

National News

- **Southern Zonal Council Meeting:** Union Home Minister Amit Shah chaired the Southern Zonal Council meeting in Bengaluru. Discussions focused on inter-state river water sharing, coastal security, power grid connectivity, and regional infrastructure cooperation among southern states.
- **BRICS Youth Summit 2026:** The BRICS Youth Council Meeting and Youth Summit commenced in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, under India's 2026 BRICS Presidency. The summit centers on youth entrepreneurship, digital innovation, and sustainable development.
- **Supreme Court Ruling on 'Industry' Ambit:** A 9-judge Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court, led by Chief Justice of India Surya Kant, delivered a judgment clarifying the scope of the term "industry" under Section 2(j) of the Industrial Disputes Act, 1947, revisiting the landmark 1978 Bangalore Water Supply precedent.

International News

- **India Reaffirms Two-State Solution for Palestine:** Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) officials reiterated India's commitment to a negotiated Two-State solution, advocating for a sovereign, independent, and viable State of Palestine living alongside Israel in peace.
- **Reusable Rocket Technology Milestone:** Chinese commercial aerospace firm LandSpace completed a vertical landing test for its reusable rocket booster, advancing reusable launch vehicle technology alongside SpaceX and Blue Origin.

Economics & Banking

- **Cabinet Approves ₹9,450 Crore Railway Projects:** The Union Cabinet approved four major multitracking railway projects totaling ₹9,450 crore. The initiative aims to increase line capacity, reduce congestion, and enhance freight supply chains across critical industrial corridors.
- **Growth Anchors Highlighted by Ministry of Railways & IT:** Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw stated that India's economic growth strategy relies on three main pillars: large-scale infrastructure investments, manufacturing expansion (PLI schemes), and financial inclusion.

Defense News

- **India-Japan Maritime Security Cooperation:** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh met Japanese Defence Minister Shinjiro Koizumi to enhance bilateral operational cooperation. Key outcomes include increased joint naval exercises and intelligence sharing to safeguard Sea Lines of Communication (SLOCs) in the Indo-Pacific region.

Government Schemes & Initiatives

- **Free Online Coaching for Competitive Exams:** The Ministry of Education reviewed progress on its free digital coaching initiative aimed at helping students from socio-economically weaker sections prepare for exams including UPSC, SSC, Banking, and Railways.
- **AI & Robotics Modules in Tribal Schools:** The Chhattisgarh state government announced plans to establish AI and Robotics learning laboratories across tribal residential schools to build technical skills among indigenous youth.



MoUs & Agreements

- **Karnataka-Tamil Nadu Cauvery Water Consensus:** Karnataka officials assured that only 5 TMC of Cauvery water from the proposed Mekedatu balancing reservoir project will be reserved for drinking water, ensuring the remaining flow reaches downstream areas in Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.

Important Days (National & International)

- **Sadbhavana Diwas (Harmony Day):** Observed across India on August 20 to mark the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi. It promotes national integration, peace, and communal goodwill.
- **Indian Akshay Urja Diwas (Renewable Energy Day):** Observed on August 20 to highlight the importance of renewable energy sources (solar, wind, hydro, biomass) and support India's target of 500 GW non-fossil energy capacity by 2030.
- **World Mosquito Day:** Observed globally on August 20 to commemorate Sir Ronald Ross's 1897 discovery that female Anopheles mosquitoes transmit malaria, raising awareness for vector-borne disease control.

Sports News

- **India vs Sri Lanka Test Match:** India secured victory over Sri Lanka in the First Test match at Galle, driven by spinner Manav Suthar's 6-wicket performance.
- **BWF World Championships:** Indian mixed doubles duo Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha Crasto advanced to the Round of 16 following a straight-games victory.

Appointments & Resignations

- **NCERT Panel Reconstitution:** NCERT reconstituted its textbook development committee for Class 11 and 12 Political Science, integrating Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) and cultural frameworks into the curriculum.
- **National Medical Commission (NMC) One-Nation One-License:** The NMC proposed a centralized registration system providing doctors with a Unique Identification (UID) number in the National Medical Register, enabling them to practice nationwide without separate state-level registrations.

