

National News

1. NITI Aayog Releases Report on Youth Skilling ("Reimagining Skilling for Viksit Bharat@2047")

NITI Aayog released a landmark report titled "Reimagining Skilling for Viksit Bharat@2047", based on data from the 78th round of the National Sample Survey (NSS). The report highlights that approximately 87 million (8.7 crore) Indian youth aged 15 to 29 years fall under the NEET category (Not in Education, Employment, or Training). It underlines a major structural gap: fewer than 1 in 12 secondary schools currently offer vocational subjects, despite the National Education Policy (NEP 2020) emphasizing vocational integration from Class 6 onward. Only 8.25% of graduates are employed in jobs matching their formal qualifications.

Question: According to the NITI Aayog report "Reimagining Skilling for Viksit Bharat@2047", how many Indian youth aged 15-29 are categorized under NEET (Not in Education, Employment, or Training)?

- A) 4.5 Crore
- B) 6.2 Crore
- C) 8.7 Crore
- D) 12.1 Crore

Answer: C) 8.7 Crore

2. PNGRB Approves 1,800 km LPG Pipeline Infrastructure Project

The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) approved the development of nearly 1,800 kilometers of new Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) pipelines across six states with an estimated investment of ₹7,000 crore. This initiative expands the total PNGRB-authorized common-carrier LPG pipeline network from 7,700 km to nearly 9,500 km (a

23.5% increase). The project aims to improve LPG transport from coastal import terminals directly to interior domestic markets, drastically reducing reliance on road tankers and lowering carbon emissions.

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Question: By what percentage will the PNGRB-approved common-carrier LPG pipeline network expand following the approval of the new 1,800 km project?

- A) 12.5%
- B) 18.0%
- C) 23.5%
- D) 31.0%

Answer: C) 23.5%

International News

3. India Rejects References in UNCERD Report & Condemns UNMISS Attack

India officially rejected "politically motivated" and selective references in the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (UNCERD) report. Simultaneously, India condemned recent targeted attacks against United Nations Mission in South Sudan (UNMISS) peacekeepers, where Indian troops play a key operational role. India reiterated its firm commitment to global peace operations under the UN umbrella while urging international bodies to maintain impartiality.

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Question: India recently condemned an armed attack on peacekeepers serving under which United Nations mission?

- A) UNIFIL (Lebanon)
- B) UNMISS (South Sudan)
- C) MONUSCO (DR Congo)
- D) MINUSMA (Mali)

Answer: B) UNMISS (South Sudan)

Economics & Banking

4. UPI Completes 10 Years of Operations; Axis Bank & Citigroup Partner for FCNR Deposits

- **UPI Milestone:** The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) completed 10 years of operation. Since its launch by NPCI, annual transaction values surged from ₹0.07 lakh crore in FY17 to over ₹314 lakh crore.
- **Axis Bank & Citigroup Partnership:** Citigroup Inc. partnered with Axis Bank Limited to provide credit and financing facilities for Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) looking to invest in Foreign Currency Non-Resident (FCNR) deposits. Axis Bank offers FCNR deposit interest rates up to 6.40%.

Question: Which private sector Indian bank partnered with Citigroup Inc. to finance Non-Resident Indian (NRI) investments in Foreign Currency Non-Resident (FCNR) deposits?

- A) HDFC Bank
- B) Axis Bank
- C) ICICI Bank
- D) IndusInd Bank

Answer: B) Axis Bank

Defense News

5. NSG Launches India's First "Mahila Commando Conversion Course" (MCCC)

The National Security Guard (NSG) inaugurated India's first-ever Mahila Commando Conversion Course (MCCC) at its Training Academy in Manesar, Haryana. The 12-week intensive residential program trains selected women personnel from Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs) and State Police units in advanced counter-terrorism, precision marksmanship, room intervention, and hostage rescue

operations. The inaugural course operates under the official theme: "She Who Dares, Leads".

Question: Where has the National Security Guard (NSG) launched India's first Mahila Commando Conversion Course (MCCC)?

