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Weekly Current Affairs – 12th - 18th Aug' 2025

National affairs

1. India's First Drone-Based Cloud Seeding Launched in Rajasthan.
2. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India's longest route Vande Bharat Express between Nagpur (Ajni) and Pune. The 881 km train journey will be completed in 12 hours.
3. Maharashtra became the first state in India to implement 'Disha Abhiyan'. The scheme was launched to provide uniform and quality education to students with intellectual disabilities.
4. Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh laid the foundation stone of BEML Rail Hub in Umaria village of Raisen district in Madhya Pradesh. This unit worth Rs 1800 crore will manufacture coaches for Vande Bharat, Amrit Bharat and Metro trains.
5. Chhattisgarh government signs agreement with NHPC to develop 1800 MW pumped storage projects (PSPs).
6. Border Security Force launches 'Operation Alert' on Rajasthan border ahead of Independence Day.
7. Union Minister of State for Science and Technology Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated India's first Animal Stem Cell Biobank in Hyderabad, Telangana. This biobank will store high-quality stem cells from various animal species.
8. Kerala State Financial Enterprises (KSFE) has become India's first Miscellaneous Non-Banking Financial Company to cross the Rs 1 lakh crore business turnover mark. The state-owned company has doubled its turnover from Rs 50,000 crore in just 4 years.
9. The 3rd India-Singapore Ministerial Roundtable was held in New Delhi on August 13.
10. The Indian Ports Bill, 2025 was passed in the Rajya Sabha. The main objective of this bill is to unify the laws related to ports, encourage integrated port development, facilitate port-related business and ensure optimal utilization of the coastline in India.
11. Prime Minister Narendra Modi broke Indira Gandhi's record by delivering 12 consecutive speeches on Independence Day. Narendra Modi was the first Prime Minister to address the nation from the Red Fort since 2014 and will continue to do so every year without a break till 2025. Indira Gandhi delivered 11 consecutive Independence Day speeches during her tenure. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru has delivered the most Independence Day speeches (17 times) till now.
12. The BJP has announced the name of CP Radhakrishnan as the NDA candidate for the next Vice President of India. He is currently the Governor of Maharashtra. I.N.D.I. (INDIA) Block has nominated former Supreme Court judge Sudarshan Reddy as its Vice Presidential candidate. Previous Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar resigned suddenly due to health problems. The election for the Vice President will be held on September 9.
13. Kolkata's Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE) has delivered the survey ship 'Ikshak' to the Indian Navy. The ship will be used for coastal and deep water hydrographic surveys and navigational channel/route determination.
14. ISRO inaugurated Space Laboratory in Mechuka, Arunachal Pradesh.
15. India achieved 100 GW Solar PV Module Manufacturing Capacity.
16. 13th India-UAE Joint Defence Cooperation Committee (JDCC) Meeting held in New Delhi.
17. Union Minister for Heavy Industries and Steel H.D. Kumaraswamy launched the logo, brochure and website of 'Bharat Steel 2026'.
18. Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) signed an agreement with Indian Statistical Institute to further enhance the robustness, security and reliability of Aadhaar through data-driven innovation.

International affairs

1. BEML Limited has signed its first foreign rail and metro deal with Malaysia. The deal will boost India's rail manufacturing profile and exports. The project promises to build advanced, efficient metro coaches, deepening bilateral ties.
2. America has developed a Hypersonic Missile System called 'Dark Eagle'.
3. Kenya has recently been declared free from Human African Trypanosomiasis (Sleeping Sickness) by the World Health Organization.
4. India has recently signed a trade cooperation agreement with Zambia.
5. South Korea and the US will conduct a joint military exercise called 'Ulchi Freedom Shield 2025'.
6. India has sent 5 tonnes of cowpea seeds to Fiji as humanitarian aid. This initiative will increase stability in the agricultural sector in Fiji, empower farmers and ensure food security.

