

CURRENT AFFAIRS FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2019

Awards

The country which has conferred The King Hamad Order of Renaissance award on the Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi – **Bahrain**

The Chairman of ISRO who has been awarded the APJ Abdul Kalam Award by the Tamil Nadu government – **Kailasavadivoo Sivan**

The former Indian cricketer who has been awarded the Bharat Gaurav award by East Bengal football club – **Kapil Dev**

Defence

The IAF Officer who has become the first female officer of the Indian Air Force to become the Flight Commander of a flying unit – **Wing Commander S Dhani**

The country which has formally unveiled its long range surface to air missile defence system named Bavar 373 – **Iran**

The award which has been conferred on Wg Cdr Abhinandan Varthaman for his role in aerial combat with Pakistani intruder jets – **Vir Chakra**

Sports

The team which has won the Durand Cup 2019 football tournament defeating Mohun Bagan in the finals in Kolkata – **Gokulam Kerala**

The Indian badminton player who has won the women's singles title at the 2019 BWF World Championships defeating Nozomi Okuhara of Japan in the finals at St. Jakobshalle in Basel, Switzerland – **PV Sindhu**

The former Indian cricketer who has been appointed Indian cricket team's coach for the second time in a row – **Ravi Shastri**

The team which has won the 2019 Ultimate Table Tennis League defeating Dabang Delhi in the finals in New Delhi – **Chennai Lions**

Places

The venue of G-7 Summit held from 24 to 26 August 2019 with the theme Fighting Inequality (Indian PM Shri Narendra Modi attended it as a special guest) – **Biarritz, France**

The venue of the World Youth Congress on Kindness organised by the UNESCO Mahatma Gandhi Institute of Education for Peace and Sustainable Development (MGIEP) from August 20 to 23, 2019 – **New Delhi**

The city in which Amazon.com Inc has inaugurated its single largest campus in the world – **Hyderabad**

The city chosen to be the main venue for National Handloom Day 2019 to be observed on 07 August 2019 – **Bhubaneswar**

Persons

The first woman to become the Director General of Police of a state (Uttarakhand) who passed away on 26 August 2019 – **Kanchan Chaudhary Bhattacharya**

The Hollywood actress who has been named the highest paid actress in 2019 by the Forbes magazine – **Scarlett Johansson**

The new Home Secretary appointed to succeed Shri Rajiv Gauba who has been appointed the Cabinet Secretary – **Ajay Kumar Bhalla**

The new Cabinet Secretary appointed for a period of 2 years to replace the present Cabinet Secretary Shri PK Sinha – **Rajiv Gauba**

The veteran music composer of Bollywood, known for films like Umrao Jaan, Kabhi Kabhi etc who passed away on 19 August 2019 – **Khayyam**

The former Chief Minister of Bihar (3 times) who passed away on 19 August 2019 – **Jagannath Mishra**

The popular anchor of Doordarshan, a recipient of the Nari Shakti Puraskar and well-known for her show Tejaswini, who passed away on 17 August 2019 – **Neelum Sharma**

The veteran Bollywood actress known for her role in films like Choti si Baat, Rajnigandha etc who passed away on 15 August 2019 – **Vidya Sinha**

The veteran Bollywood film producer and director known for his movies like Asha, Apnapan, Aaya Sawan Jhoom Ke, Akhir Kyon who passed away on 07 August 2019 – **J. Om Prakash**

The well-known writer of books like Beloved, Song of Solomon, The Bluest Eye etc and winner of Nobel Prize for Literature in 1993 who passed away on 05 August 2019 – **Toni Morrison**

Miscellaneous

The 15th century Hindu mystic and saint on whom world's first museum was inaugurated in Kolkata by Chief Minister Mamta Banerjee – **Shri Chaitanya Mahaprabhu**

The patriotic song sung by Javed Ali, penned by lyricist Shrivastav, composed by Dushyant and released by Doordarshan is named – **Watan**

The theme of World Biofuel Day to be observed on 10 August 2019 – **Production of Biodiesel from Used Cooking Oil**

The rank of India in the Global GDP rankings released by World Bank for 2018 – **Seventh**

The States in which One Nation One Card scheme has been launched on a pilot basis by the Union Government – **Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Gujarat and Maharashtra**

