

1. National & International Important Days

- **3rd National Space Day (23rd August 2026)**
- **Context:** Celebrated across India to mark the historic soft landing of the Chandrayaan-3 Vikram Lander near the lunar South Pole on August 23, 2023. India remains the first country to land near the lunar south pole.
- **2026 Main Event:** Hosted by the Space Applications Centre (SAC-ISRO) in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- **Key ISRO Announcements:** ISRO announced approval of the initial module for the Bharatiya Antariksha Station (BAS), targeting full operational deployment by 2035.

(relocated to Portsmouth, UK in 2014). It acts as the primary contact interface between commercial maritime traffic and international military forces operating across the Indian Ocean and Red Sea.

North Korea's Solid-Fuel SRBM: KN-30 (Hwasong-11C)

- **Details:** International intelligence agencies released updated technical evaluations of the KN-30 (Hwasong-11C/Hwasong-11Da) short-range ballistic missile (SRBM).
- **Key Features:** Length 10.1–10.2 m, powered by a solid-fuel engine, launched via Transporter-Erector-Launcher (TEL), carrying up to a 2,500 kg warhead at speeds reaching Mach 5–6 with an operational range of 600–900 km.

Practice Question:

Q: National Space Day is celebrated in India on August 23 to commemorate which achievement?

- Mangalyaan Mars Orbit Insertion
- Chandrayaan-3 landing on the lunar South Pole
- Launch of India's first satellite Aryabhata
- Successful test of Gaganyaan crew module

Answer: (b)

2. International News & Maritime Security

UK Maritime Trade Operations (UKMTO) Advisory

- **Event:** UKMTO issued a high-risk security alert after a merchant oil tanker was boarded and hijacked by six armed individuals off the coast of Somalia.
- **Static Exam Knowledge:** UKMTO is a Royal Navy-sponsored unit established in 2001

3. National News & Governance

- **One Nation One Election (ONOE) Timeline Acceleration**
 - **Details:** NDA leadership initiated talks to synchronize state assembly elections for 22 States/UTs with the **2029 Lok Sabha Elections**, accelerating the phased framework previously recommended for 2034.
- **Maharashtra Coaching Centre Regulation Bill**
 - **Details:** Drafted state-level legislation to regulate private coaching institutes following competitive exam paper leaks, establishing a statutory framework for fee structures, audit standards, and facility inspections.

4. Defense News & Cyber Security

- **Commissioning of INS Mangrol (ASW-SWC)**
 - **Details:** The Indian Navy integrated INS Mangrol, the third Anti-Submarine Warfare



Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) manufactured by Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL).

- **Key Features:** Features over 80% indigenous content. Engineered to detect, track, and destroy enemy submarines in littoral coastal waters while supporting mine-laying and Search & Rescue (SAR) missions.
- **Terrier Cyber Quest 2026 (TCQ 3.0)**
- **Details:** Organized by the Territorial Army (TA) to challenge cyber security specialists. Tracks included Bug Hunting (securing critical national infrastructure) and AI Kavach (AI/ML-based defense tools).
- **Static TA Knowledge:** Established under the Territorial Army Act of 1948 as the "Second Line of Defence" to support regular armed forces during national emergencies. Open to gainfully employed Indian citizens aged 18 to 42.

Practice Question:

Q: What primary role does INS Mangrol serve in the Indian Navy?

- (a) Aircraft Carrier Flagship
- (b) Anti-Submarine Warfare in Shallow Waters
- (c) Nuclear-Powered Ballistic Missile Submarine
- (d) Amphibious Warfare Transport Dock
- Answer: (b)

5. Government Schemes, MoUs & International Summits

- **BRICS Sports Ministers' Meeting 2026 (Visakhapatnam)**
- **Details:** Chaired by Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya under India's 2026

BRICS Chairship in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. Adopted the BRICS Sports Joint Declaration.

