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Current Affairs Related to 4 August 2026

- ◆ **Nepal Rastra Bank has permitted citizens of India and Nepal to carry Indian currency notes** of 200 and 500 denominations while crossing the India-Nepal border. This exemption applies only to notes issued on or after November 9, 2016. This arrangement is considered significant for individuals involved in cross-border movement, tourism, and trade. Under the new system, only 200 and 500 Indian notes will be accepted, provided they were issued after November 9, 2016. Old Indian notes of 500 and 1,000 denominations issued prior to November 9, 2016, remain banned in Nepal.
- ◆ **An AI-powered 'Holobox' installation featuring former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee** was inaugurated at the Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya (Prime Ministers' Museum) in New Delhi. This presentation showcases his life, public role, and political legacy in an interactive digital format, allowing visitors to ask questions and receive research-based answers. The Holobox presents factual information about Vajpayee through a highly realistic 3D avatar. Responses are generated based on historical research and authentic writings, enabling viewers to engage in an informative dialogue rather than just having a visual experience.
- ◆ **INSAT-3DR continues to play a pivotal role in India's weather forecasting, cyclone monitoring, and disaster management systems.** Launched on September 8, 2016, aboard the GSLV-F05 rocket, this Indian meteorological satellite operates in geostationary orbit and provides real-time weather data for India and surrounding regions. INSAT-3DR is part of the Indian Space Research Organisation's (ISRO) INSAT series, developed to cater to multi-purpose needs such as communication, broadcasting, meteorology, and search-and-rescue operations.
- ◆ **Three Great Indian Bustard chicks have been released into a specially designed rewilding tunnel** at the Godawan Conservation Centre in Ramdevra, Jaisalmer district, Rajasthan. Identified as T9, T10, and T11, the group consists of two males and one female. This move is considered a significant step beyond captive breeding, aiming to return these rare birds to their natural habitat.
- ◆ **India has approved the production and use of anhydrous ammonia in agriculture for a period of three years.** This decision is significant regarding the availability of nitrogen-based fertilizers, import dependency, and strategies for alternative fertilizers. Anhydrous ammonia contains 82% nitrogen and can be used directly as a nitrogen source. It is a gaseous fertilizer stored under pressure and injected beneath the soil surface.
- ◆ **A new freshwater shrimp species, Caridina sharma, has been identified in the Gomti River** in Uttar Pradesh. The discovery was made in the upper reaches of the river near Lucknow. Finding this species has provided new insights into the aquatic biodiversity of the Gomti basin and offered a fresh basis for studying the river's ecology. Caridina sharma belongs to the Atyidae family of freshwater shrimp; this species of the Caridina genus was observed in groups within the river's upper reaches.
- ◆ **NASA has proposed a mission concept named 'PRAXIS' to directly study planetary rings.** The project focuses on collecting actual particles from Saturn's rings to analyze their composition, size, and structure. Planetary rings are formations made of dust, ice, and rocky particles that encircle planets, typically found within or near their Roche limit. The objective of the mission is to collect millimeter-to-centimeter-sized particles from Saturn's rings without direct physical impact. Since these particles range in size between dust grains and pebbles, studying them can help in understanding the true composition and structure of the rings.
- ◆ **Gujarat has launched a dedicated e-Zero FIR service to facilitate prompt complaint filing and police action** regarding cases of cyber-financial fraud. Under this system, introduced in Gandhinagar, victims can now register complaints via the National Cybercrime Helpline (1930) from the comfort of their homes; the complaint is then automatically generated and transmitted to the relevant police station. The primary benefit of this new system is the reduction of the time lag between the occurrence of the cyber fraud and its official reporting. In many instances, delays result in the defrauded funds being transferred further, making recovery difficult.



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National & International Current Affairs

1. In which state will the 57th International Film Festival of India be organized in 2026?

- (A) Chennai (B) Bengaluru
(C) Goa (D) Kolkata

(C) The 57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) will be held in Goa from November 20 to 28, 2026. Renowned filmmaker Ashutosh Gowariker has been appointed as the Festival Director for this prestigious event. Applications have been invited by the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC).



2. Which district of Uttar Pradesh has recently been selected for the construction of India's first dedicated glass museum?

