

1. National News & Governance

Jal Jeevan Mission Completes 7 Years of Implementation

- **News:** The flagship Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), launched by the Ministry of Jal Shakti on August 15, 2019, completed seven years of implementation.
- **Key Stats:**
 - Rural tap-water coverage has expanded from **16.7%** (3.23 crore households in 2019) to over **82%** (covering over 15.91 crore rural households).
 - Over 2 lakh villages have achieved 100% tap water connection (Har Ghar Jal certified).
- **Funding Pattern:**
 - **90:10** for Himalayan and North-Eastern States.
 - **100%** Central funding for Union Territories.
 - **50:50** for other Indian States.

NITI Aayog Releases Report on Professional Services Sector

- **Report Title:** "India's Services Sector: Insights on Regulatory Regime in Professional Services" (3rd report under NITI Aayog's Services Thematic Series).
- **Key Highlights:**
 - Professional services account for nearly **25% (one-fourth)** of India's total services exports.
 - Proposed a **4-pronged strategy**:
 1. Harnessing emerging trends
 2. Moving professional services higher up the global value chain.
 3. Adopting global regulatory best practices.
 4. Promoting continuous professional development (CPD).

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Central Information Commission Launches AppCoMS 2.0 Portal

- **News:** The Central Information Commission (CIC) inaugurated the upgraded **Appeal and Complaint Management System (AppCoMS 2.0)** portal.
- **Objective:** Streamline second appeals, RTI complaint processing, enhanced security, and real-time tracking under the **e-Courts 2.0** initiative.

Supreme Court Upholds Execution by Hanging

- **Verdict:** A Supreme Court bench dismissed a long-pending petition challenging the constitutionality of Section 354(5) of the Code of Criminal Procedure (CrPC), which prescribes "hanging by the neck until dead".
- **Reasoning:** The Court held that current statutory provisions are constitutionally valid and noted a lack of conclusive scientific evidence proving alternative methods (such as lethal injection) are significantly more humane or foolproof.

2. Economics, Banking & Financial News

SEBI Proposes Mandatory 'Credit Risk-o-Meter' for Debt Securities

- **Initiative:** The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) proposed a mandatory, standardized **Credit Risk-o-Meter** for corporate bonds and debt securities.
- **Mechanism:**
 - Converts standard credit ratings (AAA to D) into a **6-level color-coded visual gauge**, enabling retail investors to quickly evaluate default risk.

- **Mandatory Warning:** All unsecured debt instruments must display the word **"UNSECURED"** in bold red text beneath the meter.

Public Sector Bank (PSB) Fraud & Recovery Report (FY26)

• Report Findings:

- Total value of reported frauds in Public Sector Banks rose by **58%** to **₹35,671 crore** in FY26 (up from ₹22,582 crore in FY25).
- **Recovery Leader:** Punjab & Sind Bank led recoveries, retrieving **₹772.31 crore** from fraud cases, followed by Punjab National Bank (PNB) at ₹604.37 crore.
- **AI Enforcement:** Banks have integrated **MuleHunter** (an AI-driven platform) to monitor and disable illicit mule accounts used for money laundering.

IFSCA Grants License to Nexent Capital in GIFT City

- **News:** The International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) granted an Investment Banking license to **Nexent Capital IFSC Pvt. Ltd.** to operate out of GIFT City, Gandhinagar.
- **Objective:** Facilitate cross-border capital flow and assist US/European firms seeking listings on GIFT City stock exchanges.

3. Defense, Science & Technology

MoD Signs ₹1,577 Crore Contract for Loiter Mmunition Systems

- **Contract Details:** The Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed contracts valued at **₹1,577 crore** under the Fast Track Procedure (FTP).
- **Vendors & Allocation:**

- **Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL - L1 Vendor):** 64% of the order (54 munition systems, 540 loitering munitions).
- **NIBE Pvt. Ltd. (L2 Vendor):** 36% of the order (30 munition systems, 300 loitering munitions).