Awards & Honors

- **MTV Video Music Awards Nominations:** Pop star Madonna surpassed Taylor Swift in all-time nomination records ahead of the VMAs.

Art, Culture & Festivals

- **118th Birth Anniversary of Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya:** Tributes were paid across Tripura to Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya Bahadur, recognized as the "Father of Modern Tripura" for his early urban planning, civil aviation setups, and education infrastructure in Agartala.

Birth & Death Anniversaries

- **Rajiv Gandhi (Birth Anniversary - Aug 20, 1944):** India's 6th Prime Minister (1984–1989) and the youngest PM at age 40. He spearheaded India's IT and telecommunications expansion, lowered the voting age from 21 to 18 via the 61st Constitutional Amendment, and introduced Panchayati Raj reforms (73rd/74th Amendments).
- **Maharaja Bir Bikram Kishore Manikya (Birth Anniversary - Aug 20, 1908):**



Modernizer of Tripura who established Tripura's first airport (MBB Airport Agartala) and designed structured land reform systems.

1. The Parliament passed the Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026 to officially change the name of the state of Kerala to 'Keralam'. Which schedule of the Indian Constitution is amended to effect this change?

- A) First Schedule
- B) Second Schedule
- C) Seventh Schedule
- D) Ninth Schedule

Answer: A) First Schedule

Explanation: The Parliament passed the Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026 by voice vote, changing the state's official name to 'Keralam'. Under Article 3 and Article 4 of the Indian Constitution, altering the name of a state requires amending the First Schedule, which lists the names and territorial jurisdictions of all States and Union Territories. The Kerala Legislative Assembly had previously passed a unanimous resolution requesting the Union government to rename the state to align with its traditional name in the Malayalam language.

2. The Tribunals Reforms Bill, 2026 provides for the establishment of which overarching apex body to conduct selections and administer governance across 16 central tribunals in India?

- A) National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC)
- B) National Tribunals Commission (NTC)
- C) Central Administrative Oversight Council (CAOC)
- D) Tribunal Selection Board of India (TSBI)

Answer: B) National Tribunals Commission (NTC)

Explanation: The Parliament passed the Tribunals Reforms Bill, 2026, establishing the National Tribunals Commission (NTC). The NTC acts as an independent apex body responsible for the selection, appointment, and administrative governance of chairpersons and members across 16 tribunals, including the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT), Armed Forces Tribunal (AFT), National Green Tribunal (NGT), and Income Tax Appellate Tribunal (ITAT). Headed by a former Supreme Court Judge or former High Court Chief Justice, supported by judicial and technical members, it ensures administrative uniformity.

3. Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir was elected in August 2026 as the 23rd President of which neighboring country of India?

- A) Nepal
- B) Maldives
- C) Bangladesh
- D) Sri Lanka

Answer: C) Bangladesh

Explanation: Senior Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) leader Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir was elected as the 23rd President of Bangladesh after securing 255 votes in the Presidential election held at the Jatiya Sangsad (Parliament). India shares its longest international land border (4,096 km) with Bangladesh, making top-level political developments in Dhaka pivotal for regional stability under India's Neighbourhood First policy.

4. The 4th round of the India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable (ISMR) was held in August 2026 in Singapore. Which key Union Ministers co-led the Indian delegation alongside External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar?

- A) Home Minister Amit Shah and Defense Minister Rajnath Singh
- B) Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal
- C) Road Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari and Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan
- D) Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw and Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan

Answer: B) Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal

Explanation: The 4th India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable (ISMR) convened in Singapore to strengthen bilateral strategic cooperation. The high-level Indian delegation was co-led by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar, and Commerce & Industry Minister Piyush Goyal. ISMR serves as an institutional framework to advance ties across six core pillars: Digitalisation, Skills Development, Sustainability, Healthcare, Advanced Manufacturing, and Connectivity.