Appointment

1. Tripti Shah has been appointed as the first woman director of Alipore Zoo.
2. Zeenat Qureshi has been appointed as the GCC-India Trade Commissioner under the International Chamber of Commerce. She is the first Indian woman to be appointed to this position.

Award

1. 7 military officers involved in Operation Sindoor have been awarded the Sarvottam Yudh Seva Padak (SYSM).
2. Army Lieutenant Generals Pratik Sharma and Rajiv Ghai, Air Chief Marshal Narmadeshwar Tiwari, Air Marshal Nagesh Kapoor, Air Marshal Jitendra Mishra, Air Marshal AK Bharti and Navy Vice Admiral Sanjay Singh (Retd) have been honoured.
3. Guwahati's popular Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport has won the International Architectural Award 2025.
4. Bibi Fatima Women's Self-Help Group has won the UNDP Equator Initiative Award 2025. A self-help group (SHG) from a small village in Kundagol taluk of Dharwad district in Karnataka has won this award given by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP). The award is considered the Nobel Prize for biodiversity conservation and climate action. This women's group works in implementing eco-friendly farming methods in rainfed lands, running community seed banks, ensuring food and nutrition security, promoting bajra cultivation and running bajra processing units, value addition and marketing. The group has revived bajra-based mixed cropping systems in about 30 villages through natural farming methods. In 2018, only 15 women formed this group.
5. Indian Oil Company's Panipat Oil Refinery received the country's first ISCC Carbon Offsetting and Reduction Scheme for International Aviation (CORSIA) certification for Sustainable Aviation Fuel.
6. 1090 people were awarded the Birtva O Seva Padak on the 79th Independence Day in 2025.
7. Homebound won the Best Film award at the Indian Film Festival of Melbourne 2025; Neeraj Ghaywan (director of the movie Homebound) won the Best Director award.
8. Mathematician Rajula Srivastava won the Maryam Mirzakhani New Frontiers Prize for her contribution to Harmonic Analysis and Analytic Number Theory.
9. Rajasthan's Manika Vishwakarma was crowned Miss Universe India 2025. She will represent India at the 74th Global Miss Universe pageant to be held in Thailand later this year.

Day/Theme

1. International Youth Day is observed on 12 August; the 2025 theme is "Local Youth Actions for the SDGs and Beyond". (The day was first celebrated in 2000).
2. World Organ Donation Day is observed on 13 August; the 2025 theme is "Answering the Call".
3. India celebrated its 79th Independence Day in 2025. The theme of this year's Independence Day is 'Naya Bharat'.

Sports

1. Rishabh Yadav became the first Indian to win an individual medal in the history of the World Games. He won a bronze medal in archery.
2. Namrata Batra won India's first medal in Wushu at the World Games. She won a silver medal in the women's sanda 52 kg category.
3. Ramesh Budihal became the first Indian to win a medal at the Asian Surfing Championships. He won a bronze medal.
4. Indian U-20 women's football team qualified for the AFC Asian Cup 2026 after 20 years.
5. Australian batsman David Warner surpassed Virat Kohli to become the fifth highest run-scorer in T20 cricket.
6. India's Minerva Academy FC won the U-14 Norway Cup 2025. The Chandigarh-based academy defeated the Norwegian team 14-1 in the final.
7. India's U-20 women's team won bronze at the Asia Rugby Emirates U-20 Championship.
8. India won a total of 27 medals at the Asian U19 & U22 Boxing Championships.
9. Jharkhand defeated Haryana to win the 15th Hockey India Junior Women National Championship 2025.
10. S. Rohit Krishna is India's 89th Grandmaster.
11. The first edition of Khelo India Water Sports Festival (KIWSF) will be held in Srinagar. The mascot of Khelo India Water Sports Festival 2025 is the Himalayan Kingfisher. The competition will be held at Dal Lake in Srinagar from August 21 to 23, 2025.

