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Banking Awareness - What Changed This Week

- FCNR(B)/NRE:** temporary deposit-rate and CRR/SLR relaxations now sunset on **31 August 2026**; do not retain 30 September.
- PFRDA:** Common Schemes vs MSF distinction removed under the new standardised NPS scheme framework.
- NPS PoP charges:** from **1 October 2026** - Rs 200 onboarding (Rs 100 possible for fully digital non-face-to-face onboarding), 0.20% p.a. AUM charge, Rs 250 onboarding contribution / Rs 10 subsequent minimum.
- IFSCA:** ETF secondary-listing consultation + FME website/webpage requirement + ISIN timeline extension.
- SEBI:** cyber reporting aligned with FSB FIRE; IT Resilience Index introduced for MIIs; ETF trading-norm implementation timeline extended on 28 August.
- Bank leadership:** HDFC Bank MD & CEO Sashidhar Jagdishan will not seek reappointment; current term ends 26 October 2026.
- RRBs:** FY2025-26 record net profit Rs 10,176 crore; SIDBI-RRB digital MSME co-lending moves forward.
- PMJDY:** 12-year live values - 59.09 crore accounts, deposits about Rs 3.16 lakh crore.

Live Banking & Economy Dashboard

Policy Repo Rate 5.25%	Standing Deposit Facility 5.00%
Marginal Standing Facility / Bank Rate 5.50%	Cash Reserve Ratio 3.00%
Statutory Liquidity Ratio 18.00%	Latest weekly VRRR result Rs 1,52,537 crore @ 5.24%
July 2026 IIP growth 6.7%	RRB FY26 net profit Rs 10,176 crore
PMJDY accounts 59.09 crore	RBI swap inflows ~US\$73 billion

Use the dashboard as the live-value revision anchor; weekly cards below add the material changes and current connections.

Banking, Finance & Regulators

44 connected updates

001 • 2026-08-24 •

FPIs invest Rs 23,544 crore in Indian equities in August so far

Why in News: Latest depository data reported on 23 August showed Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) remaining net buyers of Indian equities during August.

Key Exam Facts

- Net equity inflow so far in August: Rs 23,544 crore.
- Stock-exchange purchases contributed Rs 14,118 crore; the primary market contributed Rs 9,426 crore.
- In debt, the General Limit route saw an outflow of Rs 995 crore, Voluntary Retention Route (VRR) an outflow of Rs 83 crore, while Fully Accessible Route
- (FAR) recorded an inflow of Rs 852 crore.

Connection / Background: FPI money is portfolio capital invested in financial securities. It differs from Foreign Direct Investment (FDI), which is generally associated with a more lasting ownership/management interest. FPI flows can influence market liquidity, bond demand and the rupee.

Exam Trap / What Changed: Do not mix the Rs 23,544 crore equity figure with debt flows. Also remember: FAR, VRR and the General Limit are debt-market access routes, not equity-market categories.

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002 • 2026-08-24 •

Razorpay launches direct multi-currency settlements into EEFC accounts

Why in News: Razorpay launched a Multi-Currency Exchange Earners' Foreign Currency (EEFC) settlement facility for exporters and international businesses.

Key Exam Facts

- Supported direct-settlement currencies: USD, EUR, GBP, AED and SGD.
- Eligible merchants can receive settlements into their EEFC account without immediate conversion into Indian Rupees.
- This can reduce repeated foreign-exchange conversion when exporters also have expenses in foreign currency.
- An EEFC account is a non-interest-bearing current account maintained with an Authorised Dealer Category-I bank in India.

Connection / Background: EEFC accounts allow eligible foreign-exchange earners to retain foreign-currency earnings subject to RBI/FEMA rules. The account helps separate the timing of export receipt from the timing of currency conversion or permitted foreign-currency use.

Exam Trap / What Changed: EEFC is not an overseas bank account and not a fixed deposit. It is a foreign-currency current account in India with an authorised bank.

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003 • 2026-08-25 • RBI • GOVERNANCE

RBI appoints three part-time non-official Directors to its Central Board**Why in News:** RBI appoints three part-time non-official Directors to its Central Board.**Key Exam Facts**

- The Central Government appointed Janmejaya Kumar Sinha, Syed Akbaruddin and Annie George Mathew to the RBI Central Board.
- Tenure: four years from 24 August 2026 or until further orders, whichever is earlier.
- Exam link: RBI Central Board appointments are made by the Central Government under the RBI governance framework.

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004 • 2026-08-25 • RBI • REAL ESTATE

All-India House Price Index rises to 117.5 in Q1 FY27**Why in News:** All-India House Price Index rises to 117.5 in Q1 FY27.**Key Exam Facts**

- RBI released the quarterly House Price Index (HPI) with base year 2022-23 covering 18 major cities.
- Q1 FY27 HPI: 117.5; quarter-on-quarter rise: 1.1%; year-on-year growth: 3.6%.
- Cities contributing strongly to annual growth included Chandigarh, Jaipur, Kanpur, Lucknow and Thiruvananthapuram.

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005 • 2026-08-25 • G-SEC • AUCTION

GoI to re-issue ₹34,000 crore of 6.94% GS 2036**Why in News:** GoI to re-issue ₹34,000 crore of 6.94% GS 2036.**Key Exam Facts**

- Notified amount: ₹34,000 crore; security: 6.94% GS 2036; maturity: 11 May 2036.
- Government may retain additional subscription up to ₹2,000 crore. Auction: 28 August; settlement: 31 August 2026.
- The re-issue uses the multiple-price method on RBI's e-Kuber system; non-competitive segment can also be accessed through Retail Direct.

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006 • 2026-08-25 • UCB • COMPLIANCE

RBI penalises three Karnataka urban co-operative banks**Why in News:** RBI penalises three Karnataka urban co-operative banks.**Key Exam Facts**

- Vikas Souharda Co-operative Bank: ₹1 lakh for failure to classify certain loan accounts as NPAs.
- Pragathi Co-operative Bank: ₹2 lakh for director-related lending and breaches of borrower/inter-bank exposure limits.
- Shri Vijay Mahantesh Co-operative Bank: ₹2.50 lakh for NPA classification and director-related lending deficiencies. Penalties concern regulatory compliance, not validity of customer transactions.

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007 • 2026-08-25 • DIGITAL PAYMENTS • UPI

UPI completes 10 years; FY26 volume crosses 24,162 crore transactions**Why in News:** UPI completes 10 years; FY26 volume crosses 24,162 crore transactions.**Key Exam Facts**

- The 24-August anniversary release treats 25 August 2016 as UPI's launch date by NPCI under RBI oversight.
- FY16-17: 1.78 crore transactions worth ₹0.07 lakh crore with 44 banks; FY25-26: over 24,162 crore transactions worth about ₹314 lakh crore with 703 banks.
- UPI is presently operational in 11 countries and has become a major cross-border digital-payments platform.

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008 • 2026-08-25 • CYBER • FIRE

SEBI aligns cyber-incident reporting portal with FSB FIRE format**Why in News:** SEBI aligns cyber-incident reporting portal with FSB FIRE format.**Key Exam Facts**

- SEBI issued a circular on 24 August aligning its Cyber Incident Reporting Portal with the Financial Stability Board's FIRE format.
- FIRE stands for Format for Incident Reporting Exchange and is intended to standardise incident information and improve comparability.
- Exam link: FSB = Financial Stability Board; SEBI regulates India's securities market.

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009 • 2026-08-25 • MII • RESILIENCE

SEBI introduces IT Resilience Index for Market Infrastructure Institutions**Why in News:** SEBI introduces IT Resilience Index for Market Infrastructure Institutions.**Key Exam Facts**

- The ITRI framework measures robustness of critical IT systems of Market Infrastructure Institutions (MIIs).
- Its design covers dimensions such as availability, security, integrity, governance, reliability/monitoring, business continuity, flexibility and scalability.
- Stock exchanges, clearing corporations and depositories are key MIIs. The index turns resilience into a measurable supervisory metric.

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010 • 2026-08-25 • CYBERSECURITY • PORTAL

SEBI launches Cyber Suraksha Portal**Why in News:** SEBI launches Cyber Suraksha Portal.**Key Exam Facts**

- SEBI launched the Cyber Suraksha Portal as a central hub for cybersecurity-related circulars, advisories, threat/vulnerability information and knowledge resources.
- The portal is aimed at easier access to cyber-security information across the securities-market ecosystem.
- Connect this with SEBI's same-day FIRE reporting and ITRI measures - reporting, information sharing and resilience form one cyber-supervision chain.

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011 • 2026-08-25 • CAPACITY BUILDING

SEBI, RRU and NISM announce cybersecurity capacity-building MoU**Why in News:** SEBI, RRU and NISM announce cybersecurity capacity-building MoU.**Key Exam Facts**

- SEBI announced an MoU with Rashtriya Raksha University (RRU) and National Institute of Securities Markets (NISM).
- The partnership focuses on long-term training, research and capacity building in cybersecurity for the securities-market ecosystem.
- Exam link: NISM is SEBI's educational/capacity-building institution for securities markets; RRU focuses on national

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012 • 2026-08-25 • INDIA-CAMBODIA • PAYMENTS

India-Cambodia trade grows over 36%; UPI-KHQR linkage advances**Why in News:** India-Cambodia trade grows over 36%; UPI-KHQR linkage advances.**Key Exam Facts**

- The 3rd India-Cambodia Joint Working Group on Trade and Investment met in Phnom Penh on 24 August.
- Bilateral trade rose over 36% to US\$406.78 million in FY25-26 from US\$299 million; Apr-Jun 2026 trade grew 63.25% year-on-year.
- The sides welcomed UPI acceptance at KHQR merchants, launched 2 June, and discussed the next phase enabling Cambodian apps to scan UPI QR in India.

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013 • 2026-08-25 • G20 • FINANCE

Finance Minister to visit Canada and USA for economic dialogue and G20 meetings**Why in News:** Finance Minister to visit Canada and USA for economic dialogue and G20 meetings.**Key Exam Facts**

- Nirmala Sitharaman's official visit is scheduled for 25 August-2 September 2026.
- Agenda includes the inaugural India-Canada Economic and Financial Dialogue and G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors engagements under the US G20 presidency.
- The visit also includes meetings with investors and financial-sector stakeholders.

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014 • 2026-08-26 • BANKING & RBI

RBI releases August 2026 Bulletin with State of the Economy assessment**Why in News:** RBI releases August 2026 Bulletin with State of the Economy assessment.**Key Exam Facts**

- The Bulletin includes the 3-5 August monetary-policy material, six speeches, the State of the Economy article and current statistics.
- The assessment said domestic activity remained resilient, demand was buoyant, manufacturing and services strengthened, and liquidity conditions eased.
- Headline CPI inflation edged up mainly because of food prices while core inflation remained broadly stable.

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015 • 2026-08-26 • BANKING | RRBS

Regional Rural Banks post record ₹10,176 crore net profit in FY 2025-26

Why in News: Regional Rural Banks post record ₹10,176 crore net profit in FY 2025-26.

Key Exam Facts

- India now has 28 RRBs with 22,273 branches across 26 States and 3 Union Territories, covering around 700 districts.
- Total business crossed ₹13.5 lakh crore; net profit rose from ₹6,820 crore in FY25 to ₹10,176 crore in FY26.
- Gross NPA fell to 5.3%, Net NPA to 2.1%, and the Credit-Deposit ratio reached an all-time high of 75.2%. More than 54.98 lakh new PMJDY accounts were opened.
- Connection / Exam Trap: RRBs are a core financial-inclusion channel linking rural credit, priority-sector lending and sponsor-

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016 • 2026-08-26 • BANKING | LATE OFFICIAL RELEASE

SIDBI and RRBs move to expand MSME co-lending through an end-to-end digital platform

Why in News: SIDBI and RRBs move to expand MSME co-lending through an end-to-end digital platform.

Key Exam Facts

- A conclave of heads of all 28 RRBs was held in New Delhi on 25 August; the official release was issued on 26 August.
- The arrangement combines SIDBI's MSME credit expertise with RRBs' rural and semi-urban reach; pilot implementation has taken place in three RRBs.
- SIDBI's Co-Lending Origination Platform supports a faster, paperless journey from application to sanction, documentation and disbursement.

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017 • 2026-08-26 • COMPETITION | M&A

CCI approves Cyient's acquisition of 100% of Tao Digital Solutions

Why in News: CCI approves Cyient's acquisition of 100% of Tao Digital Solutions.

Key Exam Facts

- The Competition Commission of India approved Cyient Ltd's acquisition of the entire share capital of Tao Digital Solutions.
- Tao provides product engineering, managed services, cybersecurity, payments, digitisation and AI, cloud and data services.
- Connection / Exam Trap: CCI reviews combinations under India's competition-law framework; this is a competition-

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018 • 2026-08-26 • COMPETITION | M&A

CCI approves Yancoal Australia's acquisition of Kestrel Coal Group

Why in News: CCI approves Yancoal Australia's acquisition of Kestrel Coal Group.

Key Exam Facts

- Yancoal Australia will acquire 100% equity interest and warrants in Kestrel Coal Group from the sellers.
- Kestrel holds an 80% interest in the Kestrel Joint Venture coal mine in Queensland, which primarily produces metallurgical coal.
- Connection / Exam Trap: The India nexus arises through Kestrel's coal sales into India; CCI can review global combinations where Indian competition may be affected.

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019 • 2026-08-26 • SCIENCE & DEFENCE

CSIR-NAL unveils three indigenous micro and small gas-turbine engines**Why in News:** CSIR-NAL unveils three indigenous micro and small gas-turbine engines.**Key Exam Facts**

- The engines are NJ-05 (5 kg thrust), NJ-50 (50 kg) and NJ-100 (100 kg).
- Applications include tactical UAVs, drone interceptors and compact missile systems.
- Connection / Exam Trap: NAL stands for National Aerospace Laboratories and operates under the Council of Scientific &
- Industrial Research (CSIR).

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020 • 2026-08-27 • BANKING & RBI | NBFC REGULATION

Upper-Layer IDF-NBFCs brought under NBFC-IFC large-exposure limits**Why in News:** Upper-Layer IDF-NBFCs brought under NBFC-IFC large-exposure limits.**Key Exam Facts**

- RBI issued the NBFC Concentration Risk Management Fourth Amendment Directions, 2026.
- Large exposure limits applicable to NBFC-Infrastructure Finance Companies will also apply to IDF-NBFCs that are
- subject to Upper Layer regulations.
- The amendment, RBI/2026-27/237, came into force with immediate effect.
- Connection / Exam Trap: IDF-NBFC means Infrastructure Debt Fund-NBFC. The change extends an existing exposure

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021 • 2026-08-27 • MARKETS | SEBI | LIVE DEADLINE

26 August becomes compliance deadline for revised mutual-fund scheme categorisation framework**Why in News:** 26 August becomes compliance deadline for revised mutual-fund scheme categorisation framework.**Key Exam Facts**

- SEBI's Mutual Fund Master Circular required existing schemes to align nomenclature, investment objective, strategy,
- benchmark and other parameters with the revised scheme categories by 26 August 2026.
- Such alignment changes are not treated as a fundamental attribute change under the specified provision.
- Mutual Funds must also publish category-wise portfolio-overlap levels on AMC websites every month.
- Connection / Exam Trap: Regulator link: Mutual Funds are regulated by SEBI, not RBI. The exam date here is the

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022 • 2026-08-27 • BANKING | APPOINTMENT

RBI approves three-month extension for Ketan Merchant as Interim CEO of Fino Payments Bank**Why in News:** RBI approves three-month extension for Ketan Merchant as Interim CEO of Fino Payments Bank.**Key Exam Facts**

- Fino Payments Bank disclosed the RBI approval on 26 August 2026.
- The extension runs for three months from 27 August 2026 or until the regular MD & CEO takes charge, whichever is
- earlier.
- The approval follows the bank board's earlier proposal to continue the interim leadership arrangement.
- Connection / Exam Trap: Fino is a Payments Bank. Do not confuse an Interim CEO extension with conversion approval or

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023 • 2026-08-27 • MARKETS | INDEX

NSE Indices launches Nifty500 Growth 50 strategy index**Why in News:** NSE Indices launches Nifty500 Growth 50 strategy index.**Key Exam Facts**

- The index selects the top 50 stocks from the Nifty 500 using a growth score.
- Growth score uses 3-year Profit After Tax growth, 3-year sales growth and 1-year risk-adjusted return.
- Stock weights combine the growth score with free-float market capitalisation.
- Connection / Exam Trap: It is a strategy index, not a broad-market index containing all 500 stocks. Free-float market capitalisation excludes promoter/strategic holdings not readily available for trading.