5. India gifted five peacocks to the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG) in August 2026. This revived a diplomatic tradition originally initiated in which year?

- A) 1947
- B) 1971
- C) 1981
- D) 1999

Answer: C) 1981

Explanation: India's Permanent Representative presented five peacocks to UNOG Director-General Tatiana Valovaya at the Palais des Nations in Geneva, Switzerland. This gesture

revived an iconic diplomatic tradition established in 1981, when India first gifted a breeding pair of Indian peacocks (*Pavo cristatus*) to Geneva. The peacock, India's national bird, symbolises peace, grace, and cultural heritage on global platforms.

6. Under the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) Foreign Assets of Small Taxpayers – Disclosure Scheme (FAST-DS) Rules, 2026, what is the effective total tax levy imposed on eligible undisclosed foreign assets or income?

- A) 30%
- B) 45%
- C) 50%
- D) 60%

Answer: D) 60%

Explanation: CBDT notified the Foreign Assets of Small Taxpayers – Disclosure Scheme (FAST-DS) Rules, 2026 (effective August 16, 2026) following its announcement in the Union Budget 2026–27. The scheme offers a one-time voluntary disclosure window for small taxpayers, technology employees, students, and relocated NRIs who failed to declare eligible foreign assets. Declaring taxpayers pay a 30% tax on the asset value plus an additional penalty equal to the tax amount (30%), taking the effective total levy to 60%.

7. According to the Periodic Labour Force Survey (PLFS) Monthly Bulletin for July 2026 released by the National Statistics Office (NSO), India's Unemployment Rate (UR) dropped to what level?

- A) 4.2%
- B) 5.1%
- C) 5.8%
- D) 6.4%

Answer: B) 5.1%

Explanation: The National Statistics Office (NSO), operating under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), released its PLFS Bulletin for July 2026. India's overall Unemployment Rate (UR) declined to 5.1% in July 2026 from 5.5% in June 2026. Launched in 2017, the PLFS assesses key labor market indicators—including Worker Population Ratio (WPR) and Labour Force Participation Rate (LFPR)—to track economic recovery and employment dynamics.

8. The Qatar-India Postal Remittance Service was launched using UPI integration. Under this facility, which international postal protocol was integrated with India's UPI ecosystem?

- A) SWIFT-UPI Connect
- B) Universal Postal Union Interoperable Platform (UPU-IP)
- C) Gulf Financial Express System
- D) Cross-Border Digital Corridor (CBDC)

Answer: B) Universal Postal Union Interoperable Platform (UPU-IP)

Explanation: The Qatar-India Postal Remittance Service launched in Doha integrates the Universal Postal Union Interoperable Platform (UPU-IP) with India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) through PosTransfer. Customers at Qatar Post counters can send money directly into Indian bank accounts by providing the recipient's UPI ID. The Universal Postal Union (UPU), a specialized agency of the UN headquartered in Bern, Switzerland, facilitates cross-border postal financial services.

9. The Government of India approved the Incentive Scheme for Promotion of Domestic Piped Natural Gas (PNG) Connections in August 2026. Which entities are primarily incentivized to expand active household PNG networks?

- A) Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs)

- B) State Electricity Boards (SEBs)
- C) City Gas Distribution (CGD) Companies
- D) Municipal Corporations

Answer: C) City Gas Distribution (CGD) Companies

Explanation: Effective September 1, 2026, the Government of India approved an incentive scheme to accelerate household PNG penetration. The framework encourages City Gas Distribution (CGD) companies to convert unbilled PNG connections into active lines and extend physical pipelines to new residential clusters. This initiative aligns with India's national goal of raising natural gas in its energy mix from ~6% to 15% by 2030.

10. Under the Electronics Components Manufacturing Scheme (ECMS), the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) approved 31 proposals worth ₹7,877 crore in August 2026. ECMS is executed in partnership with which industry body?