Breakthrough: Rotating Detonation Engine (RDE) Demonstrated

- **Achievement:** Indian defense start-up **D-Propulse**, in coordination with DRDO, successfully demonstrated a operational **Rotating Detonation Engine (RDE)** in Hyderabad.
- **Significance:** Unlike standard jet engines using subsonic deflagration, RDE uses continuous supersonic detonation waves. It delivers higher fuel efficiency, greater thrust-to-weight ratio, and has zero moving parts.

MIDHANI Secures GE Aerospace S400 Approval

- **News:** **Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited (MIDHANI)** became the first Indian company to secure international **S400 Metallic Material Laboratory Approval** from GE Aerospace.
- **Impact:** Enables MIDHANI to supply tested superalloys and titanium alloys directly for international commercial and military aircraft engines.

Bilateral Military Exercises

- **Exercise MAITREE-XV 2026:** Joint Army exercise between **India and Thailand** focusing on counter-terrorism and jungle warfare.
- **India-US Navy EOD Exercise 2026:** Joint naval exercise between the Indian Navy and US Navy focused on Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD).

4. Government Schemes & MoUs

CBDC-Based Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) Launched for PMGKAY

- **Inauguration:** Union Minister Pralhad Joshi inaugurated a Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)-based DBT system for food subsidies under **PMGKAY**.
- **Pilots Locations:** Chandigarh and Dadra & Nagar Haveli.
- **Workflow:** Food subsidy is credited directly to the beneficiary's **Digital Rupee Wallet** as purpose-bound e-Rupee, which can only be redeemed at empaneled Fair Price Shops (FPS).

NIELIT Launches "Cyber Kushti 2026"

- **Organizer:** National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT) under MeitY.
- **Purpose:** A national AI and cybersecurity hackathon designed to test **human decision-making** and critical judgment in complex AI-driven security scenarios.
- **Title:** The winning team will be awarded the title "**Cyber Kesari 2026**".

NIIMH Signs MoU with Sevadhi Museum

- **News:** National Institute of Indian Medical Heritage (NIIMH), Hyderabad signed an MoU with Sevadhi Museum & Indological Research.
- **Objective:** Digitization, preservation, and research of rare ancient manuscripts on Ayurveda and traditional Indian medicine.

5. Sports & National Sports Awards 2025

On **18 August 2026**, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports officially announced the **National**

Sports Awards 2025. The selection panel was headed by Justice (Retd.) Arun Kumar Mishra.

Award Category	Key Details & Highlights
Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna	NO RECIPIENT SELECTED FOR 2025. (First time since 2014 that no athlete received India's highest sporting honor).
Arjuna Award (17 Recipients)	• Tejaswin Shankar (Athletics - Decathlon bronze at CWG 2026) • Vidit Gujrathi & Divya Deshmukh (Chess) • Treesa Jolly & Gayatri Gopichand (Badminton Women's Doubles) • Narender Berwal (Boxing) • Priyanka Goswami & Muhammed Ajmal V (Athletics) • Lalremsiami & Rajkumar Pal (Hockey)

Award Category	Key Details & Highlights
	Rudransh Khandelwal (Para Shooting) & Ekta Bhyan (Para Athletics)
Arjuna Award (Lifetime)	I. Arumainayagam (Football - Member of 1962 Jakarta Asian Games Gold Medal winning team).
Dronacharya Award (Regular)	Parveer Singh (Athletics), Chhote Lal Yadav (Boxing), Neha Nandkumar Chavan (Shooting).
Dronacharya Award (Lifetime)	Dharmendra Singh Yadav (Boxing), Virender Kumar (Wrestling).
Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar	Army Paralympic Node, Pune (For nurturing elite para-athletes).

6. Art, Culture, Festivals & Heritage

Special Postal Cover Released for Medak Fort

- News:** India Post released a commemorative special postal cover and stamp dedicated to the historic **Medak Fort** in Telangana.
- Historical Context:**
 - Originally constructed in the **12th century** by Kakatiya ruler **Pratapa Rudra**.
 - Formerly known as ***Methuku Durgam*** (cooked rice fort in Telugu).
 - Later expanded by the Qutub Shahi dynasty.