- A) Kamptee, Maharashtra
- B) Manesar, Haryana
- C) Dehradun, Uttarakhand
- D) Yelahanka, Karnataka

Answer: B) Manesar, Haryana

6. Navy Prepares to Commission DSV 'NIPUN'; DRDO Approves Technology Transfers

- **Diving Support Vessel NIPUN:** The Indian Navy scheduled the commissioning of NIPUN, the second Diving Support Vessel (DSV) of the Nistar class, at the Naval Dockyard in Mumbai. Built indigenously by Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL) in Visakhapatnam, it provides deep-sea diving support and specialized submarine rescue capabilities.
- **DRDO ToT Approval:** Defence Minister Rajnath Singh approved the Transfer of Technology (ToT) of DRDO-developed conventional missile systems to private and public domestic defense manufacturers.

Question: Which shipyard indigenously constructed the Diving Support Vessel (DSV) 'NIPUN' for the Indian Navy?

- A) Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL)
- B) Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE)
- C) Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL)
- D) Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL)

Answer: C) Hindustan Shipyard Limited (HSL)



Government Schemes & MoUs

7. CBN and PHARMEXCIL Sign MoU; Department of Posts Launches Revamped Apps

- **CBN & PHARMEXCIL MoU:** The Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council of India (PHARMEXCIL). The MoU streamlines digital compliance mechanisms to facilitate legitimate pharmaceutical exports while curbing illicit diversion of precursor chemicals.
- **Dak Sewa & Dak MITRA Apps:** Union Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia launched revamped versions of the Dak Sewa and Dak MITRA (Mobile Interface for Transactions and Rural Assistance) applications to digitize rural postal delivery and doorstep financial services.

Question: The Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which entity to facilitate legitimate exports and prevent illicit chemical diversion?

- A) APEDA
- B) PHARMEXCIL
- C) FIEO
- D) FICCI

Answer: B) PHARMEXCIL

Appointments

8. Centre Constitutes High-Level Committee on Gorkha Issues Chaired by Pankaj Kumar Singh

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) constituted a high-level committee chaired by former Deputy National Security Advisor (NSA) Pankaj Kumar Singh. The committee is tasked with formulating a "permanent political solution" for the Gorkha population within the Indian constitutional framework. It will

evaluate administrative structures, fiscal devolution, and examine the demand for Scheduled Tribe (ST) status for 11 Gorkha communities.

Question: Who has been appointed as the Chairman of the Union Home Ministry's high-level committee for finding a permanent political solution to the Gorkha issue?

- A) Ajit Doval
- B) Pankaj Kumar Singh
- C) B.V.R. Subrahmanyam
- D) Rajiv Gauba

Answer: B) Pankaj Kumar Singh

Awards & Honors

9. Kaziah Liz Mejo Crowned Miss Universe India 2026

Kaziah Liz Mejo, a 19-year-old law student from Kerala, won the title of Miss Universe India 2026 at the national finale organized by the Glamanand Group in Jaipur, Rajasthan. She became the first woman from Kerala to win the prestigious crown. The jury panel was led by former Miss Universe Sushmita Sen. Kaziah will represent India at the 75th Miss Universe competition in Puerto Rico.

Question: Who created history by becoming the first woman from Kerala to win the Miss Universe India title?

- A) Shweta Sharda
- B) Kaziah Liz Mejo
- C) DivITA Rai
- D) Rhea Singha

Answer: B) Kaziah Liz Mejo

Sports

10. Guwahati to Host 2028 India Open; Karn Sharma Retires from Cricket

- **India Open Badminton 2028:** The Badminton Association of India announced that Guwahati, Assam, will host the 2028 edition of the India Open Badminton Tournament.
- **Retirement:** Experienced Indian leg-spinner Karn Sharma officially announced his retirement from all formats of competitive cricket.

Question: Which Indian city has been selected to host the 2028 India Open Badminton Tournament?

- A) Hyderabad
- B) Bengaluru
- C) Guwahati
- D) New Delhi

Answer: C) Guwahati

Books & Authors

11. Arindam Chaudhuri Releases New Book "Africa Before America"

Management thinker and author Arindam Chaudhuri launched his latest book titled "Africa Before America". The book analyzes economic trajectories, global socio-political histories, and pre-colonial trade networks across the African continent in comparison to Western economic powers.

Question: Who is the author of the recently released book titled "Africa Before America"?