- A) ASSOCHAM
- B) FICCI
- C) NASSCOM
- D) Electronic Industries Association of India (ELCINA)

Answer: D) Electronic Industries Association of India (ELCINA)

Explanation: Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw handed over approvals for 31 new projects valued at ₹7,877 crore under ECMS in New Delhi, organized alongside ELCINA. This brings total sanctioned projects under ECMS to 106, spanning 30 critical product lines across 15 states. ECMS targets self-reliance in passive components, printed circuit boards (PCBs), and semiconductor assemblies.

11. BSE Limited signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which industry body in August 2026 to mentor Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) on raising capital through stock markets?

- A) Confederation of Indian Industry (CII)
- B) PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI)
- C) Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry (FICCI)
- D) Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM)

Answer: B) PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI)

Explanation: BSE Limited signed an MoU with PHDCCI in New Delhi to deliver mentorship, expert guidance, and capacity-building programs to MSMEs. The collaboration assists smaller businesses in understanding regulatory requirements for equity capital generation via the BSE SME platform. Founded in 1875, BSE is recognized as Asia's oldest stock exchange.

12. The Department of Defence Production (DDP) notified the 6th Positive Indigenisation List (PIL) in August 2026. How many total defence items are covered under this notification?

- A) 101 items
- B) 250 items
- C) 351 items
- D) 405 items

Answer: D) 405 items

Explanation: The Ministry of Defence notified the 6th Positive Indigenisation List (PIL) comprising 405 items—389 for Defence Public Sector Undertakings (DPSUs) and 16 for the Indian Coast Guard (ICG). Items on the PIL must be sourced exclusively from domestic

manufacturers after specified phased timeline embargoes. Complete specifications are made accessible to private industry on the SRIJAN Portal (srijandefence.gov.in).

13. Defense Minister Rajnath Singh flagged off the National Cadet Corps (NCC) All India Girls High Altitude Long Trek 'Aparajita – Parang La 2026'. Which high-altitude pass does this expedition navigate?

- A) Nathu La Pass
- B) Parang La Pass
- C) Rohtang Pass
- D) Khardung La Pass

Answer: B) Parang La Pass

Explanation: Union Defense Minister Rajnath Singh flagged off 'Aparajita – Parang La 2026', a major NCC high-altitude trek involving 28 girl cadets led by three female service officers. The expedition traverses the demanding Parang La Pass (~5,580 metres elevation) from Spiti in Himachal Pradesh to Ladakh, promoting Nari Shakti and high-altitude wilderness training.

14. The 15th edition of the Joint Military Exercise 'MAITREE-XV' (August 2026) was conducted between the Indian Army and the armed forces of which country?

- A) Thailand
- B) Malaysia
- C) Indonesia
- D) Vietnam

Answer: A) Thailand

Explanation: The Indian Army contingent deployed to Vibhavadi Rangsit Camp in Surat Thani, Thailand, for the 15th edition of Joint Military Exercise MAITREE-XV (18–31 August 2026). The exercise enhances joint tactical skills, counter-terrorism doctrines, and

military-to-military operational synergy in rural and urban environments under UN mandates.

15. Who serves as the Director General (DG) of the National Cadet Corps (NCC)?

- A) Lt Gen Gurbirpal Singh
- B) Lt Gen Virendra Vats
- C) Lt Gen Anil Chauhan
- D) Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi

Answer: B) Lt Gen Virendra Vats

Explanation: Lieutenant General Virendra Vats serves as the Director General of the National Cadet Corps (NCC). Headquartered in New Delhi, the NCC operates as the world's largest uniformed youth organization, instilling civic duty, discipline, and military basic training in high school and college students.

16. Japanese Defense Minister Shinjirō Koizumi visited India in August 2026. Which naval command did he visit to review bilateral maritime defense cooperation?

- A) Eastern Naval Command (Visakhapatnam)
- B) Western Naval Command (Mumbai)
- C) Southern Naval Command (Kochi)
- D) Andaman & Nicobar Command (Port Blair)

Answer: B) Western Naval Command (Mumbai)

Explanation: Japanese Defense Minister Shinjirō Koizumi visited the Western Naval Command in Mumbai, where he held strategic discussions with Indian naval leaders. In New Delhi, he co-chaired the India-Japan Defence Ministers Meeting alongside Rajnath Singh, formalizing agreements on defense equipment transfer and maritime domain awareness in the Indo-Pacific.