Kaziranga Eco-Sensitive Zone (ESZ) Notification Review

- Geography:** Spans across four districts in Assam: **Golaghat, Nagaon, Sonitpur, and Biswanath**.
- Boundaries:** Bounded by the Brahmaputra River to the north and the Karbi Anglong Hills to the south, serving as a critical corridor for one-horned rhinos and elephants.

7. Important Days & Anniversaries

Important Days (Mid-August Window)

- 18 August:** International Day of the Disappeared (Observance).
- 19 August:** **World Humanitarian Day** (Theme: Human Dignity and Protection of Humanitarian Workers) & **World Photography Day**.
- 20 August:** **Sadbhavana Diwas** (Harmony Day - Birth Anniversary of Former PM Rajiv Gandhi).

Birth & Death Anniversaries

- Vijay Lakshmi Pandit (Birth Anniversary - 18 August 1900):** Prominent Indian diplomat, freedom fighter, and the **first woman President of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA)** in 1953.
- Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose (Observance - 18 August 1945):** Commemorated across institutions regarding his legacy and the history of the Indian National Army (INA).

Practice MCQs for Upcoming Exams

Q1. Consider the following statements regarding the National Sports Awards 2025 announced in August 2026:

- The Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna award was conferred upon two athletes.
- The selection committee was chaired by Justice (Retd.) Arun Kumar Mishra.



3. Army Paralympic Node, Pune, was awarded the Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puraskar.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (A) 1 and 2 only
(B) 2 and 3 only
(C) 1 and 3 only
(D) 1, 2, and 3

Answer: (B) 2 and 3 only

Explanation: *Statement 1 is incorrect because no recipient was selected for the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna award for 2025. Statements 2 and 3 are correct.*

Q2. The Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)-based Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) for PMGKAY food subsidies was inaugurated in which Union Territories?

- (A) Puducherry and Lakshadweep
(B) Chandigarh and Dadra & Nagar Haveli
(C) Delhi and Jammu & Kashmir
(D) Ladakh and Andaman & Nicobar Islands

Answer: (B) Chandigarh and Dadra & Nagar Haveli

Explanation: *Union Minister Pralhad Joshi inaugurated the pilot program transferring food subsidies as e-Rupee directly into Digital Rupee wallets in Chandigarh and Dadra & Nagar Haveli.*

Q3. What is the standard central-to-state funding ratio under the Jal Jeevan Mission for North-Eastern and Himalayan States?

- (A) 50:50
(B) 75:25
(C) 90:10
(D) 100:0

Answer: (C) 90:10

Explanation: *The funding pattern under JJM is 90:10 for Himalayan and NE states, 100% for Union Territories, and 50:50 for other states.*

Q4. Which Indian defense PSU recently became the first to obtain GE Aerospace's S400 Metallic Material Laboratory approval?

- (A) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
(B) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
(C) Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited (MIDHANI)
(D) Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)

Answer: (C) Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited (MIDHANI)

Explanation: *MIDHANI (headquartered in Hyderabad) secured the international GE Aerospace S400 lab approval for testing superalloys and titanium alloys.*

Q5. The historic Medak Fort, recently honored with a special postal cover, was built in the 12th century by which ruler?

- (A) Krishna Deva Raya
(B) Pratapa Rudra
(C) Rajaraja Chola I
(D) Pulakeshin II

Answer: (B) Pratapa Rudra

Explanation: *Medak Fort (Methuku Durgam) in Telangana was built during the 12th century under the reign of Kakatiya ruler Pratapa Rudra.*

18 August 2026 Daily Current Affairs: 30 Detailed MCQs

Section 1: National News & Governance

Q1. The Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM), implemented under the Ministry of Jal Shakti, recently completed seven years of implementation. What is the central-state funding ratio for Himalayan and North-Eastern states under this scheme?



