to organize, deduplicate, and classify thousands of citizen ideas across central and state departmental domains.

25. Sports: BWF World Championships 2026

Q25. In a major opening-round upset at the BWF World Championships 2026 on 17 August 2026, which young Indian shuttler defeated defending World Champion Shi Yu Qi of China?

- (A) Lakshya Sen
- (B) Priyanshu Rajawat
- (C) Ayush Shetty
- (D) Kiran George

- **Answer:** (C) Ayush Shetty
- **Explanation:** 19-year-old Indian badminton player Ayush Shetty pulled off a major victory on the opening day of the BWF World Championships 2026 by knocking out

defending champion and top-seed Shi Yu Qi of China in a 73-minute match.

26. Sports: Cricket & Asian Tournaments

Q26. Which country is set to host the Women's Twenty20 Asia Cup 2026 at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium in late August 2026?

- (A) Oman
- (B) United Arab Emirates
- (C) Qatar
- (D) Bahrain

- **Answer:** (B) United Arab Emirates
- **Explanation:** The 2026 Women's T20 Asia Cup features Asian nations competing in the UAE, with matches hosted at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium.

27. Sports: International Badminton

Q27. Ayush Shetty's victory over Shi Yu Qi marked a rare milestone in BWF World Championships men's singles history. What was notable about this result?

- (A) It was the fastest match recorded in tournament history
- (B) A defending champion lost in the very first round
- (C) It was played without a single service fault
- (D) It was the first match decided by a video review

- **Answer:** (B) A defending champion lost in the very first round
- **Explanation:** Ayush Shetty's win marked one of the few instances in BWF World Championships history where a defending men's singles champion was eliminated in the opening round.

28. Important Days: International

Q28. August 17 is globally observed as National Nonprofit Day. What does this observance celebrate?

- (A) The creation of the World Trade Organization
- (B) The contributions of non-profit organizations and NGOs to society
- (C) The signing of the Geneva Convention
- (D) The launch of global micro-finance initiatives

- **Answer:** (B) The contributions of non-profit organizations and NGOs to society
- **Explanation:** National Nonprofit Day is recognized on August 17 every year to honor non-profit organizations, charities, and NGOs for their humanitarian services, community development, and societal impact.

29. Important Days & Cultural Observances

Q29. Nag Panchami, a traditional Hindu festival dedicated to the veneration of serpents, was observed on 17 August 2026. On which month of the Hindu lunar calendar is it celebrated?

- (A) Chaitra
- (B) Shravana
- (C) Kartik
- (D) Phalguna

- **Answer:** (B) Shravana
- **Explanation:** Nag Panchami is observed on the fifth day (Panchami) of the bright half (Shukla Paksha) of the holy Hindu month of Shravana.

30. Historical Anniversaries: Famous Birthdays

Q30. 17 August marks the birth anniversary of Davy Crockett (born 1786). Who was Davy Crockett in world history?

- (A) A French impressionist painter
- (B) An American frontiersman, folk hero, and politician who died at the Alamo
- (C) A British naval commander during the Napoleonic Wars
- (D) An Australian explorer who mapped the Outback

- **Answer:** (B) An American frontiersman, folk hero, and politician who died at the Alamo
- **Explanation:** Born on 17 August 1786, Davy Crockett was a 19th-century American folk hero, frontiersman, soldier, and U.S. Congressman from Tennessee who died defending the Alamo during the Texas Revolution in 1836.



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