- A) Shashi Tharoor
- B) Arindam Chaudhuri
- C) Ramachandra Guha
- D) C. Raja Mohan

Answer: B) Arindam Chaudhuri

Important Days & Anniversaries

12. Women's Equality Day & Birth Anniversary of Mother Teresa (August 26)

- **Women's Equality Day (August 26):** Commemorated globally to mark the 1920 adoption of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution, which granted women voting rights. It serves as a global day to promote gender equity and female empowerment.
- **Mother Teresa Birth Anniversary:** August 26 marks the 116th birth anniversary of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Mother Teresa (born Anjezë Gonxhe Bojaxhiu on August 26, 1910, in Skopje). She established the Missionaries of Charity in Kolkata and was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979 and Bharat Ratna in 1980.

Question: Mother Teresa, who established the Missionaries of Charity in Kolkata, was born on August 26, 1910, in which present-day country?

- A) Albania
- B) North Macedonia
- C) Greece
- D) Kosovo

Answer: B) North Macedonia (born in Skopje, current capital of North Macedonia)

1. National News & Governance

Q1. According to the NITI Aayog report titled "Reimagining Skilling for Viksit Bharat@ 2047" released in August 2026, how many Indian youth aged 15 to 29 years are estimated to be Not in Education, Employment, or Training (NEET)?

- A) 52 million
- B) 65 million
- C) 87 million
- D) 102 million

- **Answer:** C) 87 million
- **Explanation:** The National Institution for Transforming India (NITI Aayog) released its comprehensive report based on data from the 78th round of the National Sample Survey (NSS). The report highlighted that 87 million (8.7 crore) Indian youth are currently NEET. It also emphasized urgent structural reforms, noting that fewer than 1 in 12 secondary schools currently offer vocational subjects despite the mandates of NEP 2020.

2. Defense News

Q2. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh approved the Transfer of Technology (ToT) of which category of DRDO-developed missile systems to private defense manufacturers in August 2026?

- A) Nuclear delivery ballistic missiles
- B) All conventional missile systems
- C) Submarine-launched strategic missiles
- D) Hypersonic glide vehicles exclusively

- **Answer:** B) All conventional missile systems
- **Explanation:** In a landmark step towards Aatmanirbhar Bharat in defense manufacturing, Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh approved licensing DRDO's conventional missile technologies (such as the Akash surface-to-air missile) to private domestic companies. Nuclear delivery platforms are strictly excluded from this transfer.

3. Defense & Women Empowerment

Q3. Where did the National Security Guard (NSG) launch India's first-ever Mahila Commando Conversion Course (MCCC) in August 2026?

- A) Manesar, Haryana

- B) Dehradun, Uttarakhand
- C) Chennai, Tamil Nadu
- D) Belagavi, Karnataka

- **Answer:** A) Manesar, Haryana
- **Explanation:** The NSG Training Academy launched a 12-week residential Mahila Commando Conversion Course (MCCC) at its garrison in Manesar, Haryana. The specialized program trains women personnel selected from the Special Rangers Group (SRG) for elite counter-terrorism and VIP protection duties.

4. Awards & Honors

Q4. Who made history by winning the Miss Universe India 2026 title in Jaipur, becoming the first woman from Kerala to win the honor?

- A) Ria Singha
- B) Kaziah Liz Mejo
- C) Shweta Sharda
- D) Divita Rai

- **Answer:** B) Kaziah Liz Mejo
- **Explanation:** 19-year-old law student Kaziah Liz Mejo won the Miss Universe India 2026 title in Jaipur. The jury was led by former Miss Universe Sushmita Sen. She will officially represent India at the 75th Miss Universe pageant in Puerto Rico in November 2026.

5. Banking & Economics

Q5. Which international bank partnered with Axis Bank in August 2026 to finance Non-Resident Indian (NRI) investments in Foreign Currency Non-Resident (FCNR) deposits?

- A) HSBC
- B) Citigroup Inc.
- C) Barclays



D) Standard Chartered

- **Answer:** B) Citigroup Inc.
- **Explanation:** Citigroup Inc. entered into a strategic partnership with Axis Bank Limited to provide cross-border financing options for NRIs opening FCNR deposits in India. This mechanism facilitates foreign exchange inflows while enabling NRI investors to leverage competitive interest rates of up to 6.40%.

6. Defense & Naval Indigenization

Q6. What is the name of the second indigenous Diving Support Vessel (DSV) built for the Indian Navy set for commissioning in late August 2026?