- (A) 50:50
- (B) 60:40
- (C) 90:10
- (D) 100:0

Answer: (C) 90:10

Explanation: Context: Launched on August 15, 2019, the Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM) completed 7 years of implementation in August 2026. Rural tap-water coverage has grown from 16.7% to over 82% (spanning over 15.91 crore households).

Funding Pattern:

- **90:10** for Himalayan and North-Eastern (NE) States.
- **100%** central funding for Union Territories (UTs).
- **50:50** for all other non-Himalayan states.
- **Key Milestone:** Over 2 lakh villages across India have achieved 'Har Ghar Jal' certification.

Q2. The National Institute of Electronics and Information Technology (NIELIT) launched the 'Cyber Kushti 2026' National Cybersecurity AI Hackathon during which event?

- (A) 3rd National Conference on Cyber Security, Digital Forensics and Intelligence (NCCDFI)
- (B) Global AI Summit 2026
- (C) Digital India Future Labs Conference
- (D) Cyber Surakshit Bharat Summit

Answer: (A) 3rd National Conference on Cyber Security, Digital Forensics and Intelligence (NCCDFI)

Explanation: Event Details: NIELIT (under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology - MeitY) launched **Cyber Kushti**

2026, a national hackathon focusing on cybersecurity and artificial intelligence.

- **Objective:** Designed to test human judgment and cognitive skills alongside AI tools in threat mitigation and forensic analysis.
- **Venue:** Launched at Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi as part of NCCDFI 2026.

Q3. Which official released NITI Aayog's 3rd report under its Services Thematic Series, titled "India's Services Sector: Insights on Regulatory Regime in Professional Services"?

- (A) B.V.R. Subrahmanyam
- (B) Ashok Kumar Lahiri
- (C) Suman Bery
- (D) V. Anantha Nageswaran

Answer: (B) Ashok Kumar Lahiri

Explanation: Report Release: Launched during a meeting of the High-Powered 'Education to Employment and Enterprise' Standing Committee in New Delhi.

- **Key Objective:** Assesses regulatory bottlenecks, cross-border mobility, compliance frameworks, and growth vectors in professional services (accounting, legal, architecture, and engineering services).
- **Context:** NITI Aayog serves as the Government of India's primary policy think tank, replacing the Planning Commission to adopt a bottom-up cooperative federalism approach.

Section 2: Defense News

Q4. The Ministry of Defence (MoD) signed contracts worth approximately ₹1,577 crore for the procurement of Loiter Munition Systems for the Indian Army. Which two Indian companies were awarded the contract?

(A) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) & Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)

(B) Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) & NIBE Private Limited

(C) Solar Industries & Kalyani Strategic Systems

(D) Larsen & Toubro (L&T) & Zen Technologies

Answer: (B) Tata Advanced Systems Limited (TASL) & NIBE Private Limited

Explanation:

• **Contract Breakdown:**

- Total Contract Value: ₹1,577 crore.
- **TASL (L1 Vendor):** Allocated 64% of the order (54 munition systems and 540 loitering munitions).
- **NIBE Pvt Ltd (L2 Vendor):** Allocated 36% of the order (30 munition systems and 300 loitering munitions).

- **Operational Significance:** Enhances precision-strike capabilities of ground troops along forward borders without exposing human forces.

Q5. Which state-owned defence enterprise became the first company in India to secure the S400 Lab Approval from US-based GE Aerospace?

(A) Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)

(B) Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited (MIDHANI)

(C) Ordnance Factory Board (OFB)

(D) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL)

Answer: (B) Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited (MIDHANI)

Explanation: **Achievement:** MIDHANI (Hyderabad-based CPSE under MoD) secured the **Independent and International Metallic Material Laboratory (S400) Approval** from GE Aerospace.

- **Importance:** Qualifies MIDHANI to test and supply advanced high-grade metallic alloys, titanium, and special steel components directly for global aerospace and jet engine manufacturing pipelines.

Q6. Exercise 'MAITREE' is a bilateral defense exercise conducted by the Indian Army with which Southeast Asian partner nation?