17. The 23rd Commonwealth Games concluded in Glasgow with India placing 4th overall. To

which city was the CWG flag handed over for the 2030 Centenary Edition?

- A) Melbourne, Australia
- B) Birmingham, UK
- C) Ahmedabad, India
- D) Auckland, New Zealand

Answer: C) Ahmedabad, India

Explanation: During the closing ceremony at Glasgow's OVO Hydro, the Commonwealth Games Federation flag was officially transferred to India for the 2030 Centenary Commonwealth Games, scheduled to take place in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. India finished 4th at CWG 2026 with 39 total medals (13 Gold, 17 Silver, 9 Bronze), heavily led by a 7-gold performance from Indian boxers.

18. Athlete Basant Kumar Meghwal won a historic Silver medal in the High Jump at the World Athletics U20 Championships. In which city was this championship held?

- A) Lima, Peru
- B) Eugene, USA
- C) Nairobi, Kenya
- D) Tampere, Finland

Answer: B) Eugene, USA

Explanation: Basant Kumar Meghwal won silver in the men's high jump (clearing 2.21 metres) at the World Athletics U20 Championships in Eugene, Oregon. He became the first Indian athlete to secure a high jump medal at the U20 World Championships level.

19. The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports announced the National Sports Awards in August 2026. How many athletes were selected for the Arjuna Award?

- A) 10
- B) 17

- C) 25
- D) 32

Answer: B) 17

Explanation: The Sports Ministry announced 17 Arjuna Awards for outstanding athletic performance over four consecutive years and 5 Dronacharya Awards for coaching excellence. The selection committee chose not to confer the Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna for this cycle.

20. Statistical physicist Prof. Deepak Dhar became the first Indian physicist to be awarded the ICTP Dirac Medal. Which institution confers this award?

- A) Royal Society, London
- B) International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP)
- C) CERN, Geneva
- D) Max Planck Society

Answer: B) International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP)

Explanation: Professor Deepak Dhar received the 2026 Dirac Medal from the International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), located in Trieste, Italy. He is the first Indian recipient of the award, honored alongside Bernard Derrida, Marc Mézard, and Haim Sompolsky for foundational research in statistical mechanics and stochastic systems.

21. What is the statutory upper limit on the number of living eminent personalities who can hold the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship ("Akademi Ratna") at any given time?

- A) 25
- B) 30
- C) 40
- D) 50

Answer: C) 40

Explanation: The Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship (Akademi Ratna) is the highest honor in Indian performing arts. The number of living Akademi Ratna fellows is constitutionally capped at 40 members. The President of India confers these fellowships alongside the Sangeet Natak Akademi Awards.

22. Prime Minister Narendra Modi officially released the autobiography of which former President of India in August 2026?

- A) Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
- B) Pranab Mukherjee
- C) Ram Nath Kovind
- D) Pratibha Patil

Answer: C) Ram Nath Kovind

Explanation: PM Narendra Modi released the autobiography of Ram Nath Kovind, who served as the 14th President of India from 2017 to 2022. The memoir chronicles his life journey from Kanpur, his legal career in the apex court, his tenure as Bihar Governor, and his term at Rashtrapati Bhavan.

23. The military memoir 'The Second Orbit: Belief of a Man... Dreams of 1.4 Billion Hearts' was authored by which defence leader?

- A) Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh
- B) General Upendra Dwivedi
- C) Admiral Dinesh K. Tripathi
- D) General Manoj Pande

Answer: A) Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh

Explanation: 'The Second Orbit: Belief of a Man... Dreams of 1.4 Billion Hearts' is a memoir authored by Air Chief Marshal Amar Preet Singh, Chief of the Air Staff (CAS). The book discusses self-reliance (Aatmanirbharta) in defence technology, strategic air power, and military leadership.