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024 • 2026-08-27 • SOCIAL SECURITY | EPFO

EPFO releases August pension early for 4,40,901 Kerala-zone pensioners through CPPS**Why in News:** EPFO releases August pension early for 4,40,901 Kerala-zone pensioners through CPPS.**Key Exam Facts**

- EPFO credited August 2026 pension on 26 August ahead of Onam for 4,40,901 pensioners under the Kerala Zone.
- Ordinarily, monthly pension under the Employees' Pension Scheme, 1995 is disbursed at the end of the month.
- The credit was made through the Centralized Pension Payment System (CPPS) directly into beneficiaries' bank accounts.
- Connection / Exam Trap: CPPS is a pension-payment platform; EPS 1995 is the pension scheme. Keep the system and the

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025 • 2026-08-28 • BANKING & CENTRAL BANK

Reserve Bank of India (RBI): Listed private corporate sales grew 19.4% in First Quarter of Financial Year 2026-27 (Q1 FY27) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released its quarterly performance data for 3,247 listed non-government non- financial companies for April-June 2026. Key points**Why in News:** Reserve Bank of India (RBI): Listed private corporate sales grew 19.4% in First Quarter of Financial Year 2026-27 (Q1 FY27) The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) released its quarterly performance data for 3,247 listed non-government non- financial companies for April-June 2026. Key points.**Key Exam Facts**

- Aggregate sales rose 19.4% year-on-year, up from 13.9% in the previous quarter.
- Manufacturing sales grew 21.4%; Information Technology (IT) services grew 14.8%; non-IT services grew 19.7%.
- Manufacturing operating profit rose 21.3%; the manufacturing interest coverage ratio was 10.2, while non-IT services recorded 2.6.

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026 • 2026-08-28 • BANKING & CENTRAL BANK

RBI places Citizens Co-operative Bank, Jammu under directions The RBI imposed directions on The Citizens Co-operative Bank Ltd., Jammu, effective from close of business on 27 August 2026. Key points

Why in News: RBI places Citizens Co-operative Bank, Jammu under directions The RBI imposed directions on The Citizens Co-operative Bank Ltd., Jammu, effective from close of business on 27 August 2026. Key points.

Key Exam Facts

- The directions were issued under Section 35A(1) read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- The bank cannot, without RBI approval, grant or renew loans, make investments, accept fresh deposits or incur specified liabilities.
- Depositors may withdraw up to Rs 1.25 lakh in aggregate from their accounts, subject to the detailed

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027 • 2026-08-28 • BANKING & CENTRAL BANK

RBI directions on Desaiganj Nagari Cooperative Bank: withdrawals not permitted RBI directions on Desaiganj Nagari Cooperative Bank Maryadit, Desaiganj became effective from close of business on 27 August 2026 for six months, subject to review. Key points

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Key Exam Facts

- The directions use Section 35A(1) read with Section 56 of the Banking Regulation Act, 1949.
- Without prior RBI approval the bank faces restrictions on fresh deposits, lending, investments and other specified transactions.
- No amount can be withdrawn from savings, current or other deposit accounts except as permitted under the directions/set-off provisions; eligible DICGC insurance remains subject to the Rs 5 lakh

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028 • 2026-08-28 • BANKING & CENTRAL BANK

RBI fines Jalna District Central Co-operative Bank Rs 50,000 RBI imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 50,000 on Jalna District Central Co-operative Bank Ltd., Maharashtra. Key points

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Key Exam Facts

- The penalty order is dated 25 August 2026 and the release was issued on 27 August.
- Non-compliance related to RBI directions on Membership of Credit Information Companies (CICs) by Co-operative Banks and Know Your Customer (KYC).
- The supervisory findings included failure to report borrower credit information to all CICs and shortcomings in periodic account-risk review.

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029 • 2026-08-28 • FINANCIAL MARKETS

Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) proposes merchant-banker exemption for qualifying small-value debt private placements The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) issued a consultation paper on 27 August proposing relief from mandatory merchant-banker appointment for certain listed issuers making small-value debt private placements. **Key points**

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Key Exam Facts

- For the proposal, small-value debt refers to debt securities or non-convertible redeemable preference
- shares with face value of Rs 10,000 issued through private placement.
- Eligible issuers would need to be regulated by an Indian financial-sector regulator, listed for at least
- one year, free of specified pending fines, and have no relevant defaults in the previous three financial
- years plus current year.

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030 • 2026-08-28 • INSURANCE & BONDS

IRDAI allows insurers to invest in NDB Maharajah INR Bonds A circular dated 27 August from the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) permits insurers to treat qualifying onshore rupee bonds of the New Development Bank (NDB) as approved investments. **Key points**

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Key Exam Facts

- NDB proposes to raise Rs 25,000 crore over five years through Maharajah INR Bonds.
- The proceeds are intended for general corporate purposes and financing/onward lending to
- sustainable development, sustainable infrastructure, green and social projects in India.
- The onshore rupee bonds fall within the definition of securities and remain subject to applicable
- investment-rating and regulatory conditions.

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031 • 2026-08-28 • FINANCIAL INCLUSION

Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) completes 12 years with 59.09 crore accounts The Ministry of Finance released the 12-year milestone update for Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), launched on 28 August 2014. **Key points**

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Key Exam Facts

- As of 19 August 2026: 59.09 crore PMJDY accounts with deposits of Rs 3,16,514 crore.
- Women account holders: 32.92 crore (55.7%); rural and semi-urban accounts: 45.95 crore (77.8%).
- Average deposit per account: Rs 5,356; 41.29 crore RuPay debit cards had been issued.
- Static link: PMJDY was launched on 28 August 2014 and is a key part of the Jan-Dhan-Aadhaar-Mobile (JAM)
- financial-inclusion architecture.

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032 • 2026-08-28 • FINANCIAL INCLUSION

Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) completes one year of restructured phase The Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs published a one-year progress update after restructuring the Prime Minister Street Vendor's AtmaNirbhar Nidhi (PM SVANidhi) scheme. Key points

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Key Exam Facts

- The scheme was launched on 1 June 2020; the restructured version was approved on 27 August 2025
- and lending is extended to 31 March 2030.
- In the first year after restructuring, 21.86 lakh loans were disbursed to 10.56 lakh new beneficiaries, amounting to Rs 6,294 crore.
- The restructured scheme targets 1.15 crore street vendors, including 50 lakh new beneficiaries; an

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033 • 2026-08-28 • RURAL FINANCE

NABARD and NaBFID sign MoU for rural-infrastructure financing NABARD and NaBFID have signed an MoU to work together on infrastructure projects with significant rural impact, including joint financing and project-development support. Key points

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Key Exam Facts

- Focus areas include Public-Private Partnership (PPP) projects, agri-value chains and rural infrastructure.
- NABARD Chairman Dr Shaji Krishnan V. highlighted financially sustainable rural infrastructure;
- NaBFID Managing Director Rajkiran Rai G. highlighted bankable projects that strengthen rural incomes.

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034 • 2026-08-29 • CAPITAL MARKETS

SEBI extends implementation timeline for new ETF trading norms

Why in News: The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) issued a circular on 28 August extending the implementation timeline for provisions of its 15 June 2026 framework for Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs). The underlying framework covers base price, price bands, call auction in the pre-open session and close-out procedure for ETFs. The fresh circular is an implementation-timeline extension, not a new ETF product category. Circular number: HO/47/11/11(1)2026-MRD-POD3/I/19839/2026.

Exam Trap / What Changed: ETF = Exchange Traded Fund; unlike a conventional mutual-fund purchase, ETF units trade on an exchange during market hours.

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035 • 2026-08-29 • GREEN FINANCE & TRANSPORT

PARIVARTAN onboards 42 banks/NBFCs and 15 auto OEMs

Why in News: The Ministry of Road Transport and Highways reported fresh progress under PARIVARTAN on 28 August 2026. PARIVARTAN expands to Programme for Accelerated Renewal and Incentivization of Vehicle Assets for Reducing Transport Air Pollution and Network Emissions. More than 1,300 beneficiaries were registered; 42 banks/Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) and 15 automobile Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) were onboarded. The Cabinet approved the scheme on 3 June 2026 to replace over 2 lakh BS-IV or older trucks and buses in Delhi-NCR with BS-VI-or-stricter or electric vehicles.

Exam Trap / What Changed: The scheme is a vehicle-replacement/air-pollution programme; the banking link is through the participating lenders.

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036 • 2026-08-29 • ENFORCEMENT & FINANCE

DRI seizes 76 kg methamphetamine in Assam and Mizoram operations

Why in News: The Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) reported two intelligence-led anti-narcotics operations along the North-Eastern frontier. A total of 76 kg of methamphetamine tablets was seized in Assam and Mizoram; two persons were arrested. The action was taken under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act, 1985. DRI functions under the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance.

Exam Trap / What Changed: DRI is a customs/intelligence enforcement body under the Finance Ministry; do not confuse it with the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB).

[Primary / authoritative source ↗](#)037 • 24-28 AUG • RBI | LIQUIDITY **LATE / UPDATE****UPDATE: RBI keeps absorbing surplus liquidity through VRRR; 3-day auction takes Rs 1.53 lakh crore**

Why in News: The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) used successive Variable Rate Reverse Repo (VRRR) auctions during the week to absorb surplus system liquidity.

Key Exam Facts

- On 24 August, two result auctions together absorbed about Rs 1,41,186 crore. The 27-August 1-day VRRR accepted about Rs 1.43 lakh crore at 5.24%. The 28-August 3-day VRRR accepted Rs 1,52,537 crore at 5.24%.

Connection / Background: VRRR is a liquidity-absorption instrument; Variable Rate Repo (VRR) injects liquidity. These are not the same as the fixed Standing Deposit Facility (SDF).

Exam Trap / What Changed: Use the latest 28-August figure for the end-of-week tracker; earlier auction values explain the liquidity sequence.

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038 • 24-26 AUG • RBI | FOREX & DEPOSITS **LATE / UPDATE****UPDATE: FCNR(B)/NRE special relaxations now end on 31 August; swap facility had mobilised about US\$73 billion**

Why in News: RBI advanced the sunset of temporary deposit-rate and reserve-ratio relaxations for specified fresh Foreign Currency Non-Resident (Bank) [FCNR(B)] and Non-Resident External (NRE) deposits.

Key Exam Facts

- The special USD-INR swap facility had mobilised about US\$73 billion by 21 August, including about US\$65.40 billion through FCNR(B) deposits. The FCNR(B) window was advanced to close on 31 August 2026.
- RBI also shortened the Cash Reserve Ratio (CRR) / Statutory Liquidity Ratio (SLR) exemption window for specified fresh FCNR(B) and NRE deposits to align with the revised end date.

Connection / Background: FCNR(B) deposits are maintained in permitted foreign currencies; NRE accounts are rupee-denominated. CRR is maintained with RBI, while SLR is maintained in prescribed liquid assets.

Exam Trap / What Changed: 31 August 2026 is the updated sunset date; do not retain the earlier 30 September date.

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039 • 24-27 AUG • UNCCD COP17 | LAND & DROUGHT **LATE / UPDATE****India at UNCCD COP17: 21.76 million hectares restored; finance, drought resilience and rangelands linked in one agenda**

Why in News: India used the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD) COP17 platform to present restoration progress and push a broader resilience agenda.

Key Exam Facts

- India reported restoration of 21.76 million hectares of degraded land. It called for predictable international finance, a shift from drought response to drought resilience, and community-led restoration of rangelands.

Connection / Background: UNCCD is the UN convention focused on desertification, land degradation and drought. COP17 was held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

Exam Trap / What Changed: Treat the four daily releases as one evolving COP17 position, not four unrelated facts.

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040 • 24-25 AUG • PMFME | FOOD PROCESSING **LATE / UPDATE****PMFME Conclave tracker: Bazaar showcase followed by awards to States, banks and grassroots functionaries**

Why in News: The Pradhan Mantri Formalisation of Micro Food Processing Enterprises (PMFME) Conclave combined a PMFME Bazaar with the concluding awards and programme review.

Key Exam Facts

- The scheme supports formalisation, credit linkage, branding, training and value-chain development for micro food-processing enterprises.

Connection / Background: PMFME is a centrally sponsored scheme of the Ministry of Food Processing Industries and follows the One District One Product (ODOP) approach.

Exam Trap / What Changed: The Bazaar was an event component; the conclave conclusion added awards and programme outcomes.

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041 • 28 AUG • PFRDA | NPS **LATE / UPDATE****NEW: PFRDA standardises classification and presentation of NPS schemes**

Why in News: Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority (PFRDA) issued Circular PFRDA/2026/47/REG-PF/10 on 28 August 2026 and a separate operationalisation circular PFRDA/2026/48/REG-PF/11.

Key Exam Facts

- The framework removes the distinction between “Common Schemes” and schemes introduced under the Multiple Scheme Framework (MSF), creating a standardised classification/presentation architecture.

Connection / Background: National Pension System (NPS) is regulated by PFRDA. Pension Funds manage subscriber assets while Central Recordkeeping Agencies (CRAs), Points of Presence (PoPs), Trustee Bank and Custodian perform distinct intermediary roles.

Exam Trap / What Changed: The earlier Common Scheme vs MSF distinction should not be carried forward as a current classification divide.

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Why in News: PFRDA issued Circular PFRDA/2026/46/REG-POP/08 revising charges for Points of Presence (PoPs) across NPS and NPS Lite.

Key Exam Facts

- One-time onboarding charge: Rs 200 per Permanent Retirement Account Number (PRAN). A reduced Rs 100 may apply for fully digital, non-face-to-face onboarding as determined by PFRDA. Annual charge: 0.20% of Assets Under Management (AUM) per year, adjusted through Net Asset Value (NAV) and paid quarterly; dormant accounts are excluded.
- Minimum contribution: Rs 250 at onboarding and Rs 10 for subsequent contributions. e-NPS-onboarded subscribers using e-NPS/D-Remit are not liable for PoP charges; subscribers originally onboarded through a PoP remain liable even if they later contribute through e-NPS/D-Remit.

Exam Trap / What Changed: Effective 1 October 2026; it supersedes the 10 March 2026 PoP-charge circular and CRA implementation begins from Q3 FY 2026-27.

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Why in News: A 29-August official backgrounder updated the live scale of Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY).

Key Exam Facts

- More than 92.46 crore farmer applications were insured from Kharif 2016 through Rabi 2025-26; more than 26.33 crore applications received claims exceeding Rs 2.06 lakh crore. FY 2026-27 allocation: Rs 12,200 crore.

Connection / Background: PMFBY provides crop-insurance protection against specified non-preventable risks. Technology initiatives include YES-TECH and WINDS.

Exam Trap / What Changed: Keep “insured applications” separate from “applications paid claims”; the two figures are not farmer headcounts.

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044 • 29 AUG • BANKING | APPOINTMENT / LEADERSHIP **LATE / UPDATE****LATE UPDATE: HDFC Bank MD & CEO Sashidhar Jagdishan will not seek reappointment; term ends 26 October 2026**

Why in News: HDFC Bank informed the exchanges on 29 August that Managing Director & Chief Executive Officer Sashidhar Jagdishan had decided not to seek reappointment.

Key Exam Facts

- His current term ends on 26 October 2026. He first became MD & CEO on 27 October 2020; the bank is accelerating the successor-search process.

Connection / Background: Appointment/reappointment of a private-sector bank MD & CEO requires Reserve Bank of India approval under the banking regulatory framework.

Exam Trap / What Changed: This is a future leadership transition; Jagdishan remains MD & CEO until the end of the current term unless changed earlier.

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045 • 2026-08-24 •

Regenerative-agriculture backgrounder maps scale of natural farming and micro-irrigation

Why in News: A 23 August government backgrounder connected natural farming, soil health, micro-irrigation, agroforestry and integrated farming with regenerative agriculture and climate resilience.

Key Exam Facts

- Natural-farming clusters covered 8.80 lakh hectares and enrolled 18.19 lakh farmers as of 5 March 2026.
- 18,786 natural-farming clusters had been formed; 33,676 Community Resource Persons had been trained.
- Per Drop More Crop had covered about 109 lakh hectares as of May 2026.
- 25.89 crore Soil Health Cards had been generated since inception as of 13 March 2026.

Connection / Background: Regenerative agriculture seeks not only to maintain resources but to rebuild soil health, biodiversity and ecosystem resilience. Relevant schemes include National Mission on Natural Farming (NMNF), Paramparagat Krishi Vikas Yojana and Per Drop More Crop.

Exam Trap / What Changed: Do not confuse 8.80 lakh hectares under natural-farming clusters with the much larger 109 lakh hectares covered under Per Drop More Crop; they refer to different interventions.

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046 • 2026-08-24 •

BWF World Championships 2026 conclude in New Delhi with five champions crowned

Why in News: The BWF World Championships 2026 concluded in New Delhi on 23 August, producing historic titles for France and major wins for South Korea and China.