(A) Vietnam

(B) Indonesia

(C) Thailand

(D) Singapore

Answer: (C) Thailand

Explanation: **Context:** India continues strengthening its Act East Policy and SAGAR vision through enhanced defense ties with ASEAN nations.

- **Maitree Exercise:** An annual joint military exercise between the Indian Army and the Royal Thai Army focusing on counter-terrorism in urban and jungle terrains.

Section 3: Economics & Banking

Q7. The Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC)-based Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) of food subsidies under PMGKAY was inaugurated in which Union Territories?

(A) Delhi and Puducherry

(B) Chandigarh and Dadra & Nagar Haveli

(C) Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh

(D) Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep

Answer: (B) Chandigarh and Dadra & Nagar Haveli

Explanation: **Inauguration:** Formally launched by Union Minister Pralhad Joshi (Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution).

- **Purpose:** Introduces e-Rupee (CBDC) tokenization for public distribution subsidies under **PMGKAY**, ensuring leakproof, instant, and traceable welfare transfers.

Q8. Under the South Asian Free Trade Area (SAFTA) agreement, which product imported into India enjoys customs duty exemption if certified under genuine origin rules?

- (A) Cashew nuts
- (B) Areca nuts
- (C) Almonds
- (D) Walnuts

Answer: (B) Areca nuts

Explanation: Context: Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) recently exposed networks misusing origin rules under SAFTA to import Areca nuts duty-free.

- **Customs Rules:** genuine SAFTA imports from Least Developed Countries (LDCs) enjoy concessional/zero customs tariffs, making strict origin verification vital to protect domestic farmers.

Q9. Through which investment window does the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) allow Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) to invest in Sovereign Green Bonds (SGBs)?

- (A) Fully Accessible Route (FAR)
- (B) Voluntary Retention Route (VRR)
- (C) Direct Investment Portfolio (DIP)
- (D) Foreign Portfolio Debt Facility (FPDF)

Answer: (A) Fully Accessible Route (FAR)

Explanation: RBI Directive: RBI expanded the Fully Accessible Route (FAR) framework to allow FIIs/FPIs to purchase Indian Sovereign Green Bonds without quantitative restrictions.

- **Objective:** Deepens green finance markets, lowers capital costs for clean energy infrastructure, and mobilizes international funds for climate adaptation targets.

Section 4: Govt Schemes & Initiatives

Q10. Under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY), what is the monthly foodgrain entitlement for Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY) families?

- (A) 5 kg per person
- (B) 10 kg per family
- (C) 25 kg per family
- (D) 35 kg per family

Answer: (D) 35 kg per family

Explanation:

- **PMGKAY Entitlements:**
 - **Priority Households (PHH):** 5 kg per person per month.
 - **Antyodaya Anna Yojana (AAY):** 35 kg per family per month.
- **Nodal Ministry:** Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.

Q11. The Green India Mission (GIM) is implemented as one of eight missions under which national climate strategy?

- (A) National Biodiversity Action Plan (NBAP)
- (B) National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC)
- (C) National Clean Air Programme (NCAP)
- (D) National Water Mission (NWM)

Answer: (B) National Action Plan on Climate Change (NAPCC)

Explanation: Overview: Launched under NAPCC to protect, restore, and enhance India's diminishing forest cover and respond to climate change.

- **Target:** Create an additional carbon sink of 2.5 to 3 billion metric tons of CO₂ equivalent by 2030, aligning with India's Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs).

Q12. Which national body acts as the implementing agency for the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (AB-PMJAY)?

- (A) Quality Council of India (QCI)
- (B) National Health Authority (NHA)
- (C) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
- (D) National Medical Commission (NMC)

Answer: (B) National Health Authority (NHA)

Explanation: NHA Role: The NHA manages technical design, empanelment of hospitals, and claim settlements under AB-PMJAY.

- **Coverage:** Provides health coverage of up to ₹5 lakh per family per year for secondary and tertiary care hospitalization.

Section 5: Environment, Science & Technology

Q13. India launched the "First-Ever Guide to Grasslands and Other Open Natural Ecosystems (ONE)" at UNCCD COP17. Where was this summit hosted?