- (A) Moradabad (B) Firozabad
(C) Saharanpur (D) Aligarh

(B) India's first dedicated glass museum is being built in Firozabad, Uttar Pradesh, which is known as the 'Glass City of India'. This project is being developed by the Uttar Pradesh Tourism Department near Vikas Bhawan at a cost of approximately 47.47 crore. The three-story museum will be constructed over an area exceeding 25,700 square meters.



3. In which state will AI-based weather stations provide accurate local weather data for farming?

- (A) Kerala (B) Meghalaya
(C) Odisha (D) Karnataka

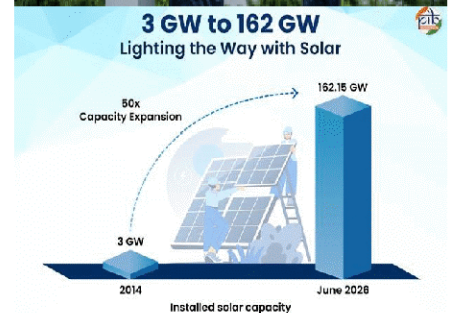
(A) Kerala has begun implementing ANNAM.AI's smart weather stations as part of its 100-day action plan to strengthen climate-smart agriculture. These stations use artificial intelligence to provide highly localized weather and agricultural data at the farm level, enabling farmers to make more accurate decisions regarding crop management.



4. Which country has recently emerged as the world's second-largest supplier of seafarers?

- (A) China (B) Israel
(C) India (D) Japan

(C) India has achieved a major milestone in the maritime employment sector by becoming the world's second-largest supplier of seafarers. Indian maritime professionals accounted for 12.16% of the global seafaring workforce. According to the BIMCO/ICS Seafarer Workforce Report 2026, India now ranks second, following the Philippines.



5. Which state recently approved new special courts for NDPS and SC/ST cases?

- (A) Bihar (B) Maharashtra
(C) Chhattisgarh (D) Madhya Pradesh

(B) The Maharashtra Cabinet approved new courts to expedite the hearing of cases related to narcotics and cases pending under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act. In a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis, approval was granted for a special court under the NDPS Act for Pune, special courts under the SC/ST Act in five districts, and additional courts in Karjat and Kurduwadi.





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6. Under which program has the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change launched the 'Eco-friendly Holi' campaign?
(A) National Afforestation Programme
(B) Environmental Education Programme
(C) Swachh Bharat Abhiyan (D) None of the above
(B) The Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change has launched the 'Eco-friendly Holi' campaign in Eco-Clubs under the Environmental Education Programme. This campaign promotes safe and sustainable Holi celebrations in line with Mission LiFE. Students are being taught to prepare natural colors using leafy vegetables, beetroot, turmeric, and Palash flowers.
7. In which country is the ALMA radio telescope observatory located?
(A) Chile (B) Russia
(C) China (D) India
(A) Astronomers obtained an image of the galactic center and detected a complex network of cosmic gas filaments using the Atacama Large Millimeter/submillimeter Array (ALMA). ALMA is located in the Atacama Desert of northern Chile and studies astronomical objects at millimeter and sub-millimeter wavelengths; it has been fully operational since 2013.
8. In which desert was a new carnivorous dinosaur named *Spinosaurus mirabilis* discovered?
(A) Gobi Desert (B) Atacama Desert
(C) Kalahari Desert (D) Sahara Desert
(D) A new carnivorous dinosaur named *Spinosaurus mirabilis* was discovered in the Sahara Desert. Its fossils were found in the Zanguéb region of Niger, located in the central Sahara. It lived approximately 95 million years ago in an inland region characterized by rivers and forests. This is the second known species of *Spinosaurus*; the first species, *Spinosaurus aegyptiacus*, was discovered in Egypt in 1915.
9. Which ministry administers the Craftsman Training Scheme?
(A) Ministry of Rural Development
(B) Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship
(C) Ministry of Culture (D) Ministry of Science and Technology
(B) The Craftsman Training Scheme is administered by the Directorate General of Training under the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. This scheme provides training in 169 trades through 14,688 ITIs and 32 NSTIs. In the year 2025-26, 14.70 lakh trainees are enrolled.
10. Which government body has developed and implemented the Public Financial Management System?
(A) Auditor General (B) Reserve Bank of India
(C) Controller General of Accounts (D) NITI Aayog
(C) The Public Financial Management System is a web-based online platform designed for fund management and e-payments. It has been developed and is operated by the Controller General of Accounts, Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance. Functioning as a centralized transaction system, it provides efficient payment and accounting services to agencies and beneficiaries.

