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NATIONAL AFFAIRS

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Indo-China Relations Improve

- India and China announced a series of measures to forge a "stable, cooperative and forward-looking" relationship. Key agreements include: [everageedu+1](#)
- **Joint peace maintenance** along the frontier
- **Reopening of border trade** after prolonged suspension
- **Promotion of investment flows** between both nations
- **Resumption of direct flight connectivity** at the earliest.
- Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi met External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar in Delhi and emphasized that both countries should be "partners, not adversaries".
- PM Modi is scheduled to meet Wang Yi on Tuesday



Vice Presidential Election 2025

- The opposition INDIA bloc nominated former Supreme Court judge **B. Sudershan Reddy** as its candidate for the upcoming vice-presidential election. The ruling NDA has fielded **C P Radhakrishnan** as their nominee. The election is scheduled for September 9, 2025.



Major Defense Procurement Approved

- The government approved the purchase of **97 LCA Tejas Mark 1A** fighter jets for the Indian Air Force at a cost of **₹62,000 crore**. This is the second major order for indigenous jets, following an earlier contract for 83 jets worth ₹48,000 crore. The total Mark 1A fleet will rise to 180 aircraft, replacing aging MiG-21s.



Mumbai Monsoon Crisis

- Mumbai experienced severe flooding with the Santacruz observatory recording **944 mm of rainfall** in just 4 days. The torrential rains:
- **Paralyzed suburban railway system**
- **Flooded numerous neighborhoods**
- **Resulted in 6 fatalities**
- **Rescued 782 passengers** from stranded Monorail trains
- The India Meteorological Department issued a red alert for extremely heavy rainfall.



Infrastructure Development

- PM Narendra Modi inaugurated **two major National Highway projects** worth approximately **₹11,000 crore** at Rohini in Delhi. The Cabinet also approved a **₹1,507 crore airport project** at Kota-Bundi in Rajasthan





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International Updates

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Ukraine-Russia Diplomatic Developments

- The White House is considering Budapest as a venue for a possible **trilateral meeting** between US President Donald Trump, Russian President Vladimir Putin, and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. Putin has reportedly promised to meet with Zelenskyy in the coming weeks.



US Immigration Crackdown

- The United States revoked **over 6,000 international student visas** for legal violations including overstays, assault, DUI, and burglary under the Trump administration's strict immigration crackdown



Gaza Ceasefire Progress

- Israel is evaluating Hamas' response to a Gaza ceasefire plan proposing a **60-day truce** and partial hostage release. Qatar and Egypt are mediating the negotiations.





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Sports updates

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India Asia Cup Squad 2025

- The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced India's 15-member squad for the **ACC Men's Asia Cup 2025**. Key highlights:
- **Suryakumar Yadav** to lead the team
- **Shubman Gill** returns as vice-captain
- **Shreyas Iyer** dropped from the squad



Tennis Championships

- **Carlos Alcaraz** won his maiden Cincinnati Open title after **Jannik Sinner** retired due to illness, trailing 0-5 in the first set.



Chess Excellence

- A historic exhibition match has been announced between **Viswanathan Anand** and **Garry Kasparov** - a 12-game match scheduled for October 7-11 at the St Louis Chess Club.
- The club will also host players like Magnus Carlsen, Hikaru Nakamura, and World Champion Gukesh Dommaraju.



Hockey Updates

- Pakistan won't travel to India for the **Hockey Asia Cup** due to security concerns, with **Bangladesh** named as **replacement**. The tournament will be held from August 29 to September 7 in Rajgir.



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Science & Technology

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Space Discoveries

- The **James Webb Space Telescope** discovered a previously unknown moon orbiting Uranus, bringing the planet's total to 29 moons. The tiny moon (about 10 km across) escaped Voyager 2's detection nearly 40 years ago.



Awards & Honors

Independence Day Military Awards 2025

President Droupadi Murmu approved **127 Gallantry awards** and **40 Distinguished Service awards** on Independence Day.

Art & Culture

Sculptor **Premchandra Pukhrambam** from Manipur's Kakching district was honored with the prestigious **Lalit Kala Akademi Award** at the 64th National Exhibition of Art 2025 for his wooden sculpture titled "Made Me Change".

The award was presented by Union Minister for Culture and Tourism
Gajendra Singh Shekhawat



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Important Appointments

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Defence Appointments

- Lt. General Pushpendra Singh became the new Vice Chief of the Indian Army in August 2025. He replaced Lieutenant General NS Raja Subramani and was commissioned in 1987 into the 4 Para (Special Forces)
- Sanjay Singhal was appointed as the new Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) in July 2025. He replaced Amrit Mohan Prasad and has previously served as Special Director General of BSF.

Important Days

World Mosquito Day - August 20

Observed annually to raise awareness about mosquito-borne diseases such as malaria, dengue, Zika, yellow fever, and chikungunya[Based on images]. The day commemorates Sir Ronald Ross's 1897 discovery that female Anopheles mosquitoes transmit malaria

World Humanitarian Day - August 19

Commemorates the 2003 bombing of the UN headquarters in Baghdad which killed 22 aid workers. It serves as a platform to promote the safety, dignity, and well-being of aid workers.



Practice questions

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Who is the opposition candidate for the 2025 Vice Presidential election of India?

a

Uma Kanjilal

b

B. Sudershan Reddy

c

C P Radhakrishnan

d

Pushpendra Singh



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