- (A) Riyadh, Saudi Arabia
- (B) Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia
- (C) Samarkand, Uzbekistan
- (D) Nairobi, Kenya

Answer: (B) Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia

Explanation: Event: Launched under the aegis of the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) at UNCCD COP17 in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

- **Importance:** Protects non-forest natural habitats (savannas, shrublands, rocky

outcrops) that store high soil carbon and sustain pastoral livelihoods.

Q14. The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) officially declared 2026 as which International Year?

- (A) International Year of Millets
- (B) International Year of Camelids
- (C) International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists
- (D) International Year of Sustainable Tourism

Answer: (C) International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists

Explanation: Declaration: 2026 was designated as the International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP) by the UNGA to raise global awareness on pastoral ecosystems, pastoralist rights, and sustainable grazing lands.

Q15. A study by the National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR) revealed that what percentage of Odisha's coastline is affected by erosion?

- (A) 18.5%
- (B) 28.3%
- (C) 42.1%
- (D) 54.1%

Answer: (B) 28.3%

Explanation: NCCR Findings: 28.3% of Odisha's 564-km coastline is facing severe erosion, while 54.1% is accreting.

- **Worst Affected District:** Jagatsinghpur (47.6% of its coastline eroding), followed by Ganjam (45.7%) and Kendrapara (45.0%).

Section 6: International News

Q16. A powerful magnitude 7.7 earthquake recently hit near Flores Island. In which country is Flores Island located?



- (A) Philippines
- (B) Indonesia
- (C) Papua New Guinea
- (D) Solomon Islands

Answer: (B) Indonesia

Explanation: Geography: Flores Island is part of the Lesser Sunda Islands in East Nusa Tenggara (Nusa Tenggara Timur) province of Indonesia.

- **Seismic Context:** Located along the active Pacific Ring of Fire, subject to frequent tectonic activity.

Q17. In the context of India's E20 fuel blending policy, what does 'E20' signify?

- (A) 20% Ethanol blended with 80% Petrol
- (B) 20% Biodiesel blended with 80% Diesel
- (C) 20% Compressed Biogas blended with 80% Natural Gas
- (D) 20% Methanol blended with 80% Petrol

Answer: (A) 20% Ethanol blended with 80% Petrol

Explanation: E20 Policy: Blending 20% bio-ethanol derived from sugarcane/grain surplus with 80% motor spirit (petrol) to cut crude oil import dependency and vehicle carbon emissions.

Q18. What is India's target for restoring degraded land by 2030 under the Land Degradation Neutrality (LDN) framework?

- (A) 15 million hectares
- (B) 20 million hectares
- (C) 26 million hectares
- (D) 33 million hectares

Answer: (C) 26 million hectares

Explanation: LDN Commitments: India committed at UNCCD to restore 26 million

hectares of degraded and deforested land by 2030.

Section 7: MoUs & Agreements

Q19. The National Institute of Indian Medical Heritage (NIIMH) signed an MoU with which organization to preserve ancient medical manuscripts and traditional knowledge?

- (A) Asiatic Society of Bengal
- (B) Sevadhi Museum & Indological Research
- (C) Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute
- (D) National Archives of India

Answer: (B) Sevadhi Museum & Indological Research

Explanation: MoU Details: NIIMH (Hyderabad, under CCRAS, Ministry of AYUSH) partnered with Sevadhi Museum & Indological Research to digitize and preserve rare historical texts on Indian systems of medicine.

Q20. Which state government recently signed agreements to adopt integrated shoreline management and hazard line mapping from the National Centre for Coastal Research (NCCR)?

- (A) Tamil Nadu
- (B) Odisha
- (C) Gujarat
- (D) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: (B) Odisha

Explanation: Coastal Defense: Odisha collaborated with NCCR to establish dynamic hazard line mapping and nature-based coastal protection measures to combat shoreline erosion.

Section 8: Sports News

Q21. The expanded two-day "IAMGAME 2026" platform will host its Sports Conclave and Sports Fest at which venue in New Delhi?



