

### 1. Heat Waves and Lightning Notified as Natural Calamities; List Expanded from 12 to 14

- The original 12 notified natural disasters were: cyclones, droughts, earthquakes, floods, tsunamis, avalanches, cloudbursts, landslides, hailstorms, fires, frost, cold waves and pest attacks.
- Heat Waves and Lightning were added as notified natural calamities by the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) under SDRF/NDRF guidelines.

### 2. India's Intelligence-Led Model Brings Back 274 Fugitive Criminals from 36 Countries

- Fugitive criminals are individuals who commit crimes in India and flee abroad to evade arrest.
- Between 2019 and 2026, India successfully brought back 274 fugitive criminals from 36 different countries.

### 3. Parliament Passes Amendment to the NCDC Act, 1962

- The National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) was established in 1963, is headquartered in New Delhi, and functions under the Ministry of Cooperation.

### 4. Kerala Name Change Bill Passed to Rename State as "Keralam"

- It is enacted under Article 3 of the Indian Constitution, which grants Parliament the authority to alter boundaries, adjust areas and change names of states.

### 5. Mines and Minerals (Development and Regulation) Amendment Bill 2026 Passed

- Introduced by: Union Mines Minister G. Kishan Reddy.

### 6. SEBI mandated a visual, colour-coded Credit Risk-o-Meter for debt securities, including privately placed debentures and bonds.

- Six Colour-Coded Risk Levels:
  - Irish Green — Lowest Credit Risk
  - Chartreuse — Very Low
  - Neon Yellow — Low
  - Caramel — Moderate
  - Dark Orange — Moderate Default Risk
  - Red — High to Very High Default Risk

### 7. UCO Bank opened its first International Financial Services Centre (IFSC) Banking Unit (IBU) in GIFT City, Gandhinagar, Gujarat.

- UCO Bank Profile
- Founded: 1943 by Ghanshyam Das Birla
- Headquarters: Kolkata, West Bengal

### 8. Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the new premises of the National Urban Cooperative Finance and Development Corporation (NUCFDC) in Mumbai

### 9. South Indian actress Krithi Shetty was appointed as the brand ambassador for the luxury jewellery brand Indriya (Aditya Birla Group).

### 10. Gautam Rangarajan — son of an Indian diplomat and a BBC executive — was appointed as an advisor to the UK Prime Minister.

### 11. Ashish Singh was appointed as MD & CEO of Manappuram Finance Effective 1 January 2027

### 12. TRAI Mandates 1600 and 1601 Series for Anti-Spam Telephony

- TRAI mandated:
  - The 1600 series for service and transactional calls by BFSI entities (regulated by RBI, SEBI, IRDAI, PFRDA) and government-to-citizen communications.
  - The 1601 the new mandate (August 2026) for service and transactional calls by utilities (electricity, water, gas) and courier/logistics firms

### 13. NITI Aayog released a policy report titled "Key Sectors to Position India as a Global Manufacturing Hub".

- India's manufacturing GVA at constant prices registered a CAGR of 10.88% between FY23 and FY26.
- MOSPI revised the base year for National Accounts from 2011-12 to 2022-23.

### 14. PM E-DRIVE Budget and Electric Two-Wheeler Subsidy Revisions

- PM E-DRIVE operates on a total budget of Rs. 10,900 crore
- The subsidy on electric two-wheelers was reduced from Rs. 5,000 per kWh to Rs. 2,500 per kWh.

- The maximum eligible ex-factory price for electric two-wheelers is capped at Rs. 1.5 lakh.
- 15. Mission on Cotton Productivity Launched to Boost Yield**
- Jointly run by the Ministry of Agriculture and the Ministry of Textiles.
  - Budget: Rs. 5659 crore
  - Targets: Increase cotton yield from 440 kg to 755 kg per hectare.
- 16. Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL) delivered “MS Maria”, the second of eight HS EcoFreighter series of multi-purpose vessels to The Germany-based shipping firm H.S. Schiffahrt.**
- 17. As of July 31, 2026, India’s installed non-fossil fuel electricity generation capacity — solar, wind, hydro, bio-power, nuclear — reached 300.50 GW.**
- Updated Goal: Reach 500 GW of non-fossil capacity by 2030
- Solar Power Standings
- Rajasthan leads India in installed solar capacity, followed by Gujarat and Maharashtra
  - India ranks 3rd globally in overall solar production (behind China and the US) and 2nd in capacity additions (behind China).
  - India is targeting 280 GW of solar capacity by 2030
- 18. L&T to Build India's Largest Single-Cluster NVIDIA AI Factory in Chennai**
- 19. IISc Bengaluru Develops Multilingual Speech AI Model “SraVaani”**
- 20. The Supreme Court directed 19 States and Union Territories to declare Cancer as a notifiable disease.**
- Currently, only 17 out of 36 do so.
- 21. Assam Proposes Cutting Kaziranga's Eco-Sensitive Zone from 10 km to 1 km**
- 22. The Gaj Gaurav Awards were presented by MoS Environment Kirti Vardhan Singh in Visakhapatnam on August 12.**
- 23. The International Commission on Irrigation and Drainage (ICID) declared Parichha Weir (Jhansi, Uttar Pradesh) as a World Heritage Irrigation Structure.**
- Location: On the Betwa River (Betwa Canal System).
- 24. IKDRC Ahmedabad was awarded for “Excellence in Leading Government Hospital in Organ Transplantation” — it performed 597 organ transplants in 2025, with 380 patients receiving free transplants under PM-JAY.**
- 25. Union Textiles Minister Giriraj Singh inaugurated IIHT Sutra 2026 at the Dr. Ambedkar International Center, New Delhi.**
- Theme: "IIHTs: Weaving the Future of the Indian Handloom Sector — Educate. Innovate. Transform."
  - National Handloom Day is celebrated on 7 August
- 26. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB) approved extending the Broadcasting Infrastructure and Network Development (BIND) scheme until March 31, 2027.**
- 27. Exercise Udara Shakti 2026 Held at Subang Air Base, Malaysia**
- Conducted at Subang Air Base, Malaysia, from August 10 to 14, 2026.
  - Participants: The Indian Air Force (IAF) — 101 Squadron — and the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF).
- 28. Navy Chief Admiral Krishna Swaminathan Meets Mauritian PM (Navinchandra Ramgoolam) on Maritime Cooperation**
- 29. India was crowned the overall champion at the Commonwealth Fencing Championship 2026 in Lagos, Nigeria.**
- India won a total of 35 medals across the Under-23 and Senior categories — 13 Gold, 8 Silver and 14 Bronze.
- 30. Dr. Padma Gurmet, Director of the National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa in Leh, was awarded the UT Ladakh State Award 2025.**
- Conferred by: LG Vinay Kumar Saxena.
- 31. Assistant Professor Karthikeyan Lanka from IIT Bombay’s CSRE was selected for the National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI) Young Scientist Award**
- 32. France’s Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) retained the UEFA Super Cup by defeating Aston Villa 2–1.**

**33. Obituaries — Sumit Sarkar**

- Prominent Marxist historian and modern Indian history scholar Sumit Sarkar passed away at 87.
- He was an authority on the Swadeshi and national movements.
- Notable Works: “The Swadeshi Movement in Bengal”, “Modern India” and “Writing Social History”.

**34. “Har Ghar Tiranga” Campaign Launched in Andaman and Nicobar Islands**

- Launched on August 9, 2026 — August Kranti Diwas / Quit India Day — by C.P. Radhakrishnan in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands.

**35. International Left-Handers Day — August 13**

**36. Global AI and Digital Summit to be Held in Seoul**