Key Initiatives Announced:

Initiative	Host Location / Focus	Description
BRICS Sports Goods Manufacturing Clusters Scheme	National (India)	Central scheme launched to boost domestic sports equipment manufacturing and exports.
BRICS Sports Manufacturing Conclave	Udaipur, Rajasthan (Nov 2026)	Platform for trade, supply chain resilience, and startup technologies.
BRICS Traditional & Indigenous Games	Ahmedabad , Gujarat (Oct 12–13, 2026)	Non-competitive cultural showcase of member nations' native sports.
BRICS Working Group on Sports Tech	Multi-national	Focuses on AI integration, sports analytics, and performance science.

6. Economics, Banking & Agriculture

- **Sugar Industry Stock Limits & Agronomy**
 - **Policy Action:** The Ministry of Consumer Affairs imposed stock holding limits on sugar traders and millers until November 30, 2026, to prevent artificial price spikes and hoarding.
 - **Crop Science Context:** Sugarcane (*Saccharum officinarum*) is a long-duration Kharif/Perennial crop. Disease outbreaks of **Red Rot** (*Colletotrichum falcatum*) and **Top Borer** in Uttar Pradesh combined with waterlogging severely lowered sucrose yields this season.
- **Ebola Vaccine Allocation by WHO**
 - **Details:** WHO allocated doses of the **Ervebo** vaccine to the Democratic Republic of Congo. Ervebo is a live, attenuated recombinant vesicular stomatitis virus (rVSV) vaccine targeting the Zaire Ebola virus.

7. Sports News

- **Durand Cup 2026:** East Bengal FC defeated Mohun Bagan Super Giant 4-1 at Salt Lake Stadium (Kolkata) to win the Durand Cup for a record **17th time**. Edmund Lalrindika scored a first-half hat-trick.
- **BWF World Championships:** Indian Women's Doubles pair **Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand** won a historic **Bronze Medal** in New Delhi.
- **U-20 World Wrestling Championships (Slovakia):**
 - **Mansi Lather:** Won **Silver** (68 kg category).
 - **Tanvi & Komal:** Secured **Bronze Medals** in their respective weight classes.

- **Asian Games 2026 Contingent:** Sports Ministry approved a **492-member Indian contingent** (265 men, 227 women) for the Games in Japan.

8. Art, Culture, Heritage & Environment

- **Thiksey Monastery (Ladakh)**
 - **Details:** Situated in the Leh district of Ladakh, belonging to the **Gelugpa (Yellow Hat)** order of Tibetan Buddhism. Noted for its architecture resembling the Potala Palace in Lhasa and the annual Gustor festival.
- **Chromium (Chromite Ore) Profile**
 - **Details:** Odisha holds over 95% of India's total reserves of chromite (chiefly in the Sukinda Valley). Chromium forms a protective passive oxide layer (Cr_2O_3), preventing corrosion.
- **Long-tailed Marmot (Marmota caudata)**
 - **Details:** High-altitude Himalayan rodent. Categorized as **Least Concern** on the IUCN Red List.

9. Appointments, Awards & Anniversaries

- **Appointments:**
 - **Alok Kumar Mittal:** Approved as Director General of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF).
 - **Praveen Vashista:** Appointed as Vigilance Commissioner in the Central Vigilance Commission (CVC).

Anniversaries:

- **23 August – Chandrayaan-3 Lunar Landing Anniversary:** Commemorated as National Space Day.

National & International Important Days

Q1. Where was the main national celebration event for the 3rd National Space Day hosted by ISRO on 23 August 2026?

(A) Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC), Thiruvananthapuram

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(B) Space Applications Centre (SAC), Ahmedabad

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(C) Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC-SHAR), Sriharikota

(D) U R Rao Satellite Centre (URSC), Bengaluru

- **Answer:** (B) Space Applications Centre (SAC), Ahmedabad
- **Explanation:** India celebrated its 3rd National Space Day on 23 August 2026 to commemorate the landmark soft landing of Chandrayaan-3 near the lunar south pole in 2023. The main national event was hosted by ISRO's Space Applications Centre (SAC) in Ahmedabad, featuring panel discussions, exhibitions, and expert talks on India's future space roadmap, including the target of establishing the Bharatiya Antariksha Station (BAS) by 2035.