- A) INS Nistar
- B) INS Nipun
- C) INS Kalvari
- D) INS Vikrant

- **Answer:** B) INS Nipun
- **Explanation:** The Indian Navy announced the commissioning of 'NIPUN', the second indigenous Diving Support Vessel (DSV) built domestically. Alongside its sister vessel INS Nistar, INS Nipun is designed for deep-sea diving operations, submarine search and rescue, and offshore patrol tasks.

7. Environment & Ecology

Q7. Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary, recently identified by the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) as a major breeding habitat for the Black-necked Stork, is located in which state?

- A) Rajasthan
- B) Gujarat
- C) Maharashtra
- D) Odisha

- **Answer:** B) Gujarat
- **Explanation:** A scientific study conducted by ZSI and the Gujarat Forest Department revealed Khijadiya Bird Sanctuary in Jamnagar, Gujarat (a designated Ramsar site), as a key breeding ground for the near-threatened Black-necked Stork (*Ephippiorhynchus asiaticus*).

8. Bilateral Defense & Coast Guard

Q8. The 7th High-Level Meeting (HLM) between the Indian Coast Guard and the Vietnam Coast Guard was conducted in August 2026 in which city?

- A) Mumbai
- B) Visakhapatnam
- C) Kochi
- D) Chennai

- **Answer:** D) Chennai
- **Explanation:** Held under the 2015 MoU framework on maritime cooperation, the 7th HLM took place in Chennai. It focused on maritime search and rescue (SAR), counter-pollution responses, and operational coordination leading up to the joint sea exercise SAHYOG-HOPTAC.

9. Startup Ecosystem & Govt Schemes

Q9. The Ministry of Electronics and IT (MeitY) launched the GENESIS EIR Cohort 3.0 at the GENESIS NextGen Startup Summit in which city?

- A) Bengaluru, Karnataka
- B) Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu
- C) Hyderabad, Telangana
- D) Pune, Maharashtra

- **Answer:** B) Coimbatore, Tamil Nadu

- **Explanation:** MeitY Startup Hub (MSH) launched the 3rd cohort of its Entrepreneur-in-Residence (EIR) scheme under the GENESIS program in Coimbatore. It provides financial, technical, and mentorship support to early-stage tech entrepreneurs in Tier-2 and Tier-3 cities.

10. Digital Governance & Postal Services

Q10. Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia launched the revamped versions of which two apps to boost digital postal services in August 2026?

- A) PostInfo & Gram Dak
- B) Dak Sewa & Dak MITRA
- C) SpeedPost Direct & Dak Pay
- D) Post Connect & Rural Mail

- **Answer:** B) Dak Sewa & Dak MITRA
- **Explanation:** The Ministry of Communications launched revamped versions of the Dak Sewa App (for public postal services) and Dak MITRA App (Mobile Interface for Transactions and Rural Assistance) to enhance digital transaction efficiency across rural post offices.

11. MoUs & Trade Facilitation

Q11. The Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN) signed an MoU with which entity in August 2026 to promote legitimate pharmaceutical exports while curbing illicit diversion?

- A) APEDA
- B) PHARMEXCIL
- C) FIEO
- D) ASSOCHAM

- **Answer:** B) PHARMEXCIL
- **Explanation:** CBN and the Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council of India (PHARMEXCIL) signed an MoU to

streamline regulatory approvals for controlled substances, boosting legitimate pharma exports without compromising anti-diversion protocols.

12. Energy & Infrastructure

Q12. PNGRB authorized 1,800 km of new LPG pipelines with ₹7,000 crore investment. What will be the new expanded total common-carrier LPG pipeline network capacity in India?

- A) 8,000 km
- B) 9,500 km
- C) 11,200 km
- D) 12,500 km

- **Answer:** B) 9,500 km
- **Explanation:** Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) authorized new pipelines across 6 states. This expands the approved common-carrier LPG pipeline network from 7,700 km to nearly 9,500 km (a 23.5% increase), reducing road tanker reliance and emissions.

13. Supreme Court Rulings & Digital Law

Q13. The Supreme Court of India issued a landmark clarification regarding the 'Right to Be Forgotten' under which central legislation in August 2026?