Key Exam Facts

- Men's singles: Alex Lanier (France) - first French men's singles world champion.
- Women's singles: An Se-young (South Korea) - her second world title.
- Men's doubles: Liang Weikeng / Wang Chang (China).
- Women's doubles: Baek Ha-na / Lee So-hee (South Korea).
- Mixed doubles: Thom Gicquel / Delphine Delrue (France) - France's first mixed-doubles world title.

Connection / Background: BWF stands for Badminton World Federation, the international governing body for badminton. World Championships titles are separate from Olympic medals and the annual BWF World Tour Finals.

Exam Trap / What Changed: Alex Lanier is the men's singles champion and An Se-young the women's singles champion. Keep category winners separate; the event was held in New Delhi.

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047 • 2026-08-24 •

QBUSE: unincorporated establishments rise to 8.67 crore; employment reaches 13.70 crore

Why in News: The National Statistical Office released the April-June 2026 Quarterly Bulletin of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (QBUSE), giving a high-frequency picture of the non-agricultural unincorporated economy.

Key Exam Facts

- Estimated establishments: 8.67 crore, up 9.20% year-on-year.
- Employment: 13.70 crore, up 6.55% year-on-year.
- Women accounted for more than 30% of total employment.
- About 82% of establishments used the internet for entrepreneurial purposes and nearly 80% used cashless transaction modes.
- The share reporting some form of registration rose to 42.5%.

Connection / Background: QBUSE is a quarterly extension of the Annual Survey of Unincorporated Sector Enterprises (ASUSE). It captures manufacturing, trade and other services outside the incorporated-company framework.

Exam Trap / What Changed: QBUSE is released by the National Statistical Office (NSO) under the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), not by RBI or SEBI.

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048 • 2026-08-24 •

DAY-NRLM launches National Campaign on Entrepreneurship-II for rural women

Why in News: The Ministry of Rural Development launched a three-month National Campaign on Entrepreneurship-II under Deendayal Antyodaya Yojana- National Rural Livelihoods Mission (DAY-NRLM).

Key Exam Facts

- Campaign period: 21 August to 21 November 2026.
- It covers farm and non-farm enterprises and marketing of Self-Help Group (SHG) products.
- It contributes to the vision of creating 6 crore Lakhpati Didis.
- Targets include entrepreneurship/livelihood training for 5 lakh SHG women, formalisation support for 50,000 enterprises and onboarding 25,000 SHG members on e-commerce platforms.

Connection / Background: DAY-NRLM builds women-led SHGs, community institutions, livelihoods and access to finance. E-commerce links such as Government e-Marketplace (GeM) and Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) can widen market access.

Exam Trap / What Changed: This is Entrepreneurship-II under DAY-NRLM and runs for three months. The "6 crore" figure is the broader Lakhpati Didi vision, not the number of women trained in this single campaign.

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049 • 2026-08-25 • ECONOMIC DATA • SPPI

New Service Producer Price Indices released for Q1 FY27

Why in News: New Service Producer Price Indices released for Q1 FY27.

Key Exam Facts

- The new SPPI series uses base year 2022-23. Q1 FY27 values include Securities Transaction Service 89.9 and Banking Service 100.9.
- Pension Fund Management rose to 113.3; Insurance remained 102.9; Telecom 112.2; Railway Passenger 103.4;
- Air Passenger 126.4.

Exam Trap / What Changed: SPPI measures producer-side service prices; do not confuse it with CPI, WPI or GDP deflators. MARKETS & SEBI

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050 • 2026-08-25 • DGFT • EXPORT POLICY

DGFT frees exports of wheat and wheat-flour products**Why in News:** DGFT frees exports of wheat and wheat-flour products.**Key Exam Facts**

- Notification 34/2026-27 changed export policy of wheat/meslin flour and related products under HS 11010000 from Prohibited to Free.
- Notification 35/2026-27 similarly changed specified wheat tariff lines including other durum wheat and wheat seed/other wheat lines from Prohibited to Free.
- Both notifications are dated 24 August 2026 and take immediate effect. Exam link: DGFT functions under the

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051 • 2026-08-25 • AGRICULTURE • KHARIF

Kharif sowing update: pulses edge higher; rice area trails last year**Why in News:** Kharif sowing update: pulses edge higher; rice area trails last year.**Key Exam Facts**

- As on 21 August, rice area was 405.10 lakh ha versus 418.29 lakh ha a year earlier.
- Total pulses area was 113.63 lakh ha versus 112.14 lakh ha; tur 43.86 lakh ha, urad 24.38 lakh ha and moong 32.68 lakh ha.
- Weekly crop-area data matters for food supply, inflation expectations and agricultural output.

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052 • 2026-08-25 • COAL • ENERGY

Talabira II & III mines post record FY26 production of 19.14 MT**Why in News:** Talabira II & III mines post record FY26 production of 19.14 MT.**Key Exam Facts**

- Talabira II & III coal mines in Odisha were allocated to NLC India Ltd in May 2016.
- FY25-26 production reached a record 19.14 million tonnes, up 11.28%; dispatch reached 17.69 MT.
- Of dispatch, 10.72 MT went to the power sector and 6.97 MT to non-regulated sectors.
- SCHEMES, TECH & NATIONAL

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053 • 2026-08-26 • COMMERCE | TRADERS

National Traders' Welfare Board holds its 100th virtual interaction meeting**Why in News:** National Traders' Welfare Board holds its 100th virtual interaction meeting.**Key Exam Facts**

- The 100th VC meeting marked a milestone in regular government engagement with retail traders across India.
- The dedicated virtual platform was proposed at the Board's second meeting on 7 February 2024 to disseminate schemes, receive grievances and collect suggestions.
- Connection / Exam Trap: Remember the institution: National Traders' Welfare Board (NTWB), under the commerce ecosystem, focuses on trader welfare and engagement.

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054 • 2026-08-26 • GOVERNANCE | PRAGATI

53rd PRAGATI meeting reviews six infrastructure projects worth over ₹30,000 crore**Why in News:** 53rd PRAGATI meeting reviews six infrastructure projects worth over ₹30,000 crore.**Key Exam Facts**

- The projects span railways, roads and power across nine States.
- The meeting also reviewed AgriStack and measures against cyber fraud and "digital arrest" scams, with emphasis on training, awareness and coordinated enforcement.
- PRAGATI stands for Pro-Active Governance and Timely Implementation.
- Connection / Exam Trap: PRAGATI is a technology-enabled platform for resolving bottlenecks in major programmes/projects

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055 • 2026-08-26 • ECONOMY | INFRASTRUCTURE

PAIMANA tracks 1,775 central-sector infrastructure projects of ₹150 crore and above**Why in News:** PAIMANA tracks 1,775 central-sector infrastructure projects of ₹150 crore and above.**Key Exam Facts**

- MoSPI's flash report tracks 1,775 ongoing projects across 17 ministries; revised total cost is ₹37.11 lakh crore.
- Cumulative expenditure stood at ₹19.26 lakh crore, or 51.91% of revised cost.
- The project interface has been renamed PAIMANA-PROJ; PAIMANA-CRIP, launched in July 2026, supports API-based project data integration.
- Connection / Exam Trap: PAIMANA is the central monitoring framework for large infrastructure projects; the ₹150 crore

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056 • 2026-08-26 • ECONOMY | STEEL

India's crude steel output reaches 56.2 MT in Apr-Jul 2026**Why in News:** India's crude steel output reaches 56.2 MT in Apr-Jul 2026.**Key Exam Facts**

- July crude steel output was 14.4 MT, up 1.9% year-on-year; Apr-Jul output was 56.2 MT, up 2.4%.
- Finished steel consumption in Apr-Jul reached 56.0 MT, rising 7.9%.
- India was a net importer of finished steel in Apr-Jul: imports were about 2.77 MT and exports about 2.29 MT. Annual crude-steel capacity stood at 222.7 MTPA.
- Connection / Exam Trap: Do not mix production, capacity and consumption: they are three different steel-sector indicators.

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057 • 2026-08-26 • SKILLING | EXAM TRAP

NITI Aayog clarifies that the "8.7 crore NEET youth" figure is not an unemployment count**Why in News:** NITI Aayog clarifies that the "8.7 crore NEET youth" figure is not an unemployment count.**Key Exam Facts**

- The figure comes from the report "Reimagining Skilling for Viksit Bharat@2047".
- NEET means Not in Education, Employment or Training; the report category cannot be read directly as the number of unemployed youth.
- The Union Budget 2026-27 announced a ₹600 crore Integrated Scheme in Skilling Architecture (ISSA) for convergence across education, skilling and employment.

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058 • 2026-08-26 • LABOUR | SOCIAL SECURITY

e-Shram completes five years with 31.89 crore registrations

Why in News: e-Shram completes five years with 31.89 crore registrations.

Key Exam Facts

- The portal was launched on 26 August 2021 as an Aadhaar-authenticated National Database of Unorganised Workers (NDUW).
- As of 18 August 2026, registrations reached 31.89 crore; women formed 54.28% of registered workers.
- The One-Stop Solution integrates 15 social-security and welfare schemes; every registrant receives a 12-digit Universal Account Number (UAN).

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059 • 2026-08-26 • MINES | CRITICAL MINERALS

Critical Minerals Innovation Hackathon 2026 launched under National Critical Mineral Mission

Why in News: Critical Minerals Innovation Hackathon 2026 launched under National Critical Mineral Mission.

Key Exam Facts

- CMIH 2026 has two problem statements: open-data mineral prospectivity mapping for lithium/REE pegmatites, and a smart technology/patent tracker.
- JNARDDC, Nagpur is the host institute; idea submissions close on 20 September 2026.
- Winners will be announced during India Mining Week 2026 (15-17 November); first and second prizes for each problem are ₹1.50 lakh and ₹1.00 lakh.

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060 • 2026-08-26 • MARITIME ECONOMY

India plans 100 new ships to reduce a reported US\$75 billion foreign-freight bill

Why in News: India plans 100 new ships to reduce a reported US\$75 billion foreign-freight bill.

Key Exam Facts

- At the National Shipping Board's "Sagar Samvad", the Shipping Ministry highlighted a plan for 100 new ships to expand Indian-flagged capacity.
- The stated policy objective is to reduce dependence on foreign shipping and retain more freight earnings within India.
- Connection / Exam Trap: Merchant-shipping capacity affects trade logistics, freight outgo and balance-of-payments services

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061 • 2026-08-26 • DEFENCE | TECHNOLOGY

Technology of all conventional DRDO missile systems opened for transfer to Indian industry

Why in News: Technology of all conventional DRDO missile systems opened for transfer to Indian industry.

Key Exam Facts

- The Defence Minister approved transfer of DRDO-developed conventional missile technologies to Indian defence industry for domestic production.
- The move is intended to widen private-sector and MSME participation, raise domestic value addition and reduce import dependence.
- Connection / Exam Trap: Technology transfer is distinct from a procurement order: it enables industry to manufacture

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062 • 2026-08-26 • DEFENCE | COAST GUARD

Goa Shipyard hands over ICGS Ajit to Indian Coast Guard

Why in News: Goa Shipyard hands over ICGS Ajit to Indian Coast Guard.

Key Exam Facts

- ICGS Ajit is a 51.43-metre Fast Patrol Vessel, with more than 65% indigenous content and speed above 27 knots.
- It has an endurance of about 1,500 nautical miles and is intended for EEZ patrol, fisheries protection, anti-smuggling/anti-piracy and search-and-rescue missions.
- Connection / Exam Trap: Goa Shipyard Limited (GSL) is a defence public-sector shipyard; Indian Coast Guard operates under
- the Ministry of Defence.

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063 • 2026-08-26 • TELECOM | REGULATION

TRAI extends deadlines on draft QoS amendments for access and broadband services

Why in News: TRAI extends deadlines on draft QoS amendments for access and broadband services.

Key Exam Facts

- Comments on the consultation paper are now due by 2 September 2026 and counter-comments by 15 September 2026.
- The paper concerns draft amendments to the 2024 Quality of Service regulations for wireline, wireless and
- broadband services.
- Connection / Exam Trap: TRAI regulates telecom-sector service standards; consultation papers are not final regulations.

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064 • 2026-08-26 • TELECOM | QUANTUM

C-DOT marks 43rd Foundation Day and showcases indigenous quantum-security products

Why in News: C-DOT marks 43rd Foundation Day and showcases indigenous quantum-security products.

Key Exam Facts

- The theme was "Beyond Connectivity: Secure, Trusted and Intelligent Communication".
- A Quantum Products Wall and booklet showcased indigenous Quantum Key Distribution (QKD) and Post-Quantum
- Cryptography (PQC) solutions.
- C-DOT was established in 1984 and works on telecom R&D including 6G, cybersecurity and quantum-secure
- communications.

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065 • 2026-08-26 • CONSUMER AFFAIRS | REGULATION

Nationwide Legal Metrology training programme launched for uniform implementation of reforms

Why in News: Nationwide Legal Metrology training programme launched for uniform implementation of reforms.

Key Exam Facts

- The programme follows decriminalisation and Jan Vishwas-linked reforms under the Legal Metrology framework.
- Five-day courses have been completed for Gujarat and Uttar Pradesh officers; all remaining States/UTs are to be
- covered over the next four months.
- Training is being conducted at the Indian Institute of Legal Metrology (IILM), Ranchi.
- Connection / Exam Trap: Legal metrology deals with standards and regulation of weights and measures used in trade
- and

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066 • 2026-08-26 • JAL SHAKTI | JJM

10th Sujal Gram Samvad stresses community-led O&M under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0**Why in News:** 10th Sujal Gram Samvad stresses community-led O&M under Jal Jeevan Mission 2.0.**Key Exam Facts**

- The dialogue highlighted Gram Panchayat and Village Water & Sanitation Committee roles in sustainable rural water-supply management.
- Themes included operation and maintenance, user charges, water quality, source sustainability and local accountability.
- Connection / Exam Trap: JJM 2.0 places greater emphasis on long-term service delivery and local operation & maintenance,

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067 • 2026-08-26 • AGRICULTURE | EDUCATION

36th Annual Conference of Agricultural University Vice-Chancellors begins in New Delhi**Why in News:** 36th Annual Conference of Agricultural University Vice-Chancellors begins in New Delhi.**Key Exam Facts**

- The two-day conference (25-26 August) has the theme "Reimagining Agricultural Higher Education for Viksit Bharat@2047".
- It brings together Agricultural Universities, DARE and ICAR leadership to discuss student reforms, research, accreditation, industry-academia links and data-driven governance.
- Connection / Exam Trap: DARE = Department of Agricultural Research and Education; ICAR = Indian Council of Agricultural

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068 • 2026-08-26 • AGRICULTURE | CARBON MARKET

ICAR-CCARI "Carbon Pathshala" introduces Goa farmers to voluntary carbon markets**Why in News:** ICAR-CCARI "Carbon Pathshala" introduces Goa farmers to voluntary carbon markets.**Key Exam Facts**

- The workshop focused on carbon markets, carbon sequestration and biochar-based carbon credits for farmers.
- It is linked to a project studying plantation-based systems and carbon-credit generation through biochar in India's west-coast region.
- Connection / Exam Trap: A carbon credit is a tradable unit linked to verified emissions reduction/removal; voluntary markets
- differ from mandatory compliance markets.

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069 • 2026-08-27 • AGRICULTURE | SUGAR

Official sugar-sector backgrounder puts 2025-26 sugarcane output at 500 MMT**Why in News:** Official sugar-sector backgrounder puts 2025-26 sugarcane output at 500 MMT.**Key Exam Facts**

- India is the world's second-largest sugarcane producer; the sector supports nearly 5 crore farmers and around 5 lakh factory/allied workers.
- Sugarcane production reached 500 MMT in 2025-26, about 43.5% above 2015-16 output of 348.44 MMT.
- Area rose to 58.87 lakh hectares; Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra are the top producing states. Sugar exports were 8 lakh MT in 2025-26.

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070 • 2026-08-27 • EDUCATION | CREATIVE ECONOMY

IICT and Netflix announce scholarships for 100 students across six programmes**Why in News:** IICT and Netflix announce scholarships for 100 students across six programmes.**Key Exam Facts**

- The scholarship package offers up to 80% financial support to 100 students.
- It covers six professional programmes: two one-year diploma programmes and four six-month certificate programmes.
- Fields include interactive comics, visual effects, virtual art department content creation, media-tech workflow, character animation and e-sports/gaming management.

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071 • 2026-08-27 • INDIA-SEYCHELLES | BLUE ECONOMY

India-Seychelles meeting seeks stronger fisheries, aquaculture and blue-economy cooperation**Why in News:** India-Seychelles meeting seeks stronger fisheries, aquaculture and blue-economy cooperation.**Key Exam Facts**

- The high-level meeting was held on 25 August and officially released on 26 August by India's Department of Fisheries.
- The Seychelles delegation was led by Fisheries, Agriculture and Blue Economy Minister Wallace Cosgrow.
- Seychelles expressed interest in accelerating a dedicated bilateral MoU in fisheries and aquaculture with an advanced work plan.