Q2. On which date does UNESCO observe the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its Abolition annually?

(A) 20 August

(B) 23 August

(C) 25 August

(D) 29 August

- **Answer:** (B) 23 August
- **Explanation:** UNESCO designates 23 August as the International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade and its

Abolition. The date honors the uprising in Saint-Domingue (now Haiti) on the night of 22–23 August 1791, which played a pivotal role in ending the transatlantic slave trade and advancing universal human rights.

Sports News

Q3. Which football club won the 135th Durand Cup title on 23 August 2026 by defeating Mohun Bagan Super Giant in the final?

(A) Bengaluru FC

(B) Goa FC

(C) East Bengal FC

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(D) Kerala Blasters FC

- **Answer:** (C) East Bengal FC
- **Explanation:** East Bengal FC defeated arch-rivals Mohun Bagan Super Giant 4–1 in the final of the 135th Durand Cup at the Vivekananda Yuba Bharati Krirangan, Kolkata. Striker Edmund Lalrindika scored a hat-trick to lead East Bengal to their 17th Durand Cup trophy, ending a 22-year title drought and matching Mohun Bagan's record tally of 17 titles.

Q4. Where was the BRICS Sports Ministers' Meeting 2026 held under India's BRICS Chairship in August 2026?

(A) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh

(B) Udaipur, Rajasthan

(C) Ahmedabad, Gujarat

(D) Kochi, Kerala

- **Answer:** (A) Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- **Explanation:** The BRICS Sports Ministers' Meeting 2026 concluded in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, under India's Chairship. Chaired by Union Minister for Youth Affairs

& Sports Mansukh Mandaviya, the delegates unanimously adopted the BRICS Sports Joint Declaration to enhance international cooperation in sports science, coach exchange, and athlete training.

Q5. Which city has been selected to host the inaugural BRICS Traditional and Indigenous Sports Demonstration Games in October 2026?

- (A) Jaipur
- (B) Ahmedabad

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- (C) Varanasi
- (D) Mysuru

• **Answer:** (B) Ahmedabad

• **Explanation:** As part of India's BRICS Chairship priorities, the inaugural BRICS Traditional and Indigenous Sports Demonstration Games are scheduled for 12-13 October 2026 in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. The non-competitive cultural event aims to showcase and preserve traditional sporting heritage across member nations.

Paradip Port Authority (PPA) in Odisha. Additionally, concession agreements worth ₹1,580.36 crore were signed for mechanization projects to boost cargo-handling efficiency.

Q7. What target year has ISRO reaffirmed for the deployment of the first module of the operational Bharatiya Antariksha Station (BAS)?

- (A) 2028
- (B) 2030
- (C) 2035

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(D) 2040

• **Answer:** (C) 2035

• **Explanation:** During National Space Day 2026, ISRO leadership confirmed that work is underway on the Bharatiya Antariksha Station (BAS), with the government approving its first module and setting a final operational target of 2035.

National News & Infrastructure

Q6. Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated seven major infrastructure projects worth ₹427.80 Crore at which Indian port in August 2026?

- (A) Syama Prasad Mookerjee Port, Kolkata
- (B) Paradip Port, Odisha

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- (C) Jawaharlal Nehru Port, Mumbai
- (D) Deendayal Port, Kandla

• **Answer:** (B) Paradip Port, Odisha

• **Explanation:** Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Sarbananda Sonowal inaugurated 7 major infrastructure projects valued at ₹427.80 crore at the

Economics & Banking News

Q8. The Asian Development Bank (ADB) signed a \$230 million loan agreement with India in August 2026 for urban infrastructure upgrade in which city?