Project/ Services

1. West Bengal has launched Shramashree Scheme to provide financial assistance to migrant workers. The objectives of Shramashree Scheme - To bring back migrant workers from Bengal to the state and help them earn a living, those who return will be given a one-time travel allowance of Rs 5,000. If the migrant workers are not provided with work for the first year after returning to the state, an allowance of Rs 5,000 will be given per month. Through the Utkarsh Bangla Scheme, the returned workers will be provided with new training according to their skills and engaged in various jobs.
2. Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma launched the 'Mukhya Mantrir Nijut Moina 2.0' scheme to enhance higher education for girl students by providing financial assistance.
3. Sikkim launched the 'Nari Adalat' initiative at the inaugural ceremony of Amma Samman Diwas. 'Nari Adalat' is a community-based forum, run by women, especially in rural and semi-urban areas of Sikkim to provide accessible and informal justice. Sikkim Chief Minister Prem Singh Tamang launched the scheme.
4. Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin launched the "Thayumanavar" scheme to deliver ration products at home.
5. The Union Health Ministry has launched the 'SHRESTH' initiative to increase the safety, quality and efficacy of medicines. Union Health Secretary Punya Salila Srivastava launched this scheme proposed by the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO).
6. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched 'Mission Sudarshan Chakra' to protect important installations through indigenous technology.
7. The central government has launched the 'PM Viksit Bharat Scheme'. Under this scheme, candidates who get their first job in the private sector will be given Rs 15,000.
8. The Bihar government has launched the JP Senani Pension Scheme.
9. The Uttarakhand cabinet has approved 10 percent reservation for former fire fighters in government jobs.

Trade & Finance

1. Hindustan Zinc Limited becomes the first Indian company to join the International Council of Mining and Metals (ICMM).
2. MY Bharat signs MOU with School of Ultimate Leadership Foundation (SOUL) for Youth Leadership Development.
3. Punjab & Sind Bank launches savings account initiative 'PSB Naari Shakti' to empower women customers.
4. Reserve Bank of India imposes Rs 75 lakh penalty on ICICI Bank for violating norms related to property valuation and current account management.
5. BSNL signs MoU with 4 global tech companies for advanced 5G and AI training. These companies are- Ericsson India, Qualcomm Technologies, Cisco, and Nokia Solutions. Also announced in the presence of Union Communications Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia, the initiative aims to train over 2000 students every year in emerging technologies including 5G, Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), Networking and Cyber Security.
6. Paytm Payments Services Limited (PPSL) has been approved by the RBI to act as a Payment Aggregator.
7. BSE Index Services has launched BSE India Defence Index to track the performance of stocks in the defence sector.
8. SBI has launched a Collateral-Free Loan Scheme of Rs 4 lakh for fire fighters.
9. Microsoft has topped the list of Top 500 Global Brands; NVIDIA is second and Apple is third. Tata Group is ranked 60th as an Indian company in this list.
10. IIT Guwahati to work in a joint venture with Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR) to develop eco-friendly Bed-Roll Bags.

Book & Author

1. Former Chief Justice of India D. Y. Chandrachud has released his first book titled "Why the Constitution Matters". He has shed in-depth light on the significance of the Constitution in shaping the identity of the nation and governance. This book gives readers an idea of the role of the Constitution in protecting fundamental rights, ensuring justice and maintaining the rule of law.
2. R. Kaushik has written a book titled "The Rise of the Hitman: The Rohit Sharma Story".

Miscellaneous

1. The Odisha government has appointed actress Madhuri Dixit as the brand ambassador of the handloom industry.
2. A rare blue pinkgill mushroom was recently discovered in Telangana.

Obituary

1. La. Ganesan Iyer passed away recently. He was an Indian politician who served as the Governor of Manipur from 27 August 2021 and as the Governor of West Bengal from 18 July 2022 to 17 November 2022.
2. Dr. Vese Page, a former Indian hockey player and sports medicine specialist, passed away recently at the age of 80. He won a bronze medal at the 1972 Munich Olympics.