- (A) Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium
(B) Bharat Mandapam
(C) Indira Gandhi Indoor Stadium
(D) Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium

Answer: (B) Bharat Mandapam

Explanation: Event Structure: IAMGAME 2026 combines the Sports Conclave, Sports Fest, IAMGAME Sports Awards, and "The Game Plan" startup pitch platform.

- **Venue:** Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi.

Q22. Which team won its maiden Men's Hundred title in August 2026?

- (A) Oval Invincibles
(B) Manchester Super Giants
(C) London Spirit
(D) Trent Rockets

Answer: (B) Manchester Super Giants

Explanation: Result: Manchester Super Giants won their first-ever Men's Hundred title in August 2026.

Q23. Which football club won the FA Community Shield 2026 by defeating Manchester City 3-0?

- (A) Liverpool
(B) Arsenal
(C) Chelsea
(D) Tottenham Hotspur

Answer: (B) Arsenal

Explanation: Result: Arsenal defeated Manchester City 3-0 to secure the Community Shield.

Section 9: Appointments & Key Personalities

Q24. Who serves as the Vice Chairperson of NITI Aayog?

- (A) Ashok Kumar Lahiri
(B) B.V.R. Subrahmanyam
(C) Suman Bery
(D) Arvind Panagariya

Answer: (A) Ashok Kumar Lahiri

Explanation: Role: Dr. Ashok Kumar Lahiri serves as Vice Chairperson of NITI Aayog.

Q25. Who is the Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution who launched the CBDC-based DBT scheme?

- (A) C.R. Patil
(B) Pralhad Joshi
(C) Piyush Goyal
(D) Giriraj Singh

Answer: (B) Pralhad Joshi

Explanation: Portfolio: Union Minister Pralhad Joshi heads the Ministry of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.

Section 10: Important Days & Anniversaries

Q26. On which date is 'World Never Give Up Day' celebrated globally?

- (A) August 12
(B) August 15
(C) August 18
(D) August 20

Answer: (C) August 18

Explanation: Significance: Observed annually on August 18 to promote resilience, perseverance, and determination.

Q27. The Royal Indian Navy (RIN) Mutiny, a key landmark in India's freedom movement, broke

out on 18 February 1946 at which naval establishment in Bombay?

- (A) HMIS Vikrant
- (B) HMIS Talwar
- (C) HMIS Shivaji
- (D) HMIS Garuda

Answer: (B) HMIS Talwar

Explanation: Historical Trigger: Ratings at HMIS Talwar went on strike over poor living conditions, bad food, and racial discrimination by Commander Arthur King.

Section 11: Art, Culture & Heritage

Q28. Traditional Panchaloha art and stone temple architecture are associated with which cultural region of Karnataka?

- (A) Coastal Karnataka
- (B) Kalyana Karnataka
- (C) Malenadu
- (D) Bayaluseeme

Answer: (B) Kalyana Karnataka

Explanation: Art Form: Kalyana Karnataka (covering Yadgir, Kalaburagi, Bidar districts) is known for Panchaloha (five-metal alloy) idol sculpting and stone temple architecture.

Q29. Kaziranga National Park's Eco-Sensitive Zone is bounded by which river to its north and hill range to its south?

- (A) Teesta River and Patkai Hills
- (B) Brahmaputra River and Karbi Anglong Hills
- (C) Barak River and Lushai Hills
- (D) Subansiri River and Khasi Hills

Answer: (B) Brahmaputra River and Karbi Anglong Hills

Explanation: Boundaries: Flanked by the Brahmaputra River to the north and the Karbi Anglong hills to the south.

Q30. What is the name of the dedicated pitch platform launched under IAMGAME 2026 to connect sports-tech startups with investors?

- (A) The Pitch Room
- (B) The Game Plan
- (C) SportTech Hub
- (D) InnovateSport India

Answer: (B) The Game Plan

Explanation: Platform: "The Game Plan" serves as an incubator and pitching platform for sports technology startups within IAMGAME 2026.