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072 • 2026-08-27 • INFRASTRUCTURE | RAILWAYS

Indian Railways plans four-laning across about 11,000 km of seven high-density routes**Why in News:** Indian Railways plans four-laning across about 11,000 km of seven high-density routes.**Key Exam Facts**

- The seven high-density routes together span roughly 11,000 km.
- They account for about 41% of total railway traffic while representing only around 16% of the network.
- The capacity push is aimed at easing congestion and increasing passenger and freight throughput on the busiest corridors.
- Connection / Exam Trap: High-density route share of traffic and share of network are different percentages: about 41%

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073 • 2026-08-28 • RATINGS & ECONOMY

S&P affirms India at BBB/A-2 with stable outlook S&P Global Ratings affirmed India's sovereign credit ratings at BBB/A-2 on 27 August 2026 and retained a stable outlook. Key points

Why in News: S&P affirms India at BBB/A-2 with stable outlook S&P Global Ratings affirmed India's sovereign credit ratings at BBB/A-2 on 27 August 2026 and retained a stable outlook. Key points.

Key Exam Facts

- The action was an affirmation, not an upgrade.
- S&P cited policy stability and infrastructure investment as growth supports.
- Key constraints remain weak fiscal metrics, high government debt and low per-capita income; S&P
- projected real Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth of 6.6% in 2026.
- Remember: 27 August action = affirmation at BBB/A-2 with stable outlook, not an upgrade.

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074 • 2026-08-28 • ECONOMY & ENVIRONMENT

Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) releases concept paper on monetary asset accounts for marine fish resources The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) released a concept paper on experimental monetary asset accounts for marine fish resources. Key points

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Key Exam Facts

- The approach is aligned with the System of Environmental-Economic Accounting (SEEA) Central
- Framework endorsed by the United Nations Statistical Commission.
- MoSPI has compiled environmental accounts through the EnviStats India series since 2018.
- The paper explores how marine fish resources can be valued as natural assets, complementing
- physical resource accounts.

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075 • 2026-08-28 • SECURITY

First Mahila Commando Conversion Course begins at National Security Guard (NSG) Training Academy, Manesar The first Mahila Commando Conversion Course (MCCC) has begun at the National Security Guard (NSG) Training Academy in Manesar. Key points

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Key Exam Facts

- Participants include women personnel from State Police Forces and Central Armed Police Forces
- (CAPFs).
- Training areas include weapons, tactical intervention, hostage rescue and counter-terror operations.
- The course expands specialised commando-skilling opportunities for women personnel.

[Primary / authoritative source ↗](#)

076 • 2026-08-29 • ECONOMY

Industrial output grows 6.7% in July 2026

Why in News: The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) released the Quick Estimate of the Index of Industrial Production (IIP) for July 2026. IIP grew 6.7% year-on-year; June 2026 quick estimate was 7.3%. Manufacturing grew 7.3%; Electricity & Gas Supply 8.7%; Water Supply, Sewerage & Waste Management 7.4%; Mining & Quarrying contracted 0.9%. The July 2026 IIP index stood at 124.8 against 117.0 in July 2025; base year is 2022-23=100.

Exam Trap / What Changed: IIP is an output-volume indicator; it is not the Consumer Price Index (CPI) or inflation rate.

Primary / authoritative source ↗

077 • 2026-08-29 • DEFENCE INDUSTRY

Defence export SOP and OGEL framework simplified

Why in News: The Department of Defence Production announced reforms to simplify defence-export procedures. SOP = Standard Operating Procedure; OGEL = Open General Export Licence. The objective is to reduce procedural burden and improve access to international markets while retaining national-security safeguards. The reform is linked to Make in India and Aatmanirbhar Bharat objectives.

Exam Trap / What Changed: OGEL is a licensing facilitation framework; it does not mean unrestricted export of all defence items.

Primary / authoritative source ↗

078 • 2026-08-29 • PRICES & FOOD ECONOMY

Ex-mill sugar prices fall around 20%

Why in News: The Department of Food and Public Distribution reported a roughly 20% decline in ex-mill sugar prices, with retail prices beginning to ease. The government also announced a fortnightly sugar quota system from September to improve timely lifting and market availability. The policy response was aimed at reducing artificial scarcity despite adequate physical stocks. Ex-mill price is the price at which sugar leaves the mill; it is not identical to the final retail price.

Exam Trap / What Changed: A fall in ex-mill prices does not imply an equal percentage fall in retail prices. Primary Source

Primary / authoritative source ↗

079 • 23-27 AUG • INDIA-JAPAN | TRADE, INVESTMENT & TECHNOLOGY LATE / UPDATE

UPDATE: India-Japan week culminates in JPY 10 trillion private-investment ambition and deeper technology cooperation

Why in News: The 23-27 August engagement moved from a 200+ member business-delegation plan to concrete outcomes across Keidanren, investment, semiconductors, Artificial Intelligence (AI), start-ups and the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) review.

Key Exam Facts

- India sought JPY 10 trillion of Japanese private investment; semiconductor demand in India was highlighted as potentially reaching about US\$150 billion by 2032.
- Keidanren represents more than 1,500 leading Japanese companies. The week also focused on long-term institutional capital, deep-tech/start-up links, supply-chain resilience and faster CEPA review.

Connection / Background: India-Japan ties are described as a Special Strategic and Global Partnership. Japan is a major source of long-term infrastructure finance, technology and manufacturing investment.

Exam Trap / What Changed: Do not treat the 23-August delegation announcement and later Tokyo/Nagoya/Osaka outcomes as separate final stories; the JPY 10 trillion investment ambition is the end-of-week update.

Primary / authoritative source ↗

080 • 26-27 AUG • FOOD & CONSUMER AFFAIRS | ONION BUFFER **LATE / UPDATE****UPDATE: Onion buffer moves by rail; retail intervention begins at Rs 35/kg and cumulative movement reaches 86 rakes**

Why in News: The first Kanda Express movement from Nashik was followed by retail release of buffer onion at Rs 35 per kg.

Key Exam Facts

- By the later update, rail movement of buffer onion had risen to 86 rakes.

Connection / Background: Buffer operations are used to moderate seasonal price spikes and improve availability in consumption centres.

Exam Trap / What Changed: Rs 35/kg is the retail intervention price in the update; 86 rakes is the later cumulative rail-movement figure.

[Primary / authoritative source ↗](#)

081 • 24-26 AUG • HEALTH | INFLUENZA **LATE / UPDATE****Health Ministry reiterates: no new or unusual H1N1 strain detected**

Why in News: Two health communications during the week addressed concern about influenza cases.

Key Exam Facts

- The Government said no new or unusual H1N1 strain had been identified and described the circulating influenza as seasonal.

Connection / Background: Influenza A(H1N1) is monitored through public-health surveillance; confirmation of a new strain requires virological evidence.

Exam Trap / What Changed: Do not infer a new variant merely from a seasonal rise in cases.

[Primary / authoritative source ↗](#)

082 • 24-26 AUG • INDIA-MOROCCO | TRADE **LATE / UPDATE****UPDATE: India and Morocco target doubling bilateral trade in five years**

Why in News: The 7th India-Morocco Joint Commission Meeting progressed from the pre-meeting agenda to a five-year ambition to double bilateral trade.

Key Exam Facts

- Cooperation covered trade, investment, food safety, standards and sectoral market access.

Connection / Background: Morocco is a key North African partner and a major phosphate/fertiliser-linked economy.

Exam Trap / What Changed: Use “doubling trade in five years” as the final outcome, not only the earlier meeting agenda.

[Primary / authoritative source ↗](#)

083 • 29 AUG • AGRICULTURE | MICRO-IRRIGATION **LATE / UPDATE****NEW: Per Drop More Crop crosses 115 lakh hectares under micro-irrigation**

Why in News: The 29-August Per Drop More Crop (PDMC) backgrounder updated coverage and assistance rules.

Key Exam Facts

- More than 115 lakh hectares were under micro-irrigation as of July 2026. Assistance applies up to five hectares per beneficiary: 55% for small and marginal farmers and 45% for other farmers. Central assistance released in the last three years: Rs 8,123.24 crore.
- PDMC has been implemented under Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY) since 2022-23. Assistance for the same land can be received again after seven years.

Exam Trap / What Changed: Do not keep PDMC permanently under PMKSY in current-affairs answers; since 2022-23 it is implemented under PM-RKVY.

[Primary / authoritative source ↗](#)

084 • 29 AUG • INDIA-ARGENTINA | TRADE LATE / UPDATE**NEW: 4th India-Argentina Joint Trade Committee widens cooperation to lithium, pharma, digital and space**

Why in News: The 4th India-Argentina Joint Trade Committee (JTC), held in Buenos Aires on 24 August, was officially detailed on 29 August.

Key Exam Facts

- India was led by Commerce Secretary Rajesh Agrawal; Argentina by Fernando Brun, Secretary for International Economic Relations. Cooperation covered lithium, energy, agriculture, sanitary and phytosanitary market access, pharmaceuticals, digital, space and emerging technologies.
- The visit included the largest-ever Indian business delegation to Argentina.

Exam Trap / What Changed: Meeting date was 24 August; authoritative outcome release came on 29 August.

[Primary / authoritative source ↗](#)

085 • 29 AUG • ENERGY | CBG LATE / UPDATE**NEW: Government clarifies revised CBG pricing - producer price Rs 2,110/MMBtu, effective recoverable cost about Rs 1,895/MMBtu**

Why in News: The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas clarified the consumer impact of revised Compressed Bio-Gas (CBG) pricing under GOBARDHAN.

Key Exam Facts

- Earlier linked price was about Rs 1,478 per MMBtu; producer procurement price is Rs 2,110 per MMBtu. Government affordability support of Rs 10/kg is about Rs 215 per MMBtu at 95% methane, making the effective cost recovered through the wider gas pool about Rs 1,895 per MMBtu.
- The effective increase versus Rs 1,478 is about 28%, not the headline 43% producer-price increase. The cost is spread across a domestic gas base about 2.5-3 times larger than earlier.

Exam Trap / What Changed: Rs 2,110 is the producer procurement price, not the direct price charged to CNG/PNG consumers.

[Primary / authoritative source ↗](#)

International & Organisations

14 connected updates

086 • 2026-08-24 •

Jaishankar reaches Moscow for 27th India-Russia IRIGC-TEC session

Why in News: External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar reached Moscow on 23 August for a two-day visit focused on the India-Russia economic and strategic partnership.

Key Exam Facts

- He is to co-chair the 27th Session of the India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperation (IRIGC-TEC).
- Russian co-chair: First Deputy Prime Minister Denis Manturov.
- Jaishankar is also scheduled to meet Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov and exchange views on regional and global issues.

Connection / Background: IRIGC-TEC is a major institutional mechanism for reviewing India-Russia cooperation beyond defence, including trade, industry, energy, science, technology and culture.

Exam Trap / What Changed: IRIGC-TEC is the trade/economic/science/culture commission. Do not confuse it with the separate India-Russia mechanism for military and military-technical cooperation.

[Primary / authoritative source ↗](#)

087 • 2026-08-24 •

BRICS Sports Ministers adopt Joint Declaration in Visakhapatnam

Why in News: The BRICS Sports Ministers' Meeting concluded in Visakhapatnam on 23 August with consensus adoption of the BRICS Sports Joint Declaration.

Key Exam Facts

- India advanced a proposed BRICS Working Group on Sports Technology covering sports science, athlete performance, governance, Artificial Intelligence and digital innovation.
- A BRICS Sports Manufacturing Conclave is proposed in Udaipur, Rajasthan, in November 2026.
- Traditional and Indigenous Sports Demonstration Games are proposed in Ahmedabad on 12-13 October 2026 as a non-competitive cultural initiative.

Connection / Background: India is chairing BRICS in 2026 under the theme "Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability". BRICS currently has 11 member countries.

Exam Trap / What Changed: The 23 August outcome is the Sports Joint Declaration. The Youth Ministers' Joint Statement was a separate 22 August outcome; keep the two ministerial tracks distinct.

[Primary / authoritative source ↗](#)

088 • 2026-08-25 • INTERNATIONAL • DIPLOMACY

Envoys of six nations present credentials to President Droupadi Murmu

Why in News: Envoys of six nations present credentials to President Droupadi Murmu.

Key Exam Facts

- The President accepted credentials from envoys of South Sudan, United Arab Emirates, Nigeria, Moldova, Germany and Sweden.
- Presentation of credentials formally recognises an ambassador/high commissioner as the sending state's diplomatic representative.
- Exam link: Rashtrapati Bhavan credentials ceremonies are useful for country-envoy mapping questions.

[Primary / authoritative source ↗](#)

089 • 2026-08-26 • INTERNATIONAL | DEFENCE

2nd India-New Zealand Defence Strategic Dialogue held in Wellington

Why in News: 2nd India-New Zealand Defence Strategic Dialogue held in Wellington.

Key Exam Facts

- The dialogue reviewed maritime security, joint training and cross-service exchanges.
- Both sides linked defence engagement to the Strategic Partnership Roadmap 2030 and a free, open and inclusive Indo-Pacific.
- Connection / Exam Trap: The official release was issued on 25 August for the dialogue held on 24 August, making it a late
- official current-affairs update.

[Primary / authoritative source ↗](#)

090 • 2026-08-26 • MARITIME | INDIA-VIETNAM

7th India-Vietnam Coast Guard High-Level Meeting held in Chennai

Why in News: 7th India-Vietnam Coast Guard High-Level Meeting held in Chennai.

Key Exam Facts

- Indian Coast Guard DG Paramesh Sivamani and Vietnam Coast Guard Vice Commandant Major General Luong Dinh Hung led the meeting.
- Talks focused on professional cooperation, maritime engagement and operational coordination for a safe, secure and sustainable maritime environment.
- Connection / Exam Trap: Coast-guard diplomacy complements naval engagement in maritime law enforcement, safety and

[Primary / authoritative source ↗](#)

091 • 2026-08-26 • INTERNATIONAL | WATER

Ministry of Rural Development participates in World Water Week 2026 in Stockholm

Why in News: Ministry of Rural Development participates in World Water Week 2026 in Stockholm.

Key Exam Facts

- India presented community-led approaches to water security and rural resilience at World Water Week in Stockholm.
- The participation linked watershed management, community institutions and sustainable rural livelihoods with climate resilience.
- Connection / Exam Trap: World Water Week is an international annual water-policy forum held in Stockholm; do not confuse
- it with World Water Day (22 March).

[Primary / authoritative source ↗](#)

092 • 2026-08-27 • HERITAGE | UNESCO

Sarnath backgrounder links its UNESCO inscription to India's tally of 45 World Heritage properties

Why in News: Sarnath backgrounder links its UNESCO inscription to India's tally of 45 World Heritage properties.

Key Exam Facts

- The Ancient Buddhist Site of Sarnath was inscribed at the 48th World Heritage Committee Session in Busan, South Korea, on 25 July 2026.
- The official 26-August backgrounder says India now has 45 World Heritage properties: 37 cultural, 7 natural and 1 mixed.
- India ranks sixth globally and second in the Asia-Pacific by number of listed properties; its Tentative List stands at 69.

[Primary / authoritative source ↗](#)

093 • 2026-08-27 • INDIA-US | CIVIL NUCLEAR

India and US discuss civil nuclear cooperation ahead of IAEA ATLAS launch

Why in News: India and US discuss civil nuclear cooperation ahead of IAEA ATLAS launch.

Key Exam Facts

- Atomic Energy Commission Chairman Ajit Kumar Mohanty met US Energy Secretary Chris Wright in Washington.
- The talks reviewed bilateral civil nuclear cooperation and ways to strengthen ties.
- The meeting came ahead of the IAEA ATLAS initiative exploring small modular reactors for civilian ships and offshore energy.
- Connection / Exam Trap: AEC is India's Atomic Energy Commission. Small Modular Reactor (SMR) is a reactor design

[Primary / authoritative source ↗](#)

094 • 2026-08-27 • INTERNATIONAL | NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY

IAEA launches ATLAS initiative for safe nuclear applications at sea

Why in News: IAEA launches ATLAS initiative for safe nuclear applications at sea.

Key Exam Facts

- ATLAS stands for Atomic Technologies Licensed for Applications at Sea.
- The initiative supports safe, secure and peaceful use of nuclear power in civilian shipping and floating nuclear power plants.
- The Washington launch brought together around 600 participants from more than 50 countries and international organisations.

