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Weekly Current Affairs – 19th - 25th Aug' 2025

National affairs

1. Indian Railways has become the first city in India to install Removable Solar Panels on railway tracks in Varanasi.
2. India's first all-women-run Clean Street Food Hub was inaugurated in Mumbai. This food hub, which is controlled by FSSAI, is named Mauli and was inaugurated by Union Minister Piyush Goyal.
3. India has passed the Online Gaming Bill to regulate e-sports and online gambling. Violators will be fined up to Rs 1 crore and face 3 years in prison.
4. India successfully tests intermediate-range ballistic missile Agni-5.
5. India has announced a target of launching its own space station by 2035. ISRO has released the first images of the Indian Space Station (BAS) model. The first module of BAS is expected to be launched by 2028. (Currently, there are two orbital laboratories - ISS and China's Tiangong Space Station.)
6. The All India Homeopathy Congress will be held in West Bengal from December 26-28. It is being organized by the Homeopathic Medical Association of India.
7. Prime Minister Narendra Modi celebrated 6 years of Jal Jeevan Mission. He announced this mission on August 15, 2019.
8. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated three new metro links in Kolkata, West Bengal. These new links span across three different Kolkata Metro corridors - Sealdah to Esplanade (2.45 km), Noapara to Jai Hind Airport (6.77 km) and Hemant Mukherjee to Belegghata (4.39 km). Prime Minister Modi also inaugurated development projects worth Rs 5,200 crore in Kolkata.
9. ISRO successfully conducted the first integrated air drop test for the Gaganyaan mission. ISRO has said that it has successfully completed the first Integrated Air Drop Test (IADT-01) for end-to-end demonstration of parachute-based deceleration system for Gaganyaan mission. The test was conducted in a joint effort of ISRO, Indian Air Force, DRDO, Indian Navy and Indian Coast Guard. ISRO will launch the first uncrewed mission of Gaganyaan in December this year. ISRO will conduct the first test flight of Gaganyaan mission in December 2025.
10. Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Aunta-Simaria Project in Gaya, Bihar.
11. Defence Ministry to host first tri-service seminar called "Ran Samwad".
12. Fortified Rice Scheme to make India malnutrition and anemia-free, new target set for 2028 Fortified rice is made by mixing micronutrient-rich grains made from rice powder with regular rice, which retains its nutritional value even after cooking. This rice is provided under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY), PM Poshan - this scheme.
13. Kerala is the first fully digitally literate state in India. The "DiGi Keralam" program, launched in 2023, will provide digital literacy and e-services to all citizens regardless of age.
14. A partnership has been signed between the Indian organization DRDO and the French company Safran to develop fifth-generation fighter aircraft engines. Safran will transfer the technology and IPR (Intellectual Property Rights). These engines, which will be ready in 10-12 years, will power India's next-generation Advanced Medium Combat Aircraft (AMCA)/fighter aircraft.
15. India has been elected as the Chairman of the Executive Board of the Asia-Pacific Institute for Broadcasting Development (AIBD).
16. India's largest semiconductor and electronics show SEMICON India 2025 (4th edition) will be held at Jashobhumi in New Delhi from 2-4 September 2025. The event, to be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, will showcase the expansion of the local semiconductor ecosystem and industry trends.

17. The Indian Army has begun exercise 'Samnoy Shakti 2025' at Laipuli in Tinsukia district of Assam. The exercise is a military-civilian initiative with officials from Assam and Manipur. Its objective is to create synergy between security forces, government departments and civilian institutions to address regional challenges.
18. Global Spiritual Tourism Conclave 2025 hosted by Ujjain, Madhya Pradesh. The event is being organized by the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PHDCCI) in association with the Union Ministry of Tourism and the Madhya Pradesh Tourism Board. The current Union Tourism Minister is Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.
19. The Andhra Pradesh government has announced a life insurance of Rs 01 crore for municipal employees.
20. OpenAI will open its first office in New Delhi, India. OpenAI is an American artificial intelligence research company.
21. Union Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the All India Speakers' Conference 2025 in the Delhi Assembly.
22. The 2-day National Summit on Technical Textiles and Viksit Bharat was held in Patna, Bihar.

International affairs

1. The first World Humanoid Robot Games 2025 is being held in Beijing, China.
2. A 6-day long Indian Cinema Festival has begun in Sri Lanka to celebrate cultural ties and friendship with India.
3. The 12th edition of SLINEX-2025 exercise between the Indian and Sri Lankan navies has begun at the Colombo Port. Eastern Fleet's INS Jyoti and INS Rana and Sri Lankan Navy ships SLNS Sayura and SLNS Vijayabahu are participating in the exercise.
4. Russia will launch a "Venera-D" mission to Venus in 2036. Preliminary design work will begin in January 2026. The mission will launch a lander, a balloon probe and an orbital spacecraft.
5. Pakistan ranks lowest among South Asian countries in terms of gender discrimination.
6. Dubai launched 'One Freezone Passport' to ease business licensing and attract global investment.
7. Nepal has recently been declared a rubella-free country.
8. NASA is planning to build a nuclear reactor on the moon.
9. Iran has organized a missile drill called "Sustainable Power 1404" in the Gulf of Oman.
10. Saudi Arabia has recently launched a digital platform called Nusuk Umrah to simplify the visa application and issuance process.
11. Former Sri Lankan President and Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe has been arrested recently.
12. NASA's James Webb Telescope has discovered the 29th moon of Uranus named S/2025 U1.
13. The 68th Commonwealth Parliamentary Conference will be held in Bridgetown, Barbados from October 5 to 12, 2025. The Indian delegation to this conference will be led by Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla.
14. Oman has set an ambitious target of attracting 1 million Indian tourists annually. In 2024, 7 lakh tourists from India visited Oman.