Merger of Public Sector Banks 2019

1. Punjab National Bank, United Bank of India and Oriental Bank of Commerce
2. Canara Bank and Syndicate Bank
3. Union Bank of India, Andhra Bank and Corporation Bank
4. Indian Bank and Allahabad Bank
5. Total number of public sector banks after merger - 12

New Geographical Indications Tags

PalaniPanchamirtham: An abishega Prasadam of Lord Dhandayuthapani Swamy, the presiding deity of Arulmigu Dhandayuthapaniswamy Temple, situated in palani Hills, Palani Town in Dindigul District of Tamil Nadu. It is a combination of five natural substances, namely, banana, jaggery sugar, cow ghee, honey and cardamom in a definite proportion. This is the first time a temple 'prasadam' from Tamil Nadu has been bestowed with the GI tag

Tawlhlohpuan: A medium to heavy, compactly woven, good quality fabric from Mizoram is known for warp yarns, warping, weaving & intricate designs that are made by hand.

Mizo Puanchei: A colourful Mizo shawl/textile, from Mizoram, is considered as the most colourful among the Mizo textiles. It is an essential possession for every Mizo lady and an important marriage outfit in the state.

Tirur betel vine: Mainly cultivated in Tirur, Tanur, Tirurangadi, Kuttippuram, Malappuram and Vengara block panchayaths of Malappuram District (Kerala), is valued both for its mild stimulant action and medicinal properties.

Arun Jaitley

- 28 December 1952 to 24 August 2019
- Minister of Finance and Minister of Corporate Affairs from 2014 to 2019. He was also the Minister of Defence and Minister of Information and Broadcasting for shorter durations during the period.
- He was the Minister of Information and Broadcasting under the Prime Ministership of Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee

Sushma Swaraj

- 14 February 1952 to 06 August 2019
- Minister of External Affairs from 2014 to 2019. She was the first woman to independently hold the charge. Mrs. Indira Gandhi held the charge additionally to her Prime Ministership.
- Chief Minister of Delhi from Oct to Dec 1998
- Awarded the Best Parliamentarian Award twice in 2008 and 2010.

New Governors

Shri Jagdeep Dhankar: West Bengal

Shri RN Ravi: Nagaland

Ramon Magsaysay Awards 2019

#	Person	Nationality	Award for
01.	Raymundo Pujante Cayabyab	Philippines	Nurturing the gift and unifying power of music.
02.	Jong-ki Kim	South Korea	Stemming the destructive tide of youth violence.
03.	Ravish Kumar	India	Harnessing journalism to give voice to the voiceless.
04.	Angkhana Neelapaijit	Thailand	Championing justice, case after painful case
05	Ko Swe Win	Myanmar	Building the quality and force of media's truth-telling.

Composite Water Management Index - 17-18

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Non-Himalayan States NE & Himalayan States UTs

Rank	Non-Himalayan States	NE & Himalayan States	UTs
1.	Gujarat	Himachal Pradesh	Puducherry
2.	Andhra Pradesh	Uttarakhand	Delhi
3.	Madhya Pradesh	Tripura	

Important Days of August

<p>International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples: 09 August 2019 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 1995 Theme: Indigenous Languages</p>
<p>International Youth Day: 12 August 2019 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2000 Theme: Transforming Education</p>

<p>World Elephant Day: 12 August 2019 Designated by: Patricia Sims and Elephant Reintroduction Programme of Thailand First observed: 2012</p>
<p>World Humanitarian Day: 19 August 2019 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2009 Theme: Women Humanitarians</p>
<p>International Day against Nuclear Tests: 29 August 2019 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2010</p>
<p>International Day of Victims of Enforced Disappearances: 30 August 2019 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2011</p>

Sports Awards – 2019

Rajiv Gandhi Khel Ratna Award

#	Recipient	Discipline
1.	Bajrang Punia	Wrestling
2.	Ms Deepa Malik	Para Athletics

Dronacharya Award

#	Recipient	Discipline
1.	Shri Vimal Kumar	Badminton
2.	Shri Sandeep Gupta	Table Tennis
3.	Shri Mohinder Singh Dhillon	Athletics
4.	Shri Merzban Patel	Hockey (Life time)
5.	Shri Rambir Singh Khokhar	Kabaddi (Life time)
6.	Shri Sanjay Bhardwaj	Cricket (Life time)