[Primary / authoritative source ↗](#)

095 • 2026-08-28 • ENVIRONMENT

India highlights science-based snow leopard conservation at Moscow roundtable A 27 August release detailed India's participation in the Russian-Indian Roundtable on Snow Leopard Study and Conservation held in Moscow on 26 August. Key points

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Key Exam Facts

- The meeting operated under a partnership between Interregional Association Irbis and the International Big Cat Alliance (IBCA), signed in December 2025.
- India highlighted population estimation, radio telemetry and genetic analysis.
- The Wildlife Institute of India (WII) and Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) were central to the Indian scientific inputs.

Primary / authoritative source ↗

096 • 2026-08-29 • INTERNATIONAL HEALTH

WHO Emergency Committee reviews Ebola Bundibugyo outbreak in DR Congo

Why in News: The World Health Organization (WHO) published the meeting report of the second International Health Regulations (IHR) Emergency Committee on the Ebola Bundibugyo virus disease epidemic in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The update was dated 28 August 2026. IHR stands for International Health Regulations. Bundibugyo virus is one of the viruses that can cause Ebola virus disease.

Exam Trap / What Changed: Do not treat every WHO Emergency Committee meeting as a new declaration of a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC).

Primary / authoritative source ↗

097 • 2026-08-29 • INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

Prime Minister's Uzbekistan-Kyrgyz Republic visit announced for 29 Aug-1 Sep

Why in News: The Prime Minister's Office announced the Prime Minister's visit to Uzbekistan and the Kyrgyz Republic from 29 August to 1 September 2026. The announcement was issued on 28 August 2026. Uzbekistan and the Kyrgyz Republic are both Central Asian countries. For exam revision, distinguish this itinerary from earlier India-Japan and India-Morocco engagements covered in preceding editions.

Exam Trap / What Changed: This 28-Aug item is the visit announcement; outcomes belong to later editions after meetings take place.

Primary / authoritative source ↗

098 • 25-26 AUG • INDIA-CHINA LATE / UPDATE

25th India-China Special Representatives talks produce an eight-point outcome

Why in News: India and China held the 25th round of Special Representatives talks on the boundary question in Beijing, followed by an eight-point outcome.

Key Exam Facts

- The mechanism deals with the boundary question while broader bilateral engagement runs through other diplomatic channels.

Connection / Background: India's Special Representative is the National Security Adviser; the talks are distinct from military commander-level border meetings.

Exam Trap / What Changed: The eight-point outcome is the material follow-up to the meeting announcement.

Primary / authoritative source ↗

099 • 29 AUG • FOREIGN POLICY | SCO **LATE / UPDATE****UPDATE: PM begins Uzbekistan-Kyrgyz Republic visit; 26th SCO Summit marks 25 years of the organisation**

Why in News: The Prime Minister's departure statement confirmed the 29 August-1 September visit sequence to Uzbekistan and the Kyrgyz Republic.

Key Exam Facts

- Engagements cover trade and investment, digital connectivity, defence and energy. The Kyrgyz Republic leg includes the 26th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit, coinciding with 25 years of the SCO.

Connection / Background: India became a full SCO member in 2017.

Exam Trap / What Changed: The visit announcement came on 28 August; the 29-August departure statement is the authoritative start-of-visit update.

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Defence & Security

10 connected updates

100 • 2026-08-25 • CBN • NARCOTICS

Operation Black Hawk seizes over 18.6 kg crude heroin

Why in News: Operation Black Hawk seizes over 18.6 kg crude heroin.

Key Exam Facts

- Central Bureau of Narcotics teams from Madhya Pradesh and Uttar Pradesh busted an inter-state heroin
- syndicate near Lucknow.
- The operation seized 18.64 kg of crude heroin and resulted in three arrests.
- Exam link: CBN operates under the Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance and enforces narcotics-related
- laws including the NDPS framework.

[Primary / authoritative source ↗](#)

101 • 2026-08-26 • DEFENCE | NAVY

Indian Navy to commission Nipun, second indigenous Nistar-class Diving Support Vessel

Why in News: Indian Navy to commission Nipun, second indigenous Nistar-class Diving Support Vessel.

Key Exam Facts

- Nipun is scheduled for commissioning on 31 August 2026 at Naval Dockyard, Mumbai.
- It was indigenously designed and built by Hindustan Shipyard Limited, Visakhapatnam, and delivered on 30 July
- 2026.
- The vessel supports deep-sea diving, underwater intervention, medical support and submarine-rescue operations.
- Connection / Exam Trap: Nipun is the second Diving Support Vessel of the Nistar class; remember ship-class and builder

[Primary / authoritative source ↗](#)

102 • 2026-08-28 • DEFENCE

Indian Navy receives Samarthak, first indigenous Multi-Purpose Vessel Samarthak, the first indigenous Multi-Purpose Vessel (MPV), was delivered to the Indian Navy on 27 August 2026. Key points

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Key Exam Facts

- Builder: Larsen & Toubro Ltd. (L&T), Kattupalli.
- Indigenous content: more than 75%.
- Roles include trial and evaluation, maritime surveillance and reconnaissance, offshore patrolling and
- Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR).

[Primary / authoritative source ↗](#)

103 • 2026-08-28 • DEFENCE

Rs 472 crore Jabalpur project to overhaul 80 T-72/T-90 tanks a year The Defence Minister and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister performed Bhoomi Pujan for a T-Series tank overhaul project at Vehicle Factory, Jabalpur. Key points

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Key Exam Facts

- Estimated project cost: Rs 472 crore.
- Planned annual capacity: 80 T-72 and T-90 tanks.
- Vehicle Factory Jabalpur is a unit of the Mini Ratna defence public sector undertaking Armoured
- Vehicles Nigam Limited (AVNL).
- Remember: The annual capacity is for overhaul of 80 tanks, not purchase of 80 new tanks.

[Primary / authoritative source ↗](#)

104 • 2026-08-28 • DEFENCE & INTERNATIONAL

Sri Lanka Navy Commander Vice Admiral Damian Fernando visits India Vice Admiral Damian Fernando, Commander of the Sri Lanka Navy, is visiting India from 26-29 August 2026 on his maiden visit after assuming command. Key points

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Key Exam Facts

- On 27 August he received a ceremonial Guard of Honour and paid homage at the National War Memorial.
- He held talks with Admiral Krishna Swaminathan, Chief of the Naval Staff.
- The agenda covers joint operations, capacity building, training and maritime security; the visit also includes Kochi and Southern Naval Command.

[Primary / authoritative source ↗](#)

105 • 2026-08-28 • IMPORTANT DAY

World Lake Day observed on 27 August 27 August is observed annually as World Lake Day under a United Nations General Assembly resolution. Key points

Why in News: World Lake Day observed on 27 August 27 August is observed annually as World Lake Day under a United Nations General Assembly resolution. Key points.

Key Exam Facts

- The relevant resolution is A/RES/79/142.
- It was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly on 12 December 2024 without a vote.
- The observance highlights protection, restoration and sustainable management of lakes as vital
- water-related ecosystems.
- Remember: World Lake Day: 27 August. World Water Day: 22 March.

[Primary / authoritative source ↗](#)

106 • 2026-08-28 • SPORTS

CHESS Praggnanandhaa wins Grand Chess Tour 2026 The Grand Chess Tour Finals concluded in Saint Louis on 27 August; FIDE reported the result on 28 August. Key points

Why in News: CHESS Praggnanandhaa wins Grand Chess Tour 2026 The Grand Chess Tour Finals concluded in Saint Louis on 27 August; FIDE reported the result on 28 August. Key points.

Key Exam Facts

- Rameshbabu Praggnanandhaa overcame a six-point deficit on the final day and defeated Fabiano
- Caruana 15-13.
- The Finals ran from 22-27 August at the Saint Louis Chess Club.
- Total prize fund: USD 450,000; winner's share: USD 200,000. Wesley So beat Vincent Keymer for third place.

Primary / authoritative source ↗

107 • 2026-08-29 • DEFENCE & INTERNATIONAL

India and Kuwait hold inaugural Joint Defence Committee meeting

Why in News: The first India-Kuwait Joint Defence Committee (JDC) meeting was held in New Delhi on 28 August 2026. Areas discussed included training, military exercises, military medicine, staff talks, defence industry and Research & Development (R&D;). The JDC operationalises the defence-cooperation Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed during the Prime Minister's Kuwait visit in December 2024. India-Kuwait diplomatic relations were established in 1962; ties were upgraded to a Strategic Partnership in December 2024.

Exam Trap / What Changed: This was the inaugural JDC meeting, not the first diplomatic engagement between the two countries.

Primary / authoritative source ↗

108 • 24-25 AUG • NATIONAL SECURITY LATE / UPDATE

9th National Security Strategies Conference concludes with a 15-20 year threat horizon

Why in News: The 9th National Security Strategies Conference in New Delhi moved from inauguration to conclusion during the week.

Key Exam Facts

- Discussions covered long-horizon security planning, emerging threats, technology and inter-agency coordination, with a 15-20 year threat horizon highlighted.

Connection / Background: Such conferences support strategic coordination across security and law-enforcement institutions.

Exam Trap / What Changed: Remember the 9th edition and the long-term 15-20 year horizon; do not count inauguration and conclusion as separate weekly stories.

Primary / authoritative source ↗

109 • 23-26 AUG • INDIAN NAVY | LOKAYAN 26 LATE / UPDATE

INS Sudarshini completes Lisbon port call under Lokayan 26

Why in News: INS Sudarshini arrived in Lisbon during its Lokayan 26 transoceanic expedition and later departed after a three-day port call.

Key Exam Facts

- INS Sudarshini is an Indian Navy sail-training ship. Lokayan 26 is a long-duration overseas sailing expedition.

Connection / Background: Training ships support seamanship, navigation and naval diplomacy.

Exam Trap / What Changed: Arrival and departure are one port-call sequence, not two separate weekly developments.

Primary / authoritative source ↗

National, Science, Technology & Environment

33 connected updates

110 • 2026-08-24 •

NSDC, Cultus and AWS launch nationwide Cloud & AI skilling initiative

Why in News: National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC) and Cultus Education launched a nationwide Cloud and Artificial Intelligence skilling programme with support from Amazon Web Services (AWS).

Key Exam Facts

- Foundational AI and cloud literacy target: 1.5 lakh learners.
- Intensive job-ready training target: 10,000 participants through AWS re/Start.
- The programme is fully online and focuses particularly on Tier-2, Tier-3 and underserved talent hubs across States and Union Territories.
- The learning journey includes hands-on training, certification support, employer interview links and a National Hackathon.

Connection / Background: NSDC works under the skill-development ecosystem of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. AWS re/Start is a workforce-development programme focused on entry-level cloud skills.

Exam Trap / What Changed: 1.5 lakh is the foundational-learning target; 10,000 is the intensive AWS re/Start cohort. Do not add them and call 1.6 lakh the same training level.

[Primary / authoritative source ↗](#)

111 • 2026-08-24 •

Five GRSE-YIL expansion projects launched with nearly Rs 3,500 crore investment

Why in News: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh laid the foundation for five brownfield expansion projects of Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) and Yantra India Limited (YIL) in West Bengal.

Key Exam Facts

- Combined investment highlighted: nearly Rs 3,500 crore.
- The projects expand existing shipbuilding and defence-manufacturing capacity rather than creating greenfield entities from scratch.
- GRSE is a Navratna Defence Public Sector Undertaking and a major Indian naval shipbuilder.
- The expansion is linked to Make in India and Atmanirbhar Bharat in defence production.

Connection / Background: Brownfield expansion means adding or upgrading capacity at existing industrial sites. GRSE's shipbuilding role makes the project relevant to indigenous naval-platform capacity and defence supply chains.

Exam Trap / What Changed: Remember "five brownfield expansion projects" and "nearly Rs 3,500 crore". Do not confuse GRSE with Cochin Shipyard Limited, which was linked to the recently delivered ASW Shallow Water Craft Mangrol.

[Primary / authoritative source ↗](#)

112 • 2026-08-24 •

PM interaction with space-startup CEOs stresses policy consistency and global scale

Why in News: On National Space Day, the Prime Minister's interaction with Indian space-startup CEOs highlighted the next phase of private participation in the space economy.

Key Exam Facts

- The discussion covered launch systems, propulsion, space logistics, robotic spacecraft for capturing defunct satellites, docking and refuelling technologies
- and space-pharma ideas.
- The Prime Minister stressed predictable and consistent policy, cost competitiveness, risk-taking capacity and attracting global talent to India.
- Start-ups were encouraged to build wider applications of space technology that improve people's lives and link with other development sectors.

Connection / Background: India opened the space sector more widely to private participation and created institutions such as IN-SPaCe to facilitate and authorise non-government space activity.

Exam Trap / What Changed: This is an ecosystem/private-space update, not a new ISRO mission launch. IN-SPaCe facilitates private participation; ISRO remains India's national space agency.

Primary / authoritative source ↗

113 • 2026-08-24 •

India observes its third National Space Day on 23 August

Why in News: India marked the third National Space Day on 23 August 2026, commemorating the Chandrayaan-3 lunar landing achieved on 23 August 2023.

Key Exam Facts

- Chandrayaan-3 made India the fourth country to achieve a soft landing on the Moon.
- India became the first country to land near the lunar south-polar region.
- The landing site was named Shiv Shakti Point.
- 23 August was declared National Space Day to commemorate the mission's successful landing.

Connection / Background: Chandrayaan-3 consisted of a propulsion module, the Vikram lander and the Pragyan rover. The annual observance connects a current event with a high-frequency static science fact.

Exam Trap / What Changed: National Space Day = 23 August and Chandrayaan-3. Do not mix it with National Science Day (28 February) or World Space Week (4-10 October).

Primary / authoritative source ↗

114 • 2026-08-24 •

NCSK marks 33rd Foundation Day; sewer-death compensation data updated

Why in News: The National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK) celebrated its 33rd Foundation Day in New Delhi on 23 August with more than 900 Safai Karamcharis and other stakeholders.

Key Exam Facts

- Compensation had been provided to families in 1,223 of 1,377 reported sewer and septic-tank death cases.
- First Information Reports (FIRs) had been registered in 750 of the reported cases.
- NCSK launched a missed-call facility for stakeholders to register grievances and released its Annual Calendar 2026.
- The Commission was set up in 1994 and works on welfare, dignity, safety and rehabilitation issues concerning Safai Karamcharis.

Connection / Background: The Prohibition of Employment as Manual Scavengers and their Rehabilitation Act, 2013 expanded NCSK's monitoring and complaint-related responsibilities concerning manual scavenging.

Exam Trap / What Changed: Use the confirmed event fact: 33rd Foundation Day. Remember NCSK = National Commission for Safai Karamcharis; do not confuse it with the National Commission for Scheduled Castes.

Primary / authoritative source ↗

115 • 2026-08-24 •

National Conclave on Tribal Languages & Museums announced for Mysuru

Why in News: The Ministry of Tribal Affairs announced a three-day National Conclave on Tribal Languages & Museums to be held in Mysuru, Karnataka, from 24-26 August 2026.

Key Exam Facts

- The conclave brings tribal-language documentation, preservation and revitalisation together with a parallel focus on Tribal Museums and Tribal Freedom
- Fighter Museums.
- Planned outputs include a national picture of language documentation, community-led revitalisation models and approaches to multilingual education.
- The programme is also set to feature an update to the Adi Vaani platform, including an iOS application and five additional languages, and an MoU with the
- Central Institute of Indian Languages.

Connection / Background: Language preservation, museum curation and digital tools are being used together to conserve tribal heritage and improve access to knowledge in indigenous languages.

Exam Trap / What Changed: The 23 August development is the announcement. The conclave itself runs from 24-26 August, so launches scheduled there should not be presented as completed on 23 August.

[Primary / authoritative source ↗](#)

116 • 2026-08-24 •

Textiles Committee highlights zero-defect quality and circular textile recovery

Why in News: A 23 August update on the Textiles Committee's 62nd Foundation Day highlighted quality assurance, traceability, environmental conformity and textile circularity.

Key Exam Facts

- The Textiles Committee is a statutory body under the Ministry of Textiles, established under the Textiles Committee Act, 1963 and functioning since 22
- August 1964.
- The Foundation Day programme emphasised zero-defect manufacturing, traceability and environmental conformity.
- During a visit to a Textile Recovery Facility in Navi Mumbai, a Letter of Intent was signed between the Textiles Committee and Refibre for a digital circular-
- textile infrastructure platform focused on collection, traceability and impact measurement.

Connection / Background: The Committee supports textile quality, testing, export facilitation and standardisation. Circular recovery adds a sustainability layer by improving collection, sorting, recycling and material traceability.

Exam Trap / What Changed: Textiles Committee is a statutory body under the Ministry of Textiles; do not confuse it with the Textile Commissioner's office or an industry association.