- (A) Bengaluru
- (B) Chennai
- (C) Hyderabad
- (D) Pune

• **Answer:** (B) Chennai

• **Explanation:** The Government of India and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) inked a \$230 million loan agreement to modernize and expand climate-resilient water supply and sanitation services across Chennai, Tamil Nadu.

Q9. ADB approved a loan of ₹1,750 Crore in August 2026 for infrastructure development in which sector and state?

- (A) Primary Healthcare in Maharashtra
- (B) Government School Infrastructure in Karnataka
- (C) Rural Electrification in Assam
- (D) Solar Microgrids in Rajasthan

• **Answer:** (B) Government School Infrastructure in Karnataka

• **Explanation:** Multilateral lender ADB signed a ₹1,750 crore loan agreement with the Government of Karnataka to fund comprehensive infrastructure and digitisation upgrades across public schools under state modernisation programs.

Q10. Which regulatory authority relaxed Foreign Trade Policy (FTP 2023) norms in August 2026 to facilitate INR-based international trade invoicing?

- (A) Reserve Bank of India (RBI)
- (B) Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)
- (C) Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)
- (D) Department of Revenue

• **Answer:** (B) Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT)

• **Explanation:** The Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, amended FTP 2023 provisions. This eases compliance for Indian exporters invoicing and receiving trade payments in Indian Rupee (INR) via Special Rupee Vostro Accounts (SRVA).

Q11. What is the type of specialized bank account required by foreign banking

institutions to settle international trade transactions in Indian Rupees?

- (A) Nostro Account
- (B) Special Vostro Account
- (C) FCNR Account
- (D) Escrow Account

• **Answer:** (B) Special Vostro Account

• **Explanation:** Under RBI's mechanism for international trade settlement in INR, foreign banks open Special Rupee Vostro Accounts (SRVA) with Authorized Dealer (AD) Category-I banks in India to hold rupee balances for import/export invoicing.

MoUs & International Relations

Q12. India signed a 5-year Petroleum Supply Agreement and G2G MoU on Oil and Gas Cooperation with which nation in August 2026?

- (A) Sri Lanka
- (B) Seychelles
- (C) Mauritius
- (D) Maldives

• **Answer:** (C) Mauritius

• **Explanation:** The Government of India signed two agreements with Mauritius, including a Government-to-Government (G2G) MoU on energy cooperation and a 5-year petroleum supply pact executed by Indian Oil Corporation (IOCL).

Q13. The 4th India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable (ISMR) held in August 2026 focused on expanding cooperation in which emerging tech domain?

- (A) Deep-sea mining
- (B) Semiconductors and Digital Connectivity
- (C) Nuclear Fusion Energy
- (D) Space Tourism

- **Answer:** (B) Semiconductors and Digital Connectivity
- **Explanation:** The 4th ISMR took place in Singapore, reinforcing the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership (CSP) across six pillars: semiconductors, fintech, digital connectivity, healthcare, green economy, and food security.

Q14. The BRICS Tourism Ministers' Meeting adopted which declaration during India's Chairship in 2026?

- (A) New Delhi Declaration
- (B) Jaipur Declaration
- (C) Goa Declaration
- (D) Khajuraho Declaration

- **Answer:** (B) Jaipur Declaration
- **Explanation:** The BRICS Tourism Ministers formally adopted the Jaipur Declaration, committing to sustainable tourism, digitizing travel logistics, and enhancing intra-BRICS visitor exchanges.

Appointments & Committees

Q15. The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports proposed creating the National Coach Accreditation Board (NCAB) based on recommendations from a committee led by whom?

- (A) Rahul Dravid
- (B) Pullela Gopichand
- (C) Abhinav Bindra
- (D) Mary Kom

- **Answer:** (B) Pullela Gopichand
- **Explanation:** MYAS announced plans to establish the National Coach Accreditation Board (NCAB) following key recommendations from a expert taskforce chaired by chief national badminton coach

Pullela Gopichand to standardize coaching standards across India.

