



CURRENT AFFAIRS OF AUGUST 2026

Awards

The central Asian country which has honoured the Indian Prime Minister with its highest state honour, the 'Oliy Darajali Dostlik' Order (Supreme Order of Friendship) – **Uzbekistan**

Places

The venue of the 26th summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation held from 31 August to 01 September 2026 with the theme **25 Years of the SCO: Together for Sustainable Peace, Development and Prosperity** – **Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan**

The South American country which was hit by an earthquake measuring 7.4 on 10 August 2026, causing large scale loss of life and property – **Columbia**

The place in Karnataka at which the Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the Swami Vivekananda Cultural Youth Centre - Viveka Smaraka – **Mysuru**

Defence

The third edition of the biennial bilateral air combat training drill between the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF), held from August 10 to August 14, 2026 at Subang Air Base in Malaysia was named – **Exercise Udara Shakti 2026**

The former Chief of Army Staff from 1988 to 1990 and President's Commissioned Officer to become the COAS, who passed away on 31 July 2026 – **General Vishwa Nath Sharma**

Miscellaneous

The maximum number of mobile connections a person is permitted to have as per the latest directions issued by Department of Telecommunications (except JK, Assam and North-East India where the limit is 6) – **Nine**

One of the five great lakes situated in the USA bordering Canada which has been renamed as Lake America by President Donald Trump – **Lake Ontario**

The Indian state which has declared deaths due to snake bites as a notifiable disease – **Maharashtra**

The high-altitude fresh water lake in Lohit district of Arunachal Pradesh which has been designated as India's 101st Ramsar site (and also the first in Arunachal Pradesh) – **Glaw Lake**

XXIII Commonwealth Games 2026

Venue: **Glasgow** (Scotland)

Motto: **Sports is just the beginning**

Dates: From 23 July 2026 to 02 August 2026

Opening and Closing Ceremonies: **OVO Hydro indoor sports arena**

Teams: 74

Mascot: **Finnie** (Female Unicorn of Scottish nationality)

Indian Flag bearer at the opening ceremony: **Mirabai Chanu** (Weightlifter)

Indian Baton bearer at the opening ceremony: **Lovlina Borgohain** (Boxer)

Indian Flag bearer at the closing ceremony: **Jaismine Lamboria** (Boxer)

Medals Tally

#	Country	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1.	Australia	70	45	56	171
2.	England	29	45	36	110
3.	Canada	19	21	23	63
4.	India	13	17	9	39
5.	Scotland	13	9	17	39

India won 7 gold in boxing, 3 golds in athletics and 2 in judo (India had won 61 medals in 2022 Commonwealth Games.)

Neeraj Chopra won silver and Yash Vir Singh claimed bronze in the men's javelin throw.

Next Games: Amdavad (India) in 2030

Important Days of August 2026

International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples: 09 August 2026 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 1995 Theme: Honouring Indigenous Midwives: Safeguarding Life and Well-being
International Youth Day: 12 August 2026 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2000 Theme: Different Contexts, Common Aspirations
World Elephant Day: 12 August 2026 Designated by: Patricia Sims and Elephant Reintroduction Programme of Thailand First observed: 2012
World Humanitarian Day: 19 August 2026 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2009
International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism: 21 August 2026 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2018 Theme: Healing through Memory
International Day against Nuclear Tests: 29 August 2026 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2010
International Day of Victims of Enforced Disappearances: 30 August 2026 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2011 Theme: Victims first. Actions now

FIH Hockey World Cup 2026

Venue: Belgium and Netherlands

Cities: Wavre and Amsterdam

Dates: From 15 to 30 September 2026

Teams: 16

Champions: Germany (4th title)

Runner-up: Spain

India was placed seventh in the tournament.