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117 • 2026-08-24 •

PNGRB authorises nearly 1,800 km of new LPG pipelines worth about Rs 7,000 crore

Why in News: A high-value 21 August energy-regulation update authorised three new Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) pipeline projects that materially expand India's common-carrier LPG network.

Key Exam Facts

- Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) authorised nearly 1,800 km of pipelines at an estimated investment of about Rs 7,000 crore.
- The three projects span Telangana, Maharashtra, Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Karnataka and Goa.
- The addition expands the common-carrier LPG pipeline network by roughly 23.5%.
- It builds on the earlier 2,757-km Kandla-Gorakhpur LPG Pipeline, described as the country's longest LPG pipeline.

Connection / Background: Pipeline transport can reduce dependence on road tankers, improve supply-chain resilience and lower handling risk. PNGRB is the downstream oil-and-gas regulator established under the PNGRB Act, 2006.

Exam Trap / What Changed: PNGRB regulates petroleum and natural-gas downstream infrastructure; it is not the upstream exploration regulator. Remember 1,800 km + about Rs 7,000 crore + six states.

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118 • 2026-08-25 • PHARMA • REGULATION

CBN and PHARMEXCIL sign MoU to facilitate legitimate pharma exports

Why in News: CBN and PHARMEXCIL sign MoU to facilitate legitimate pharma exports.

Key Exam Facts

- Central Bureau of Narcotics (CBN) and Pharmaceuticals Export Promotion Council of India (PHARMEXCIL) signed an MoU at CBN headquarters in Gwalior.
- Objective: facilitate legitimate international trade while strengthening regulatory cooperation and preventing diversion of controlled pharma products.
- Exam link: CBN is under Department of Revenue, Ministry of Finance; PHARMEXCIL is set up by Ministry of

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119 • 2026-08-25 • STARTUPS • MEITY

GENESIS Entrepreneur-in-Residence Cohort 3 opens applications

Why in News: GENESIS Entrepreneur-in-Residence Cohort 3 opens applications.

Key Exam Facts

- MeitY Startup Hub launched GENESIS EIR Cohort 3 at the NextGen Startup Summit, Coimbatore edition.
- Support is up to ₹10 lakh per startup for early-stage ideas, with focus on Tier-II/III ecosystems and deep-tech domains.
- Applications close 3 September 2026; GENESIS has an overall budget of ₹490 crore.

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120 • 2026-08-25 • HEALTH • REGULATION

Medical Devices Rules amendments ease sterilisation outsourcing and market access

Why in News: Medical Devices Rules amendments ease sterilisation outsourcing and market access.

Key Exam Facts

- Proposed changes to Medical Devices Rules, 2017 remove the need for a separate loan licence when sterilisation is outsourced to a duly licensed facility.
- The European Union is proposed to be added to recognised stringent jurisdictions for clinical-investigation waiver, alongside the US, UK, Australia, Canada and Japan.
- A six-month transition is proposed for related labelling changes.

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121 • 2026-08-25 • INDIA POST • DIGITAL

India Post upgrades Dak MITRA and Dak Sewa apps

Why in News: India Post upgrades Dak MITRA and Dak Sewa apps.

Key Exam Facts

- Department of Posts highlighted upgraded Dak MITRA and Dak Sewa applications as part of its digital and infrastructure transformation.
- The initiatives aim to improve assisted postal services, customer access, grievance/service interfaces and field-level digital delivery.
- Exam link: Department of Posts functions under the Ministry of Communications.

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122 • 2026-08-25 • AYUSH • MATERNAL HEALTH

AIIA launches GARBHINI MITRA course for maternal wellness support

Why in News: AIIA launches GARBHINI MITRA course for maternal wellness support.

Key Exam Facts

- All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA), New Delhi launched GARBHINI MITRA for the 2026-27 academic session.
- The course provides structured health-skill development for pregnancy and postnatal wellness support using Ayurveda-based lifestyle and community guidance.
- Exam link: AIIA is under the Ministry of Ayush.

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123 • 2026-08-25 • AGRI INNOVATION

Vice-President launches India's first non-GMO high-expansion popcorn maize hybrid

Why in News: Vice-President launches India's first non-GMO high-expansion popcorn maize hybrid.

Key Exam Facts

- Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan launched the hybrid at Musunuru in Eluru district, Andhra Pradesh.
- The seed was developed by Gourmet Popcornica and is positioned as an indigenous alternative to imported popcorn hybrid technology.

Exam Trap / What Changed: this is a non-GMO high-expansion popcorn maize hybrid, not a genetically modified crop.

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124 • 2026-08-25 • ECI • DIGITAL

Election Commission holds second regional conference on ELC 2.0 and ECINET**Why in News:** Election Commission holds second regional conference on ELC 2.0 and ECINET.**Key Exam Facts**

- ECI organised the second regional conference on Electoral Literacy Clubs (ELC 2.0) and ECINET.
- The focus was informed democratic participation, electoral literacy among students and use of ECI's digital ecosystem.
- Exam link: ECI is a constitutional body under Article 324; ELCs are voter-education platforms.

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125 • 2026-08-26 • MSME | DELAYED PAYMENTS

Parishrama Adalat resolves 65 delayed-payment cases worth ₹8.29 crore**Why in News:** Parishrama Adalat resolves 65 delayed-payment cases worth ₹8.29 crore.**Key Exam Facts**

- The Hyderabad event focused on delayed dues to Micro and Small Enterprises and used conciliation and Online Dispute Resolution approaches.
- Resolution of delayed payments improves working-capital continuity for MSEs.
- Connection / Exam Trap: Link this with the MSMED Act, MSE Facilitation Councils and the MSME Samadhaan mechanism.
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126 • 2026-08-26 • CHEMICALS | R&D

First CHEMCONNECT 2026 held at IIT Madras; BioPack Centre of Excellence inaugurated**Why in News:** First CHEMCONNECT 2026 held at IIT Madras; BioPack Centre of Excellence inaugurated.**Key Exam Facts**

- The inaugural CHEMCONNECT brought together 200+ leaders, researchers and entrepreneurs from industry, academia, start-ups and R&D institutions.
- The Centre of Excellence on Biodegradable Packaging Materials (BioPack) was inaugurated at IIT Madras.
- CHEMCONNECT is planned as an annual July-August forum to benchmark progress across the Department's Centres of Excellence.

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127 • 2026-08-26 • SCIENCE | HEALTH

Study finds South Asian gut microbiomes distinct; SAMBAR resource covers 575 adults**Why in News:** Study finds South Asian gut microbiomes distinct; SAMBAR resource covers 575 adults.**Key Exam Facts**

- Researchers analysed 575 healthy adults from 10 communities across India and Sri Lanka.
- The South Asian MicroBiome ARray (SAMBAR) was used to study how culture, diet, geography and urbanisation shape microbiome patterns.
- The resource may support future precision-health research on diabetes, obesity and cardiovascular disorders.
- Connection / Exam Trap: The study involved Birbal Sahni Institute of Palaeosciences (BSIP), a DST autonomous institute, with

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128 • 2026-08-26 • SCIENCE | ALZHEIMER

JNCASR team develops smartphone-enabled platform for amyloid- β detection

Why in News: JNCASR team develops smartphone-enabled platform for amyloid- β detection.

Key Exam Facts

- The fluorescence-responsive probe TZ-48 changes signal when it interacts with amyloid- β , an Alzheimer's disease biomarker.
- The smartphone-integrated platform ADxFluor quantifies the fluorescence response and is designed as a portable, lower-cost point-of-care approach.
- The work was developed at Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), an autonomous DST

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129 • 2026-08-26 • HEALTH | PHARMACOPOEIA

IPC launches seven nitrosamine impurity reference standards for the first time

Why in News: IPC launches seven nitrosamine impurity reference standards for the first time.

Key Exam Facts

- The Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission held its first interactive meeting with Central Drugs Laboratory, Kolkata on "IP 2026: Perspectives, Suggestions & Way Forward".
- Seven Indian Pharmacopoeia nitrosamine impurity reference standards were launched to strengthen detection, quality assurance and regulatory compliance.
- Nitrosamines are genotoxic/carcinogenic impurities that can arise during manufacturing, storage or packaging.

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130 • 2026-08-26 • HEALTH | CHILD HEALTH

National workshop held on Samagra Shishu Bal Swasthya Karyakram (SSBSK)

Why in News: National workshop held on Samagra Shishu Bal Swasthya Karyakram (SSBSK).

Key Exam Facts

- The Union Health Ministry convened a national workshop on SSBSK to strengthen an integrated approach to child-health services.
- For exam purposes, remember the programme name and the Health Ministry linkage; it is part of the broader public-health focus on child screening and care pathways.
- Connection / Exam Trap: Do not confuse SSBSK with school-education schemes; it is a health-sector programme.

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131 • 2026-08-26 • SOCIAL | CHILD MARRIAGE

Women & Child Development Ministry reiterates Child Helpline 1098 for reporting child marriage

Why in News: Women & Child Development Ministry reiterates Child Helpline 1098 for reporting child marriage.

Key Exam Facts

- Citizens were urged to report child-marriage cases through Child Helpline 1098 as part of the Child Marriage Free Bharat effort.
- The exam-relevant static fact is the helpline number: 1098.
- Connection / Exam Trap: Do not mix Child Helpline 1098 with women's emergency helpline 181 or emergency response 112.
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132 • 2026-08-27 • AUTO | CERTIFICATION

ICAT issues first compliance certificate for a 15-metre multi-axle sleeper bus

Why in News: ICAT issues first compliance certificate for a 15-metre multi-axle sleeper bus.

Key Exam Facts

- The International Centre for Automotive Technology issued its first such certificate under AIS-119 and AIS-153 and the applicable Central Motor Vehicles Rules.
- The certificate was awarded to Synaty Automotive Pvt. Ltd.
- The fully sleeper variant has 42 berths; the hybrid configuration can have 21 berths plus 42 seats.
- Connection / Exam Trap: ICAT is based at Manesar and is an automotive testing/certification institution. The news is

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133 • 2026-08-27 • SCIENCE | PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

National Science Centre Delhi unveils newly developed Prehistoric Life Gallery

Why in News: National Science Centre Delhi unveils newly developed Prehistoric Life Gallery.

Key Exam Facts

- The gallery was unveiled on 26 August at the National Science Centre, Delhi, a unit of the National Council of Science Museums.
- It uses life-sized and scaled animated robotic models of dinosaurs and other extinct creatures to recreate prehistoric environments.
- The exhibition is designed to improve public understanding of prehistoric life, evolution and natural history.

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134 • 2026-08-28 • HEALTH & BUDGET

Health Ministry sets Phase-I target of 160 district hospitals by March 2027 The Union Health Minister reviewed major Budget 2026-27 health projects on 27 August, including the phased strengthening of emergency and trauma care in district hospitals. Key points

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Key Exam Facts

- A gap analysis categorised 613 District Hospitals for phased implementation.
- Phase I: 160 hospitals targeted by March 2027; Phase II: 203; Phase III: 250.
- The programme aims to increase emergency and trauma care capacity in District Hospitals by 50%.
- Remember: 160 hospitals are in Phase I. The gap analysis covers 613 district hospitals in all.

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135 • 2026-08-28 • APPOINTMENTS

President appoints Judge and Additional Judges to Himachal Pradesh High Court The Ministry of Law and Justice announced judicial appointments to the Himachal Pradesh High Court on 27 August. Key points

Why in News: President appoints Judge and Additional Judges to Himachal Pradesh High Court The Ministry of Law and Justice announced judicial appointments to the Himachal Pradesh High Court on 27 August. Key points.

Key Exam Facts

- Chirag Bhanu was appointed as a Judge of the Himachal Pradesh High Court.
- Bhupesh Sharma and Yogesh Jaswal were appointed as Additional Judges.
- The appointments were made by the President in exercise of constitutional powers after consultation with the Chief Justice of India.
- Remember: Appointment type: Chirag Bhanu - Judge; Bhupesh Sharma and Yogesh Jaswal - Additional

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136 • 2026-08-29 • PHARMA & INNOVATION

Second application call opens under Rs 5,000-crore PRIP Scheme

Why in News: The Department of Pharmaceuticals announced the second call for applications under the Promotion of Research and Innovation in Pharma & MedTech (PRIP) Scheme. Total scheme outlay: Rs 5,000 crore. Early-stage projects of startups and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) can receive assistance up to Rs 5 crore per project. Eligible early-stage projects can move from Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 1/2/3 up to a level not beyond TRL 5.

Exam Trap / What Changed: PRIP supports pharma and medical-technology R&D; it is not a production-linked incentive scheme.

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137 • 2026-08-29 • SCIENCE & SPACE

Aditya-L1 detects potential early warning signs before major solar flares

Why in News: Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) reported new research using India's first dedicated solar observatory, Aditya-L1. Scientists found small short-lived brightenings in the Sun's atmosphere hours before some major solar flares. The study combined ultraviolet and X-ray observations from three payloads: Solar Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope (SUIT), Solar Low Energy X-ray Spectrometer (SoLEXS) and High Energy L1 Orbiting X-ray Spectrometer (HEL1OS). Aditya-L1 observes from the Sun-Earth Lagrange Point 1 (L1), enabling a near-continuous view of the Sun.

Exam Trap / What Changed: L1 is a gravitationally useful observation point; Aditya-L1 is not orbiting the Sun at the same distance as Earth independently.

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138 • 2026-08-29 • DIGITAL GOVERNANCE

Sanchar Saathi records 75,000+ handset recoveries in one month

Why in News: The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) reported a new monthly recovery milestone for its Sanchar Saathi initiative. More than 75,000 lost/stolen mobile handsets were recovered in a month pan-India for the first time since the initiative began. Monthly handset recoveries rose 201% from April 2025 to July 2026, according to the release. The system links citizens, telecom service providers and State/Union Territory police for device traceability.

Exam Trap / What Changed: Sanchar Saathi is a telecom citizen-safety platform; it is not a digital-payments platform.

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139 • 2026-08-29 • GOVERNANCE

Nandan Nilekani-led task force seeks inputs on public-examination reform

Why in News: A High-Powered Task Force (HPTF) chaired by Nandan Nilekani invited public suggestions on reforms in public examinations. The scope covers conduct, security, design and governance of public examinations, including those conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA). Areas include technology, examination infrastructure, accessibility, inclusion and student well-being. Last date for submissions: 13 September 2026.

Exam Trap / What Changed: Nilekani is chair of the HPTF; this release does not appoint him to NTA. Primary Source

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140 • 2026-08-29 • HEALTH

Health Ministry reviews India's malaria-elimination target for 2030

Why in News: The Union Health Ministry reviewed progress and strategies for eliminating malaria in India by 2030. The review stressed focused area-specific action and stronger surveillance. India's national target remains malaria elimination by 2030. Elimination requires interruption of local transmission and sustained surveillance; it is different from eradication worldwide.

Exam Trap / What Changed: Elimination is a country/area-level goal; eradication means permanent global reduction to zero.

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141 • 2026-08-29 • NATIONAL & TECHNOLOGY

Vice-President launches sovereign AI stack "Gnani Artha"

Why in News: Vice-President C. P. Radhakrishnan launched "Gnani Artha", described in the official release as a sovereign Artificial Intelligence (AI) stack. The stack comprises Evon 3.3 and Plexus. The launch was reported on 28 August 2026. The event was framed around technological self-reliance and domestic AI capability.

Exam Trap / What Changed: Remember the product-stack pairing: Gnani Artha = Evon 3.3 + Plexus. Primary Source

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142 • 25-27 AUG • IFSCA | CAPITAL MARKETS LATE / UPDATE

IFSCA update tracker: ETF secondary-listing consultation, FME website rule and ISIN timeline extension

Why in News: International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) issued three capital-market/fund-management updates during 25-27 August.

Key Exam Facts

- 27 August - consultation paper on secondary listing of Exchange Traded Funds (ETFs) in International Financial Services Centres (IFSCs). 26 August - Fund Management Entities (FMEs) required to maintain a website or webpage. 25 August - timeline extended for obtaining International Securities Identification Numbers (ISINs) from a recognised depository in IFSC.

Connection / Background: IFSCA is the unified regulator for permitted financial products, services and institutions in India's IFSCs; GIFT IFSC is located in Gujarat International Finance Tec-City.

Exam Trap / What Changed: SEBI regulates domestic securities markets; IFSCA regulates securities-market activity inside IFSC within its statutory remit.

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Sports, Awards & Important Days

5 connected updates

143 • 2026-08-24 •

East Bengal beat Mohun Bagan 4-1 to win record-equalling 17th Durand Cup

Why in News: East Bengal FC defeated Mohun Bagan Super Giant 4-1 in the Durand Cup final at Salt Lake Stadium, Kolkata, on 23 August.