- A) Information Technology Act, 2000
- B) Digital Personal Data Protection Act (DPDPA), 2023
- C) Consumer Protection Act, 2019
- D) Right to Information Act, 2005

- **Answer:** B) Digital Personal Data Protection Act (DPDPA), 2023
- **Explanation:** The apex court ruled that search engines and digital platforms are legally bound to remove personal content upon legitimate data principal requests



under DPDPA 2023 provisions, building on the Puttaswamy (2017) fundamental privacy framework.

14. Birth Anniversary & Humanitarians

Q14. August 26, 2026 marks which birth anniversary of Nobel Peace Prize winner Mother Teresa (Saint Teresa of Calcutta)?

- A) 110th
- B) 114th
- C) 116th
- D) 120th

- **Answer:** C) 116th
- **Explanation:** Born Agnes Gonxha Bojaxhiu on 26 August 1910 in Skopje (North Macedonia), August 26, 2026 marks her 116th birth anniversary. She founded the Missionaries of Charity in Kolkata (1950) and received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979.

15. Important Days

Q15. Women's Equality Day is observed globally on August 26. Which event in history does this date commemorate?

- A) Adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- B) Certification of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution in 1920
- C) First UN World Conference on Women
- D) Equal Remuneration Act adoption

- **Answer:** B) Certification of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution in 1920
- **Explanation:** August 26 commemorates the 1920 certification of the 19th Amendment granting women constitutional voting rights in the US. It is celebrated internationally to advocate for female empowerment and gender parity.

16. Sports & Cricket Rankings

Q16. Who surpassed Jasprit Bumrah in August 2026 to take the No. 1 ranking in ICC Test Bowling for the first time in his 15-year career?

- A) Pat Cummins
- B) Mitchell Starc
- C) Kagiso Rabada
- D) Josh Hazlewood

- **Answer:** B) Mitchell Starc
- **Explanation:** Australian fast bowler Mitchell Starc dethroned India's Jasprit Bumrah to claim the top spot in ICC Test bowling rankings following his match-winning spell against Bangladesh in Mackay.

17. Defense Dialogues

Q17. The 2nd India-New Zealand Defence Strategic Dialogue was hosted in August 2026 in which city?

- A) New Delhi, India
- B) Auckland, New Zealand
- C) Wellington, New Zealand
- D) Christchurch, New Zealand

- **Answer:** C) Wellington, New Zealand
- **Explanation:** High-level defense officials from India and New Zealand met in Wellington for their 2nd Defence Strategic Dialogue to discuss Indo-Pacific security, maritime domain awareness, and military exchanges.

18. Books, Publishing & Awards

Q18. Which government publishing wing secured 7 awards at the Federation of Indian Publishers (FIP) Awards 2026 for Excellence in Book Production?

- A) National Book Trust (NBT)
- B) Publications Division (MIB)



- C) Sahitya Akademi
D) Lalit Kala Akademi

- **Answer:** B) Publications Division (MIB)
- **Explanation:** The Publications Division of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB) won 7 prestigious honors across categories at the FIP Awards for Excellence in Book Production 2026.

19. Schemes & Labor Welfare

Q19. The national database for unorganized workers, "e-Shram Portal", completed how many years of service in August 2026?

- A) 3 Years
B) 5 Years
C) 7 Years
D) 10 Years

- **Answer:** B) 5 Years
- **Explanation:** Launched in August 2021 by the Ministry of Labour & Employment, the e-Shram portal completed 5 successful years in August 2026, registering over 29 crore unorganized workers.

20. International News & Policy

Q21. Which country temporarily paused global visa appointments across all its consulates in August 2026 to execute a worldwide staff training program?

- A) United Kingdom
B) United States
C) Canada
D) Australia

- **Answer:** B) United States
- **Explanation:** The US Department of State paused standard routine visa appointments worldwide to conduct mandatory staff

training across all embassies and consulates under updated immigration enforcement guidelines.

21. Science & Aviation

Q21. Which CSIR laboratory unveiled three indigenous micro and small gas turbine engines for UAVs and power units in August 2026?

- A) CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL)
B) CSIR-CMERI
C) CSIR-NPL
D) CSIR-CEERI

- **Answer:** A) CSIR-National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL)
- **Explanation:** Bengaluru-based CSIR-NAL successfully developed and unveiled three micro and small gas turbine engines, boosting self-reliance in propulsion systems for defense drones and auxiliary generators.