24. 'Sadbhavana Diwas' (Harmony Day) is observed nationwide on 20th August to mark the birth anniversary of which former Prime Minister?

- A) Jawaharlal Nehru
- B) Indira Gandhi
- C) Rajiv Gandhi
- D) Lal Bahadur Shastri

Answer: C) Rajiv Gandhi

Explanation: August 20 is celebrated across India as Sadbhavana Diwas to honor the birth anniversary of Rajiv Gandhi (born August 20, 1944). The observance stresses national integration, communal unity, peace, and emotional solidarity across diverse linguistic and cultural groups.

25. World Mosquito Day is observed every year on 20th August. Which scientist's 1897 discovery of malaria transmission does it mark?

- A) Sir Alexander Fleming
- B) Sir Ronald Ross
- C) Dr. Edward Jenner
- D) Sir Robert Koch

Answer: B) Sir Ronald Ross

Explanation: World Mosquito Day commemorates British physician Sir Ronald Ross's discovery on August 20, 1897, in Secunderabad, India, proving that female Anopheles mosquitoes transmit malaria parasites between humans. He was awarded the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine in 1902.

26. Which state/UT is home to the ancient 'Khajan' lands, a community-managed agro-aqua ecosystem depicted on traditional Azulejo tile art?

- A) Kerala
- B) Goa

- C) Odisha
- D) Puducherry

Answer: B) Goa

Explanation: 'Khajan' lands are centuries-old community-managed estuarine agricultural wetlands in Goa. They utilize engineered embankments (bunds) and sluice gates to prevent tidal saltwater flooding, permitting integrated paddy farming, aquaculture, and salt production.

27. "Prakriti Gyan Dham", India's first eco-educational hub and "walkable classroom", was inaugurated at which CSIR research institute?

- A) CSIR-Central Drug Research Institute (CDRI)
- B) CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI)
- C) CSIR-Central Institute of Medicinal and Aromatic Plants (CIMAP)
- D) CSIR-Indian Institute of Toxicology Research (IITR)

Answer: B) CSIR-National Botanical Research Institute (NBRI)

Explanation: Developed by CSIR-NBRI at Banthra in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, "Prakriti Gyan Dham" serves as an open-air interactive eco-educational center displaying plant biodiversity, medicinal flora conservation, and environmental science models.

28. Rajiv Gandhi, whose 82nd birth anniversary fell on 20 August 2026, became India's youngest Prime Minister in 1984 at what age?

- A) 35 years
- B) 38 years
- C) 40 years
- D) 42 years

Answer: C) 40 years

Explanation: Rajiv Gandhi assumed office in October 1984 at age 40, becoming the youngest Prime Minister in Indian history. His administration-initiated telecom modernization and introduced the 61st Constitutional Amendment Act (1988), which lowered the voting age from 21 to 18.

center in Secunderabad (Telangana). The building where he worked is preserved today as the Sir Ronald Ross Institute of Parasitology.

29. Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN), which funds the Amended BharatNet Program (ABP) in rural regions, was previously known as what?

- A) Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF)
- B) National Optical Fibre Network (NOFN) Fund
- C) Digital India Infrastructure Corpus
- D) Bharat Broadband Corpus

Answer: A) Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF)

Explanation: Originally established as the Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) under the Indian Telegraph (Amendment) Act, 2003, it was renamed Digital Bharat Nidhi (DBN) under the Telecommunications Act, 2023. DBN finances telecom infrastructure projects to extend high-speed broadband into rural Gram Panchayats.

30. Sir Ronald Ross conducted his groundbreaking research identifying the malaria parasite inside the gastrointestinal tract of mosquitoes in which Indian city?

- A) Kolkata
- B) Secunderabad
- C) Chennai
- D) Mumbai

Answer: B) Secunderabad

Explanation: Sir Ronald Ross made his discovery on August 20, 1897, while serving in the Indian Medical Service (IMS) at the military