Q16. Who chaired the High-Level Committee (HLC) on 'One Nation, One Election' that submitted recommendations on simultaneous pan-India elections?

- (A) Justice R. M. Lodha
- (B) Ram Nath Kovind
- (C) M. Venkaiah Naidu
- (D) N. K. Singh

- **Answer:** (B) Ram Nath Kovind

- **Explanation:** The High-Level Committee on Simultaneous Elections was chaired by former President of India Ram Nath Kovind. The committee recommended a phased rollout to align elections for Lok Sabha, State Assemblies, and local bodies.

Government Schemes & Campaigns

Q17. The Ministry of Rural Development launched the 3-month National Campaign on Entrepreneurship-II (Aug-Nov 2026) under which flagship scheme?

- (A) PM-KISAN
- (B) Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-NRLM
- (C) PM Vishwakarma Scheme
- (D) MGNREGA

- **Answer:** (B) Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana-NRLM

- **Explanation:** The Ministry of Rural Development launched the National Campaign on Entrepreneurship-II under DAY-NRLM from 21 August to 21 November 2026 to foster Lakhpati Didis and promote rural women entrepreneurship.

Q18. What is the total financial outlay of the government's rooftop solar scheme 'PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana'?

- (A) ₹50,000 Crore
- (B) ₹65,000 Crore
- (C) ₹75,021 Crore
- (D) ₹1,00,000 Crore

• **Answer:** (C) ₹75,021 Crore

• **Explanation:** PM-Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana has an approved outlay of ₹75,021 crore. It aims to provide up to 300 units of free electricity monthly to 1 crore households through rooftop solar installations.

Art & Culture & Festivals

Q19. Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan inaugurated 'MALHAR 2026' in New Delhi. What is the theme of this cultural event?

- (A) Classical Dance Traditions of South India
- (B) Youth-Centric Monsoon-Themed Indian Classical Music
- (C) Tribal Craft and Heritage Preservation
- (D) Folk Theatre of North East India

• **Answer:** (B) Youth-Centric Monsoon-Themed Indian Classical Music

• **Explanation:** Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan inaugurated 'MALHAR 2026' in New Delhi, organized by Antar Hriday Connect to celebrate monsoon ragas and Indian classical music traditions among youth.

Q20. 'Nuakhai' is an iconic agricultural harvest festival celebrated primarily in which state?

- (A) Assam
- (B) Odisha
- (C) Punjab
- (D) Kerala

• **Answer:** (B) Odisha

• **Explanation:** Nuakhai is an agricultural festival celebrated chiefly in Western Odisha and adjoining areas of Chhattisgarh to welcome the newly harvested rice crop of the season.

Defense News

Q21. The inaugural BRICS Sports Manufacturing Conclave in November 2026 is scheduled to be held in which Rajasthan city?

- (A) Jodhpur
- (B) Jaipur
- (C) Udaipur
- (D) Kota

• **Answer:** (C) Udaipur

• **Explanation:** India's proposal for a BRICS Sports Manufacturing Conclave received consensus, with Udaipur selected as the host city for its November 2026 launch to promote global sports equipment manufacturing under 'Make in India'.

Q22. The Panama-flagged bulk carrier MV Ocean Winner made news in August 2026 after sinking off which Indian coastal state?

- (A) Gujarat
- (B) Kerala
- (C) Odisha

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(D) Andhra Pradesh

• **Answer:** (C) Odisha

• **Explanation:** Merchant vessel MV Ocean Winner sank off the Odisha coast in the Bay of Bengal, prompting a major Indian Coast Guard and Naval search and rescue operation.



Awards & Honors

Q23. What is the maximum age limit for eligible young scientists under the 'Vigyan Yuva-Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar' award category in India?