22. Art & Culture / History

Q22. Mother Teresa was awarded the prestigious Nobel Peace Prize in which year for her humanitarian work through Missionaries of Charity?

- A) 1962
B) 1971
C) 1979
D) 1980

- **Answer:** C) 1979
- **Explanation:** Mother Teresa was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1979. She was subsequently awarded India's highest civilian award, the Bharat Ratna, in 1980, and was canonized as Saint Teresa in 2016.

23. Banking & Digital Economy



Q23. Digital transactions in India grew from 1.78 crore in FY17 to over how many crore transactions in FY26?

- A) 10,000 Cr
- B) 15,000 Cr
- C) 24,162 Cr
- D) 30,000 Cr

• **Answer:** C) 24,162 Cr

• **Explanation:** As per financial statistics released in August 2026, digital transactions expanded nearly 13,000-fold from 1.78 crore (FY17) to over 24,162 crore transactions in FY26, valued at approximately ₹314 lakh crore.

24. Strategic Bilateral Cooperation

Q24. India and which country announced plans to execute joint investments in African nations to secure critical mineral supply chains?

- A) France
- B) Japan
- C) South Korea
- D) Germany

• **Answer:** B) Japan

• **Explanation:** During bilateral trade talks led by Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal, India and Japan agreed to explore joint ventures in Africa to secure critical rare-earth minerals required for semiconductors and clean energy tech.

25. Sports & Appointments

Q25. Selected for the Arjuna Award, chess prodigy Divya Deshmukh plays for which franchise in the Global Chess League in Bengaluru?

- A) Alpine APL Pipers
- B) Triveni Continental Kings

C) Ganges Grandmasters

D) SG Alpine Warriors

• **Answer:** A) Alpine APL Pipers

• **Explanation:** World Junior Girls Chess Champion Divya Deshmukh represents team Alpine APL Pipers in the Global Chess League.

26. Defense & Joint Exercises

Q26. What is the name of the joint maritime exercise conducted between the Indian Coast Guard and Vietnam Coast Guard off Chennai?

- A) JIMEX
- B) SAHYOG-HOPTAC
- C) SAMUDRA SHAKTI
- D) VARUNA

• **Answer:** B) SAHYOG-HOPTAC

• **Explanation:** Exercise SAHYOG-HOPTAC is the flagship bilateral maritime exercise held between the Indian Coast Guard and Vietnam Coast Guard off the Chennai coast to enhance joint SAR operations.

27. Important Days

Q27. International Dog Day, dedicated to encouraging animal welfare and dog adoption, is observed globally on which date?

- A) August 24
- B) August 25
- C) August 26
- D) August 27

• **Answer:** C) August 26

• **Explanation:** International Dog Day is observed annually on August 26. Founded in 2004 by animal welfare advocate Colleen Paige, it raises awareness about rescuing shelter dogs.



28. International Affairs & Summits

Q28. India is set to host which summit in New Delhi in late 2026, bringing together leaders of major emerging economies?

- A) SCO Summit
- B) BRICS Summit
- C) G20 Summit
- D) BIMSTEC Summit

- **Answer:** B) BRICS Summit
- **Explanation:** India is hosting the 18th BRICS Summit in New Delhi, featuring leaders from member nations, including Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa, alongside newly added member states.

29. Naval Deployments

Q29. Indian Naval Ship INS Sudarshini docked at which historic port in Portugal as part of its 'LOKAYAN 2026' deployment?

- A) Lisbon
- B) Porto
- C) Ponta Delgada
- D) Faro

- **Answer:** A) Lisbon
- **Explanation:** Under the sail training deployment LOKAYAN 2026, Indian Naval Sail Training Ship INS Sudarshini made a port call at Lisbon, Portugal, promoting naval diplomacy and cultural ties.

30. Awards & Honors (Historical Background)

Q30. In which year was Mother Teresa awarded the Ramon Magsaysay Award for International Understanding?

- A) 1952
- B) 1962

C) 1971

D) 1979

- **Answer:** B) 1962
- **Explanation:** Mother Teresa received the Ramon Magsaysay Award (Asia's equivalent of the Nobel Prize) in 1962 for her self-sacrificing service to the destitute and impoverished people of Kolkata.