Key Exam Facts

- East Bengal won a record-equalling 17th Durand Cup title.
- The club ended a 22-year wait for the trophy.
- Edmund Lalrindika scored a first-half hat-trick; Bipin Singh scored the other East Bengal goal.
- Mohun Bagan's goal was scored by Manvir Singh.

Connection / Background: The Durand Cup, first held in 1888, is one of the world's oldest football tournaments and a frequent static-GK link in Indian competitive exams.

Exam Trap / What Changed: Winner: East Bengal; score: 4-1; title count: 17. Do not confuse this result with the separate AFC Women's Champions League qualification achieved by East Bengal's women's team the same day.

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144 • 2026-08-25 • AWARDS • EDUCATION

21 HEI and polytechnic teachers selected for National Awards to Teachers 2026

Why in News: 21 HEI and polytechnic teachers selected for National Awards to Teachers 2026.

Key Exam Facts

- President Droupadi Murmu will confer the awards on 5 September 2026 at Vigyan Bhawan.
- The 21 awardees include 12 from Central Higher Education Institutions, 5 from State Universities/colleges and 4 from polytechnics.
- Do not mix this with the separate school-teacher award list announced earlier.

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145 • 2026-08-28 • AWARDS & GOVERNANCE

Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) selected for Rajbhasha Utkrishtta Sammaan 2025-26 The Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances (DARPG) was selected for Rajbhasha Utkrishtta Sammaan 2025-26 in the category of ministries/departments with fewer than 300 personnel. Key points

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Key Exam Facts

- The selection was made by the Department of Official Language, Ministry of Home Affairs.
- DARPG secured first position for its performance in implementation of the Official Language.
- It had earlier received Rajbhasha Kirti Puraskar (First) for 2023-24 and 2024-25.

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146 • 24-29 AUG • NATIONAL SPORTS DAY | KHELO INDIA LATE / UPDATE**UPDATE: National Sports Day culminates in “Ek Ghanta Khel Ke Maidan Mein”; Khelo India Dialogue reaches 5,000+ institutes**

Why in News: The week-long National Sports Day engagement culminated on 29 August at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium.

Key Exam Facts

- 29 August 2026 marked the 121st birth anniversary of hockey legend Major Dhyan Chand. The nationwide theme/initiative was “Ek Ghanta Khel Ke Maidan Mein”.
- The Khelo India Dialogue earlier connected participants from more than 5,000 institutions and linked sports participation with nation-building and a drug-free India.

Connection / Background: National Sports Day is observed annually on 29 August, Major Dhyan Chand’s birth anniversary.

Exam Trap / What Changed: 24-27 August releases announced the dialogue; 29 August is the actual National Sports Day outcome.

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Why in News: Publications Division received seven honours at the Federation of Indian Publishers (FIP) Excellence in Book Production Awards 2026.

Connection / Background: Publications Division functions under the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting.

Exam Trap / What Changed: The same award result appeared in more than one daily cycle; the final count remains seven.

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Current-to-Static Linkers

VRRR vs VRR

VRRR absorbs surplus liquidity; VRR injects liquidity.

FPI vs FDI

FPI = portfolio securities; FDI = more lasting ownership/management interest.

CRR vs SLR

CRR is cash balance with RBI; SLR is prescribed liquid assets.

FCNR(B) vs NRE

FCNR(B) is foreign-currency term deposit; NRE is rupee-denominated.

SEBI vs IFSCA

SEBI regulates domestic securities markets; IFSCA regulates permitted finance in IFSCs.

NABARD vs NaBFID

NABARD = rural/agri development finance; NaBFID = infrastructure DFI.

PFRDA intermediaries

Pension Fund manages assets; CRA records; PoP distributes/onboards; Trustee Bank handles contribution flows.

PMFBY vs PDMC

PMFBY = crop insurance; PDMC = micro-irrigation and water-use efficiency.

NPCI vs RBI

NPCI operates UPI/RuPay; RBI is regulator/central bank.

FAR vs VRR debt routes

Fully Accessible Route and Voluntary Retention Route are FPI debt access routes.

Weekly Exam Traps

31 August 2026 is the updated FCNR(B)/NRE relaxation sunset; 30 September is superseded.

Rs 2,110/MMBtu is the CBG producer procurement price; effective cost recovered after support is about Rs 1,895/MMBtu.

PMFBY 92.46 crore = insured applications, not unique farmers; 26.33 crore = applications paid claims.

PDMC is implemented under PM-RKVY since 2022-23; older PMKSY association is historical.

VRRR absorbs liquidity; VRR injects it.

SEBI's domestic ETF circular and IFSCA's IFSC ETF consultation are separate regulatory tracks.

Jagdishan remains HDFC Bank MD & CEO until the current term ends on 26 October 2026 unless changed earlier.

National Sports Day is 29 August; Khelo India Dialogue announcements earlier in the week are not separate final outcomes.

Numbers Vault

Repo 5.25%

SDF 5.00%

MSF/Bank Rate 5.50%

CRR 3.00%

SLR 18.00%

VRRR Rs 1,52,537 cr @ 5.24%

RBI swap ~US\$73 bn

FCNR(B) component ~US\$65.40 bn

RRB net profit Rs 10,176 cr

PMJDY 59.09 cr accounts

PMJDY deposits ~Rs 3.16 lakh cr

IIP July 6.7%

FPI August-so-far Rs 23,544 cr

HPI Q1 FY27 117.5

G-sec reissue Rs 34,000 cr

UPI FY26 24,162 cr+ txns

PAIMANA 1,775 projects; Rs 150 cr threshold

Steel Apr-Jul 56.2 MT

e-Shram 31.89 cr

UNCCD restoration 21.76 mn ha

Onion Rs 35/kg; 86 rakes

PMFBY 92.46 cr insured apps

PMFBY claims >Rs 2.06 lakh cr

PDMC >115 lakh ha

PFRDA PoP Rs 200 / 0.20% AUM

CBG Rs 2,110 → effective ~Rs 1,895/MMBtu

HDFC CEO term ends 26 Oct 2026

India-Japan JPY 10 tn ambition

Semiconductor demand ~US\$150 bn by 2032

National Sports Day: 121st Dhyan Chand birth anniversary

Weekly Practice - 100 Fresh Five-Option MCQs

Attempt without looking back. The set mixes current affairs, Banking Awareness connections and static linkers.

Q1. The August-so-far FPI equity inflow reported on 23 August was:

A. Rs 14,118 crore B. Rs 23,544 crore C. Rs 31,890 crore D. Rs 42,544 crore E. Rs 52,300 crore

Q2. The 27th IRIGC-TEC session is an institutional mechanism between India and:

A. Japan B. Russia C. France D. Germany E. United Kingdom

Q3. The BRICS Sports Ministers Joint Declaration was adopted in:

A. Jaipur B. Pune C. Visakhapatnam D. Chennai E. Gandhinagar

Q4. India sought what scale of Japanese private investment during the week?

A. JPY 2 trillion B. JPY 5 trillion C. JPY 7 trillion D. JPY 10 trillion E. JPY 15 trillion

Q5. India's semiconductor demand was highlighted as potentially reaching about what by 2032?

A. US\$50 bn B. US\$75 bn C. US\$100 bn D. US\$125 bn E. US\$150 bn

Q6. The NSDC-Cultus-AWS foundational AI and cloud literacy target is:

A. 50,000 B. 1 lakh C. 1.5 lakh D. 2 lakh E. 2.5 lakh

Q7. Five GRSE-YIL expansion projects involve investment of nearly:

A. Rs 1,500 crore B. Rs 2,500 crore C. Rs 3,500 crore D. Rs 4,500 crore E. Rs 5,500 crore

Q8. India's third National Space Day was observed on:

A. 21 August B. 22 August C. 23 August D. 24 August E. 25 August

Q9. PNGRB authorised nearly how much new LPG pipeline length?

A. 800 km B. 1,200 km C. 1,500 km D. 1,800 km E. 2,500 km

Q10. QBUSE reported employment of approximately:

A. 8.67 crore B. 10.70 crore C. 11.89 crore D. 13.70 crore E. 15.50 crore

Q11. RBI's three new part-time non-official Central Board Directors have a tenure of:

A. 2 years B. 3 years C. 4 years D. 5 years E. 6 years

Q12. The All-India House Price Index for Q1 FY27 was:

A. 107.5 B. 112.5 C. 117.5 D. 122.5 E. 127.5

Q13. The notified re-issue amount of 6.94% GS 2036 was:

A. Rs 24,000 crore B. Rs 29,000 crore C. Rs 34,000 crore D. Rs 39,000 crore E. Rs 44,000 crore

Q14. The special RBI USD-INR swap facility had mobilised about:

A. US\$43 bn B. US\$53 bn C. US\$63 bn D. US\$73 bn E. US\$83 bn

Q15. The updated sunset date for temporary FCNR(B)/NRE relaxations is:

A. 31 Aug 2026 B. 30 Sep 2026 C. 31 Oct 2026 D. 31 Dec 2026 E. 31 Mar 2027

Q16. UPI crossed approximately how many transactions in FY2025-26?

A. 14,162 crore B. 18,162 crore C. 21,162 crore D. 24,162 crore E. 28,162 crore

Q17. FIRE in the SEBI cyber-reporting context stands for:

A. Financial Incident Response Exchange B. Format for Incident Reporting Exchange C. Framework for Integrated Risk Evaluation D. Financial Infrastructure Resilience Engine E. Format for Intermediary Reporting Events

Q18. SEBI's ITRI applies to:

A. Insurance companies B. Market Infrastructure Institutions C. Regional Rural Banks D. Pension Funds E. Microfinance institutions

Q19. DGFT changed the export policy of specified wheat/wheat-flour lines to:

A. Restricted B. Canalised C. Free D. State Trading Enterprise only E. Prohibited

Q20. The India-Cambodia payment linkage in focus connects UPI with:

A. PromptPay B. PayNow C. KHQR D. DuitNow E. QRIS

Q21. RRBs reported record net profit of about how much in FY2025-26?

A. Rs 6,176 crore B. Rs 8,176 crore C. Rs 10,176 crore D. Rs 12,176 crore E. Rs 14,176 crore

Q22. SIDBI and RRBs moved to expand co-lending primarily for:

A. Large corporates B. MSMEs C. Sovereign borrowing D. Housing finance companies E. State governments

Q23. The 53rd PRAGATI meeting reviewed six infrastructure projects worth over:

A. Rs 10,000 crore B. Rs 20,000 crore C. Rs 30,000 crore D. Rs 40,000 crore E. Rs 50,000 crore

Q24. PAIMANA tracks central-sector infrastructure projects with a threshold of:

A. Rs 50 crore B. Rs 100 crore C. Rs 150 crore D. Rs 250 crore E. Rs 500 crore

Q25. India's crude steel output in Apr-Jul 2026 reached:

A. 46.2 MT B. 51.2 MT C. 56.2 MT D. 61.2 MT E. 66.2 MT

Q26. e-Shram completed five years with registrations of about:

A. 21.89 crore B. 26.89 crore C. 31.89 crore D. 36.89 crore E. 41.89 crore

Q27. The Critical Minerals Innovation Hackathon 2026 is linked to:

A. National Green Hydrogen Mission B. National Critical Mineral Mission C. Digital India Mission D. National Quantum Mission E. PM GatiShakti

Q28. India plans 100 new ships partly to reduce a foreign-freight bill estimated at:

A. US\$25 bn B. US\$50 bn C. US\$75 bn D. US\$100 bn E. US\$125 bn

Q29. ICGS Ajit was handed over by:

A. GRSE B. Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders C. Goa Shipyard D. Cochin Shipyard E. Hindustan Shipyard

Q30. Nipun is the second indigenous vessel of which class/type?

A. Survey Vessel Large B. Nistar-class Diving Support Vessel C. ASW Shallow Water Craft D. Fleet Support Ship E. Missile Corvette

Q31. The India-New Zealand Defence Strategic Dialogue held during the week was the:

A. 1st B. 2nd C. 3rd D. 4th E. 5th

Q32. The India-Vietnam Coast Guard High-Level Meeting in Chennai was the:

A. 5th B. 6th C. 7th D. 8th E. 9th

Q33. India reported restoration of how much degraded land at UNCCD COP17?

A. 11.76 mn ha B. 16.76 mn ha C. 21.76 mn ha D. 26.76 mn ha E. 31.76 mn ha

Q34. UNCCD COP17 was held in:

A. Baku B. Ulaanbaatar C. Astana D. Tashkent E. Nairobi

Q35. The SAMBAR gut-microbiome resource covered how many adults?

A. 375 B. 475 C. 575 D. 675 E. 775

Q36. IPC launched how many nitrosamine impurity reference standards for the first time?

A. 3 B. 5 C. 7 D. 9 E. 11

Q37. The revised mutual-fund scheme categorisation framework compliance deadline was:

A. 24 Aug B. 25 Aug C. 26 Aug D. 27 Aug E. 28 Aug

Q38. Ketan Merchant received a three-month extension as Interim CEO of:

A. Airtel Payments Bank B. Fino Payments Bank C. India Post Payments Bank D. Jio Payments Bank E. NSDL Payments Bank

Q39. NSE Indices launched which new strategy index?

A. Nifty100 Value 30 B. Nifty500 Growth 50 C. Nifty Midcap Quality 50 D. Nifty Bharat 100 E. Nifty Alpha Low Vol 40

Q40. India and Morocco agreed to target doubling bilateral trade in:

A. 3 years B. 4 years C. 5 years D. 7 years E. 10 years

Q41. EPFO released August pension early for how many Kerala-zone pensioners?

A. 2,40,901 B. 3,40,901 C. 4,40,901 D. 5,40,901 E. 6,40,901

Q42. The updated retail price for buffer onions was:

A. Rs 25/kg B. Rs 30/kg C. Rs 35/kg D. Rs 40/kg E. Rs 45/kg

Q43. The official sugar-sector backgrounder put 2025-26 sugarcane output at:

A. 400 MMT B. 450 MMT C. 500 MMT D. 550 MMT E. 600 MMT

Q44. Sarnath's UNESCO inscription took India's World Heritage property count to:

A. 42 B. 43 C. 44 D. 45 E. 46

Q45. Indian Railways plans four-laning across about how much of seven high-density routes?

A. 5,000 km B. 7,500 km C. 9,000 km D. 11,000 km E. 13,500 km

Q46. RBI data showed listed private corporate sales growth of:

A. 9.4% B. 14.4% C. 19.4% D. 24.4% E. 29.4%

Q47. The latest 3-day RBI VRRR auction accepted:

A. Rs 1,12,537 cr B. Rs 1,32,537 cr C. Rs 1,42,537 cr D. Rs 1,52,537 cr E. Rs 1,62,537 cr

Q48. SEBI proposed a merchant-banker exemption for qualifying small-value debt private placements with face value of:

A. Rs 1,000 B. Rs 5,000 C. Rs 10,000 D. Rs 25,000 E. Rs 1 lakh

Q49. IRDAI allowed insurers to invest in NDB Maharajah INR Bonds of up to:

A. Rs 5,000 cr B. Rs 10,000 cr C. Rs 15,000 cr D. Rs 25,000 cr E. Rs 50,000 cr

Q50. PMJDY completed 12 years with approximately how many accounts?

A. 49.09 crore B. 54.09 crore C. 59.09 crore D. 64.09 crore E. 69.09 crore

Q51. PMJDY deposits were approximately:

A. Rs 2.16 lakh cr B. Rs 2.66 lakh cr C. Rs 3.16 lakh cr D. Rs 3.66 lakh cr E. Rs 4.16 lakh cr

Q52. S&P affirmed India at:

A. BBB-/A-3 negative B. BBB/A-2 stable C. BBB+/A-1 stable D. A-/A-2 positive E. BB+/B stable

Q53. NABARD signed a rural-infrastructure financing MoU with:

A. SIDBI B. NaBFID C. NHB D. EXIM Bank E. PFRDA

Q54. The Jabalpur project can overhaul how many T-72/T-90 tanks annually?

A. 40 B. 60 C. 80 D. 100 E. 120

Q55. World Lake Day is observed on:

A. 25 August B. 26 August C. 27 August D. 28 August E. 29 August

Q56. The Phase-I target for the district-hospital programme is how many hospitals by March 2027?

A. 100 B. 120 C. 140 D. 160 E. 180

Q57. July 2026 industrial output (IIP) growth was:

A. 3.7% B. 4.7% C. 5.7% D. 6.7% E. 7.7%

Q58. PARIVARTAN onboarded how many banks/NBFCs and auto OEMs respectively?

A. 32 and 10 B. 42 and 15 C. 52 and 20 D. 62 and 25 E. 72 and 30

Q59. The PRIP Scheme application call relates to a total outlay of:

A. Rs 1,000 cr B. Rs 2,500 cr C. Rs 5,000 cr D. Rs 7,500 cr E. Rs 10,000 cr

Q60. Sanchar Saathi reported more than how many handset recoveries in one month?