- (A) 35 years
- (B) 40 years
- (C) 45 years
- (D) 50 years

- **Answer:** (C) 45 years
- **Explanation:** Under the Rashtriya Vigyan Puraskar framework, the Vigyan Yuva-Shanti Swarup Bhatnagar award recognizes scientists up to 45 years of age who have made exceptional contributions to science and technology.

Q24. Who was awarded the 2024-2025 Saraswati Samman for outstanding literary work in an Indian language?

- (A) Prabha Varma
- (B) S. L. Bhyrappa
- (C) Vasdev Mohi
- (D) Gyan Chaturvedi

- **Answer:** (A) Prabha Varma
- **Explanation:** Renowned Malayalam poet and novelist Prabha Varma was awarded the Saraswati Samman for his verse novel Roudra Sathwikam, instituted by the K. K. Birla Foundation.

Books & Authors

Q25. Who wrote the foundational spiritual and philosophical works The Life Divine and Savitri?

- (A) Swami Vivekananda
- (B) Sri Aurobindo
- (C) Rabindranath Tagore
- (D) Paramahansa Yogananda

- **Answer:** (B) Sri Aurobindo
- **Explanation:** Sri Aurobindo (born 15 August 1872) authored The Life Divine, Savitri, and Essays on the Gita. His integral yoga philosophy forms a vital part of modern Indian cultural literature.

Q26. Who is the author of the book Why Bharat Matters, detailing India's evolving foreign policy and diplomatic posture?

- (A) Shashi Tharoor
- (B) Dr. S. Jaishankar
- (C) Hardeep Singh Puri
- (D) Vikram Sood

- **Answer:** (B) Dr. S. Jaishankar
- **Explanation:** External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar authored Why Bharat Matters, outlining India's foreign policy approach, multipolar diplomacy, and global role.

Birth & Death Anniversaries

Q27. National Sports Day in India is celebrated on 29 August to mark the birth anniversary of which legendary figure?

- (A) K. D. Jadhav
- (B) Major Dhyan Chand
- (C) Milkha Singh
- (D) Dhyan Singh Chand

- **Answer:** (B) Major Dhyan Chand
- **Explanation:** India celebrates National Sports Day on 29 August every year to honor the birth anniversary of hockey wizard Major Dhyan Chand, who won three Olympic gold medals (1928, 1932, 1936).

Q28. 'Sadbhavana Diwas' is observed annually across India on 20 August to commemorate the birth anniversary of which former Prime Minister?



(A) Lal Bahadur Shastri

(B) Indira Gandhi

(C) Rajiv Gandhi

(D) Atal Bihari Vajpayee

• **Answer:** (C) Rajiv Gandhi

• **Explanation:** 20 August marks the birth anniversary of India's youngest Prime Minister, Rajiv Gandhi, observed national-wide as Sadbhavana Diwas (Harmony Day) to promote national integration and communal peace.

secured the bronze medal at the World Badminton Championships, marking another milestone for Indian badminton.

Miscellaneous Factual / Analytical

Q29. What is the status of the benchmark Repo Rate set by the Reserve Bank of India's Monetary Policy Committee in August 2026?

(A) 6.50%

(B) 5.25%

(C) 6.00%

(D) 5.75%

• **Answer:** (B) 5.25%

• **Explanation:** In its August 2026 Monetary Policy review, the RBI MPC maintained the benchmark repo rate at 5.25% while upgrading the FY27 GDP growth projection to 6.7%.

Q30. Which Indian shuttlers won the bronze medal in Women's Doubles at the World Badminton Championships in August 2026?

(A) PV Sindhu & Ashwini Ponnappa

(B) Treesa Jolly & Gayatri Gopichand

(C) Tanisha Crasto & Ashwini Ponnappa

(D) Saina Nehwal & Jwala Gutta

• **Answer:** (B) Treesa Jolly & Gayatri Gopichand

• **Explanation:** India's elite women's doubles duo, Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand,