Arjuna Award

#	Recipient	Discipline
1.	Shri Tajinderpal Singh Toor	Athletics (Shot put)
2.	Shri Mohammed Anas Yahiya	Athletics (Track & Field)
3.	Ms. Swapna Barman	Athletics (Heptathlon)
4.	Shri Bhamidipati Sai Praneeth	Badminton
5.	Shri S. Bhaskaran	Body building
6.	Ms. Sonia Lather	Boxing
7.	Shri Ravindra Jadeja	Cricket
8.	Ms. Poonam Yadav	Cricket
9.	Shri Fouaad Mirza	Equestrian
10.	Shri Gurpreet Singh Sandhu	Football
11.	Shri Chinglensana Singh Kangujam	Hockey

12.	Shri Ajay Thakur	Kabaddi
13.	Shri Gaurav Singh Gill	Motor Sports
14.	Shri Simran Singh Shergill	Polo
15.	Ms. Anjum Moudgil	Shooting
16.	Shri Harmeet Rajul Desai	Table Tennis
17.	Ms. Pooja Dhanda	Wrestling
18.	Shri Sundar Singh Gurjar	Para-Athletics
19.	Shri Pramod Bhagat	Para-Badminton

Dhyan Chand Award

#	Recipient	Discipline
1.	Shri Manuel Fredricks	Hockey
2.	Shri Arup Basak	Table Tennis
3.	Shri Manoj Kumar	Wrestling
4.	Shri Nitten Kirrtane	Tennis
5.	Shri C. Lalremsanga	Archery

Rashtriya Khel Protsahan Puruskar

#	Category	Recipient
1.	Identification and Nurturing of Budding and Young Talent	The Gagan Narang Sports Promotion Foundation
2.	Encouragement to Sports through Corporate Social Responsibility	GoSports Foundation
3.	Sports for Development	Rayalaseema Development Trust

Tenzing Norgay National Adventure Awards 2018

#	Recipient	Discipline
1.	Ms. Aparna Kumar	Land Adventure
2.	Late Shri Dipankar Ghosh	Land Adventure
3.	Shri Manikandan K.	Land Adventure
4.	Shri Prabhat Raju Koli	Water Adventure
5.	Shri RameshwerJangra	Air Adventure
6.	Shri Wangchuk Sherpa	Life Time Achievement

66th National Film Awards 2018

#	Name of the Award	Name of the Film	Awardees
1.	Best Feature Film	Hellaro (Gujarati)	Director: Abhishek Shah
2.	Indira Gandhi Award for Best Debut Film of a Director	Naal (Marathi)	Director: Sudhakar Reddy Yakkanti
3.	Best Popular Film	Badhaai Ho (Hindi)	Director: Amit Sharma
4.	Nargis Dutt Award for Best Feature Film on National	Ondalla Eradalla (Kannada)	Director: D Satya Prakash

	Integration		
5.	Best Film on Social Issues	Padman (Hindi)	Director: R Balki
6.	Best Film on Environment Conservation/Preservation	Paani (Marathi)	Director: Addinath Kothare
7.	Best Children's Film	Sarkari Hiriya Prathamika Shale Kasargodu (Kannada)	Director: Rishab Shetty
8.	Best Hindi Film	Andhadhun	Director: Sriram Raghavan
9.	Best Direction	Uri, the Surgical Strike (Hindi)	Director: Aditya Dhar
10.	Best Actor	Ayushmann Khurrana for Andhadhun and Vicky Kaushal for Uri	
11.	Best Actress	Keerthy for Mahanati (Telugu)	
12.	Best Supporting Actor	Swanand Kirkire for Chumbak (Marathi)	
13.	Best Supporting Actress	Surekha Sikri for Badhaai Ho (Hindi)	
14.	Best Male Playback Singer	Arijit Singh for the song "Binte Dil Misriya mein" (Padmaavat)	
15.	Best Female Playback Singer	Bindhu Malini for the song "Maayavi Manave" Nathicharami (Kannada)	
16.	Best Book on Cinema	Mouna Prathanapole (Malayalam) Author: S Jayachandran Nair	
17.	Most Film Friendly State	Uttarakhand	

Books in News

Listening, Learning and Leading - Shri Venkaiah Naidu

Sridevi: Girl, Woman, Superstar - Satyarth Nayak

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