A. SIM cards B. Handsets C. Routers D. Laptops E. Bank cards

Q61. The PFRDA revised one-time PoP onboarding charge is:

A. Rs 50 B. Rs 100 C. Rs 150 D. Rs 200 E. Rs 250

Q62. A fully digital non-face-to-face NPS onboarding may attract a reduced PoP charge of:

A. Rs 50 B. Rs 100 C. Rs 125 D. Rs 150 E. Rs 200

Q63. The revised annual PoP charge under NPS is:

A. 0.05% of AUM B. 0.10% of AUM C. 0.15% of AUM D. 0.20% of AUM E. 0.25% of AUM

Q64. The revised PFRDA PoP charge structure is effective from:

A. 1 Sep 2026 B. 1 Oct 2026 C. 1 Nov 2026 D. 1 Jan 2027 E. 1 Apr 2027

Q65. The minimum NPS contribution at onboarding under the revised framework is:

A. Rs 100 B. Rs 200 C. Rs 250 D. Rs 500 E. Rs 1,000

Q66. The new PFRDA scheme-classification framework removes the distinction between Common Schemes and:

A. APY B. UPS C. MSF schemes D. NPS Vatsalya E. NPS Lite

Q67. IFSCA's 27-August consultation concerned secondary listing of:

A. Corporate bonds B. ETFs C. Sovereign gold bonds D. REITs only E. Government securities

Q68. PMFBY insured more than how many farmer applications from Kharif 2016 through Rabi 2025-26?

A. 52.46 crore B. 72.46 crore C. 82.46 crore D. 92.46 crore E. 102.46 crore

Q69. PMFBY claims paid exceeded:

A. Rs 1.06 lakh cr B. Rs 1.56 lakh cr C. Rs 2.06 lakh cr D. Rs 2.56 lakh cr E. Rs 3.06 lakh cr

Q70. Per Drop More Crop had brought more than how much area under micro-irrigation by July 2026?

A. 75 lakh ha B. 95 lakh ha C. 105 lakh ha D. 115 lakh ha E. 135 lakh ha

Q71. Under PDMC, small and marginal farmers receive assistance of:

A. 35% B. 45% C. 50% D. 55% E. 60%

Q72. Since 2022-23, PDMC is implemented under:

A. PMKSY B. PM-RKVY C. PMFBY D. PM-KISAN E. RKVY-RAFTAAR only

Q73. The India-Argentina meeting detailed on 29 August was the:

A. 2nd JTC B. 3rd JTC C. 4th JTC D. 5th JTC E. 6th JTC

Q74. The revised CBG producer procurement price under the clarification is:

A. Rs 1,478/MMBtu B. Rs 1,895/MMBtu C. Rs 2,110/MMBtu D. Rs 2,325/MMBtu E. Rs 2,500/MMBtu

Q75. After government affordability support, the effective CBG cost to be recovered is about:

A. Rs 1,478/MMBtu B. Rs 1,695/MMBtu C. Rs 1,895/MMBtu D. Rs 2,110/MMBtu E. Rs 2,325/MMBtu

Q76. Sashidhar Jagdishan's current term as HDFC Bank MD & CEO ends on:

A. 26 Sep 2026 B. 26 Oct 2026 C. 26 Nov 2026 D. 31 Dec 2026 E. 31 Mar 2027

Q77. The 26th SCO Summit in the week's late update also marks:

A. 10 years B. 15 years C. 20 years D. 25 years E. 30 years

Q78. Which RBI instrument absorbs surplus liquidity through competitive bidding?

A. VRR B. VRRR C. MSF D. Repo E. SLF

Q79. FCNR(B) deposits are primarily maintained in:

A. Indian rupees only B. Permitted foreign currencies C. Gold units D. Government securities E. Crypto assets

Q80. NRE deposits are denominated in:

A. US dollars B. Pounds sterling C. Indian rupees D. Euros only E. SDRs

Q81. CRR is maintained by banks with:

A. SEBI B. RBI C. NABARD D. DICGC E. Government of India directly

Q82. SLR is maintained in:

A. Only cash with RBI B. Prescribed liquid assets C. Only foreign currency D. Only corporate bonds E. Only bank capital

Q83. The current policy repo rate in the live dashboard is:

A. 4.75% B. 5.00% C. 5.25% D. 5.50% E. 5.75%

Q84. The current CRR in the live RBI dashboard is:

A. 2.50% B. 3.00% C. 3.50% D. 4.00% E. 4.50%

Q85. The current SLR in the live RBI dashboard is:

A. 15% B. 16% C. 17% D. 18% E. 20%

Q86. UPI is operated by:

A. RBI directly B. NPCI C. SEBI D. IBA E. PFRDA

Q87. KHQR belongs to:

A. Thailand B. Singapore C. Cambodia D. Malaysia E. Indonesia

Q88. FPI differs from FDI mainly because FPI generally represents:

A. Portfolio investment in financial securities B. Only government grants C. Only bank loans D. Currency issuance E. Direct tax collection

Q89. FAR and VRR in the FPI debt context are:

A. Equity indices B. Debt-market access routes C. Insurance products D. Payment systems E. Pension schemes

Q90. NABARD is primarily associated with:

A. Securities regulation B. Agriculture and rural development finance C. Insurance regulation D. Pension regulation E. Telecom regulation

Q91. NaBFID is focused on:

A. Deposit insurance B. Infrastructure financing C. Pension administration D. Payments settlement E. Agricultural extension

Q92. SIDBI primarily focuses on:

A. MSME finance and development B. Sovereign debt management C. Insurance supervision D. Pension payouts E. Farm procurement

Q93. IFSCA is the unified regulator for permitted financial services in:

A. All SEZs B. International Financial Services Centres C. All cooperative banks D. All RRBs E. All stock exchanges in India

Q94. An ISIN uniquely identifies:

A. A bank branch B. A security C. A pension subscriber D. A GST taxpayer E. A mobile handset

Q95. An ETF is generally traded:

A. Only at RBI B. On a stock exchange C. Only through post offices D. Only in primary auctions E. Only at bank branches

Q96. PFRDA regulates:

A. Insurance B. Pension C. Securities D. Telecom E. Competition

Q97. PRAN in NPS stands for:

A. Permanent Retirement Account Number B. Pension Regulatory Account Number C. Primary Retirement Allocation Number D. Permanent Rupee Account Number E. Pension Record Authentication Number

Q98. PoP in NPS stands for:

A. Point of Presence B. Pool of Pension C. Place of Payment D. Proof of Pension E. Point of Portfolio

Q99. D-Remit in NPS is used for:

A. Direct contribution remittance B. Derivative trading C. Deposit insurance D. Debt recovery E. Digital rupee issuance

Q100. PMFBY is primarily a:

A. Crop insurance scheme B. Pension scheme C. Urban housing scheme D. MSME guarantee scheme E. Payment system

Answer Key + Concise Explanations

Q1. B - Rs 23,544 crore

Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) had invested Rs 23,544 crore in equities in August so far.

Q2. B - Russia

IRIGC-TEC is the India-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission on Trade, Economic, Scientific, Technological and Cultural Cooperation.

Q3. C - Visakhapatnam

The BRICS Sports Ministers Meeting concluded in Visakhapatnam.

Q4. D - JPY 10 trillion

The end-of-week India-Japan tracker highlighted an ambition of JPY 10 trillion in Japanese private investment.

Q5. E - US\$150 bn

The India-Japan engagement highlighted potential semiconductor demand of about US\$150 billion by 2032.

Q6. C - 1.5 lakh

The foundational target is 1.5 lakh learners; 10,000 is the intensive AWS re/Start cohort.

Q7. C - Rs 3,500 crore

The five brownfield defence-manufacturing projects involve nearly Rs 3,500 crore.

Q8. C - 23 August

National Space Day was observed on 23 August 2026.

Q9. D - 1,800 km

The authorisation covered nearly 1,800 km of LPG pipelines.

Q10. D - 13.70 crore

QBUSE reported employment of 13.70 crore in unincorporated establishments.

Q11. C - 4 years

They were appointed for four years from 24 August 2026 or until further orders, whichever is earlier.

Q12. C - 117.5

RBI's HPI for Q1 FY27 was 117.5, base year 2022-23.

Q13. C - Rs 34,000 crore

The Government notified a Rs 34,000 crore re-issue of 6.94% GS 2036.

Q14. D - US\$73 bn

The facility had mobilised about US\$73 billion by 21 August.

Q15. A - 31 Aug 2026

RBI advanced the sunset to 31 August 2026.

Q16. D - 24,162 crore

FY2025-26 UPI volume exceeded 24,162 crore transactions.

Q17. B - Format for Incident Reporting Exchange

FIRE stands for Format for Incident Reporting Exchange, an FSB format.

Q18. B - Market Infrastructure Institutions

The IT Resilience Index is for Market Infrastructure Institutions such as exchanges, clearing corporations and depositories.

Q19. C - Free

Notifications dated 24 August changed specified wheat and wheat-flour export lines from Prohibited to Free.

Q20. C - KHQR

The linkage involves UPI and Cambodia's KHQR system.

Q21. C - Rs 10,176 crore

Regional Rural Banks reported record net profit of Rs 10,176 crore.

Q22. B - MSMEs

The digital co-lending initiative targets Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).

Q23. C - Rs 30,000 crore

The six projects were worth more than Rs 30,000 crore.

Q24. C - Rs 150 crore

PAIMANA tracks projects of Rs 150 crore and above; 1,775 projects were highlighted.

Q25. C - 56.2 MT

Crude steel output reached 56.2 million tonnes.

Q26. C - 31.89 crore

e-Shram registrations stood at about 31.89 crore.

Q27. B - National Critical Mineral Mission

The hackathon is under the National Critical Mineral Mission.

Q28. C - US\$75 bn

The reported foreign-freight bill was about US\$75 billion.

Q29. C - Goa Shipyard

Goa Shipyard handed over ICGS Ajit to the Indian Coast Guard.

Q30. B - Nistar-class Diving Support Vessel

Nipun is the second indigenous Nistar-class Diving Support Vessel.

Q31. B - 2nd

The second India-New Zealand Defence Strategic Dialogue was held in Wellington.

Q32. C - 7th

It was the 7th India-Vietnam Coast Guard High-Level Meeting.

Q33. C - 21.76 mn ha

India reported restoration of 21.76 million hectares.

Q34. B - Ulaanbaatar

UNCCD COP17 was held in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia.

Q35. C - 575

The SAMBAR resource covered 575 adults.

Q36. C - 7

The Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission launched seven such reference standards.

Q37. C - 26 Aug

26 August 2026 became the compliance deadline.

Q38. B - Fino Payments Bank

RBI approved a three-month extension for Ketan Merchant at Fino Payments Bank.

Q39. B - Nifty500 Growth 50

The new index is the Nifty500 Growth 50.

Q40. C - 5 years

The target is to double bilateral trade in five years.

Q41. C - 4,40,901

The early pension release covered 4,40,901 pensioners.

Q42. C - Rs 35/kg

Buffer onion retail intervention began at Rs 35 per kg.

Q43. C - 500 MMT

Sugarcane output was put at 500 million metric tonnes.

Q44. D - 45

The backgrounder linked Sarnath's inscription with India's tally of 45 World Heritage properties.

Q45. D - 11,000 km

The plan covers about 11,000 km.

Q46. C - 19.4%

Listed private corporate sales grew 19.4% in Q1 FY27.

Q47. D - Rs 1,52,537 cr

The 28-August 3-day VRRR accepted Rs 1,52,537 crore at 5.24%.

Q48. C - Rs 10,000

The proposal related to qualifying private placements with Rs 10,000 face value.

Q49. D - Rs 25,000 cr

The NDB Maharajah INR bond programme was up to Rs 25,000 crore over five years.

Q50. C - 59.09 crore

Pradhan Mantri Jan-Dhan Yojana had about 59.09 crore accounts.

Q51. C - Rs 3.16 lakh cr

PMJDY deposits were about Rs 3,16,514 crore.

Q52. B - BBB/A-2 stable

S&P affirmed India at BBB/A-2 with a stable outlook.

Q53. B - NaBFID

NABARD and NaBFID signed the MoU.

Q54. C - 80

The Rs 472 crore project is designed for 80 tanks per year.

Q55. C - 27 August

World Lake Day was observed on 27 August.

Q56. D - 160

The Health Ministry set a Phase-I target of 160 district hospitals.

Q57. D - 6.7%

Industrial output grew 6.7% in July 2026.

Q58. B - 42 and 15

PARIVARTAN onboarded 42 banks/NBFCs and 15 auto OEMs.

Q59. C - Rs 5,000 cr

The second application call opened under the Rs 5,000 crore PRIP Scheme.

Q60. B - Handsets

Sanchar Saathi recorded more than 75,000 handset recoveries.

Q61. D - Rs 200

The standard one-time onboarding charge is Rs 200 per PRAN.

Q62. B - Rs 100

PFDA allows a reduced Rs 100 onboarding charge as determined by the Authority.

Q63. D - 0.20% of AUM

Annual charge is 0.20% p.a. of AUM for non-dormant accounts.

Q64. B - 1 Oct 2026

The revised charge structure is effective from 1 October 2026.

Q65. C - Rs 250

Minimum contribution at onboarding is Rs 250; subsequent minimum contribution is Rs 10.

Q66. C - MSF schemes

It removes the distinction between Common Schemes and schemes under the Multiple Scheme Framework (MSF).

Q67. B - ETFs

IFSCA issued a consultation paper on secondary listing of Exchange Traded Funds in IFSC.

Q68. D - 92.46 crore

The official backgrounder reported more than 92.46 crore insured applications.

Q69. C - Rs 2.06 lakh cr

Claims exceeded Rs 2.06 lakh crore across more than 26.33 crore applications.

Q70. D - 115 lakh ha

More than 115 lakh hectares were under micro-irrigation.

Q71. D - 55%

Small and marginal farmers receive 55%; other farmers receive 45%.

Q72. B - PM-RKVY

Since 2022-23 PDMC is implemented under Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana (PM-RKVY).

Q73. C - 4th JTC

It was the 4th India-Argentina Joint Trade Committee meeting.

Q74. C - Rs 2,110/MMBtu

The producer procurement price is Rs 2,110 per MMBtu.

Q75. C - Rs 1,895/MMBtu

The effective recoverable cost is about Rs 1,895 per MMBtu.

Q76. B - 26 Oct 2026

His current term ends on 26 October 2026.

Q77. D - 25 years

The summit coincides with 25 years of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation.

Q78. B - VRRR

Variable Rate Reverse Repo (VRRR) absorbs liquidity; Variable Rate Repo (VRR) injects it.

Q79. B - Permitted foreign currencies

FCNR(B) accounts are foreign-currency term deposits for eligible non-residents.

Q80. C - Indian rupees

Non-Resident External (NRE) accounts are rupee-denominated.

Q81. B - RBI

Cash Reserve Ratio is maintained with the Reserve Bank of India.

Q82. B - Prescribed liquid assets

Statutory Liquidity Ratio is maintained in prescribed liquid assets.

Q83. C - 5.25%

RBI's current policy repo rate is 5.25%.

Q84. B - 3.00%

The current Cash Reserve Ratio is 3.00%.

Q85. D - 18%

The current Statutory Liquidity Ratio is 18.00%.

Q86. B - NPCI

Unified Payments Interface is operated by National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI).

Q87. C - Cambodia

KHQR is Cambodia's national QR standard/payment ecosystem.

Q88. A - Portfolio investment in financial securities

FPI is portfolio capital in financial securities, while FDI generally implies a more lasting ownership/management interest.

Q89. B - Debt-market access routes

Fully Accessible Route and Voluntary Retention Route are debt-market access routes.

Q90. B - Agriculture and rural development finance

National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development is the apex rural-development finance institution.

Q91. B - Infrastructure financing

National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development is a development financial institution focused on infrastructure.

Q92. A - MSME finance and development

Small Industries Development Bank of India focuses on MSME promotion, financing and development.

Q93. B - International Financial Services Centres

IFSCA regulates financial products, services and institutions in IFSCs within its statutory mandate.

Q94. B - A security

International Securities Identification Number is a unique identifier for a security.

Q95. B - On a stock exchange

Exchange Traded Funds are investment funds whose units trade on exchanges.

Q96. B - Pension

Pension Fund Regulatory and Development Authority regulates the pension sector under its mandate.

Q97. A - Permanent Retirement Account Number

PRAN stands for Permanent Retirement Account Number.

Q98. A - Point of Presence

Point of Presence is an NPS intermediary/distribution interface.

Q99. A - Direct contribution remittance

D-Remit facilitates direct remittance of NPS contributions.

Q100. A - Crop insurance scheme

Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana is a crop-insurance scheme.

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