Appointment

1. Retired IPS officer Anish Dayal Singh, former RAW chief Rajendra Kumar, retired IPS officer T V Ramachandran and former Indian Foreign Service chief Pawan Kapoor have been appointed as assistants to National Security Advisor Ajit Doval.
2. Manipur Governor Ajay Kumar Bhalla has taken additional charge as the Governor of Nagaland.
3. The previous Governor La Ganesan passed away recently.
4. Satish Golcha has been appointed as the New Delhi Police Commissioner.
5. President Donald Trump has appointed Sergio Gore as the US Ambassador to India.

6. Srinivasan K. Swamy has been re-elected as the President of Advertising Agencies Association of India (AAAI) for 2025-26.

Award

1. Miss Universe India 2025 title won by Rajasthan's Monika Vishwakarma.
2. Dr. Gautam Chatterjee was awarded the Northstar award by NASA. The Hooghly resident is a scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

Day/Theme

1. India is celebrating its second National Space Day on August 23, 2025. The theme for 2025 is "Aryabhata to Gaganyaan: Ancient Wisdom to Infinite Possibilities". A special event was organized at Bharat Mandapam in Delhi on this occasion. The theme of the event is "Leveraging Space Technology and Applications for Viksit Bharat 2047".

Sports

1. North East United are the winners of the 134th Turandot Cup. They defeated Diamond Harbour FC in the final held at the Yuva Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata to become champions.
2. Abhinav Bindra has been appointed as the IOC Mental Health Ambassador. (Abhinav Bindra is associated with the sport of shooting, he won the gold medal in the 10m air rifle event at the 2008 Beijing Olympics).
3. Indian Navy won the Armed Forces Inter Services Squash Championship 2025-26. They defeated the Air Force team by 2-1 in the final match held in Chandigarh. Four teams - Army Red, Army Green, Air Force and Indian Navy - participated in this championship held from 10-14 August.
4. Indian para-table tennis player Bhavina Patel won the gold medal at the ITTF World Para Elite Championships.
5. Spanish tennis player Carlos Alcaraz won the first Cincinnati Open title. Carlos Alcaraz won after Janik Cena retired due to illness.
6. Mohamed Salah became the first player to win the PFA Player of the Year 2025 Award for the third time.
7. The Indian team finished third in the AI Olympiad held in Beijing.
8. Indian shooter Rashmika Sahgal won the gold medal in the 16th Asian Shooting Championship.
9. Sri Lankan cricketer Saliya Saman was banned from all forms of cricket for 5 years for match-fixing.
10. Ahmedabad will host the Commonwealth Weightlifting Championship, Asian Aquatics Championship and AFC U-17 Asian Cup Qualifiers.
11. Indian shooter Aishwarya Tomar won the gold medal in the Asian Shooting 2025.
12. Cheteshwar Pujara recently retired from all forms of Indian cricket.
13. After the passage of the Online Gaming Promotion and Regulation Bill, 2025 in Parliament, the BCCI officially severed its partnership with Dream11.

Project/ Services

1. Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta launched 'Atal Canteen' to provide food to the poor and needy at Rs 5.
2. Bihar launched AI-Powered Bridge Management Training for engineers.
3. Ministry of Tribal Affairs launched Adi Karma Yogi Abhiyan. A cadre of 20 lakh grassroots change-makers Karma Yogis will be created in 1 lakh tribal villages in India. The Karma Yogis will work towards improving grievance redressal and building participatory and people-centric governance among tribal communities.

Trade & Finance

1. India's electronics exports grew by 47 percent in the first quarter of the current fiscal.
2. India's export target for the financial year 2025-26 has been set at US\$ 1 trillion.
3. Maharashtra tops the list of states using UPI. Karnataka and Uttar Pradesh are at second and third positions respectively, according to a report by the Economic Research Department (ERD) of the State Bank of India. West Bengal is at 12th position. In July 2025, Maharashtra accounted for the largest share of both UPI transaction volume (9.8%) and value (9.2%).
4. Total fish production in India in 2023-24 was 182.70 lakh tonnes. Marine fish production was 44.95 lakh tonnes. Marine product exports were 17.81 lakh tonnes, valued at ₹ 60523.89 crore.
5. Parag Agrawal launched an AI startup called 'Parallel'. (Indian technologist Parag Agrawal was previously the CEO of Twitter).

App/Portal

1. Press Sewa portal launched for registration of newspapers and periodicals.

Miscellaneous

1. Champa Raspeda from Odisha state became the first person from the Didai tribe to clear the NEET exam.

Obituary

1. Actor Achyut Potdar passed away recently at the age of 91. He was an Indian actor who worked in more than 125 Bollywood films.
2. Famous American judge Frank Caprio passed away recently at the age of 88. He was known as the 'Nicest Judge in the World'.
3. Punjabi comedian Jashwinder Bhalla passed away recently at the age of 65.