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Current Affairs Related to 7 August 2026

- ◆ **Amid rising retail and mill-gate sugar prices across the country, the Central Government has imposed** stockholding limits on sugar traders nationwide, effective from August 1 to November 30, 2026. This move aims to maintain sugar availability, curb hoarding, and control speculative trading. Under the new order, no sugar dealer may hold more than 4,000 quintals (400 tonnes) of sugar at any given time. Furthermore, any consignment received cannot be kept in stock for more than 30 days.
- ◆ **The Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) Development Bill, 2026,** was introduced in the Rajya Sabha with the aim of ensuring timely payments to MSMEs and expediting dispute resolution. The Bill proposes amendments to the existing 2026 legislation and includes provisions addressing delayed payments, arbitration, digital registration, and revised penalty structures for certain offenses. A key aspect of the Bill is mandating that Central Public Sector Undertakings (CPSUs) settle MSME bills through the RBI-authorized Trade Receivables Discounting System (TReDS) platform.
- ◆ **Security agencies have achieved a major breakthrough with the arrest of Misir Besra, a senior member of the banned CPI (Maoist), in the Maniyadih area along the Dhanbad-Giridih border in Jharkhand.** Besra, who had been absconding for nearly two decades, was considered the last active Politburo and Central Committee member of the organization. Substantial rewards had been announced for his capture across several states, including Jharkhand and Odisha. Misir Besra was among the veteran figures of the Maoist organization who joined the movement in the mid-1980s and played a pivotal role in strengthening its organizational and armed infrastructure in the Jharkhand region.
- ◆ **The Central Government has further tightened the rules regarding the allocation and usage of government vehicles.** The Department of Expenditure under the Ministry of Finance has issued a directive to all central ministries and departments, clarifying that an officer entitled to one staff car will not be allotted a second government vehicle on the grounds of holding additional charge. This measure aims to ensure better utilization of the government vehicle fleet and curb unauthorized usage.
- ◆ **The Kerala Cabinet has approved five major administrative reforms to make governance more transparent, efficient, and accountable.** These reforms aim to improve the management of government assets, ensure precise project monitoring, maintain consolidated institutional records, review outdated laws, and simplify procedures. The government believes this will help minimize revenue losses caused by project delays. A key component of the reform package is a digital platform named 'e-Asset', which will create a centralized record of state government assets.
- ◆ **Iran is expected to receive its first consignment of Chinese-made shoulder-fired air defense missile launchers in the coming weeks.** Reports indicate the deal involves 300 to 400 Man-Portable Air-Defense Systems (MANPADS), reportedly including QW-12 and QW-16 missiles, with an estimated value of \$60–70 million. MANPADS are compact, portable surface-to-air missile systems that can be easily operated by a single soldier or a small team; they are primarily used against low-altitude aerial targets such as aircraft, helicopters, and drones.
- ◆ **The tiger population in Rajasthan has risen to 149.** This figure, recorded across the state's five tiger reserves, marks an increase from the previous count of 135. Currently, Rajasthan is home to the Ranthambore, Sariska, Mukundara Hills, Ramgarh Vishdhari, and Dholpur-Karauli tiger reserves. Among these, Ranthambore remains the state's largest tiger habitat; 72 tigers were recorded there in 2026, up from 66 in 2025. Sariska also saw an increase, with the tiger population rising from 50 to 56. This growth reflects the presence of not only adult tigers but also cubs.
- ◆ **Russia's Federal Security Service has accused Telegram founder and owner Pavel Durov of aiding terrorist activities.** This action has been taken under Article 205.1, Part 1.1 of the Russian Criminal Code. The agency has also placed Durov on an international wanted list, making this case a new example of the escalating tension between digital platforms, content control, and state security.



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National & International Current Affairs

1. When is National Handloom Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 6 August (B) 7 August
(C) 8 August (D) 9 August

(B) The observance of National Handloom Day, dedicated to weavers, began in 2015. On this occasion, various programs are organized across the country to promote Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) in the handloom sector. The Swadeshi Movement, aimed at promoting the handloom industry and boycotting foreign goods, was launched on August 7, 1905.



2. Which bank has recently become the first Southeast Asian bank to win the title of 'World's Best Corporate Bank' at the Global Finance Awards 2026?

- (A) ICBC (B) JPMorgan Chase
(C) DBS Bank (D) None of these

(C) Recently, Singapore-based DBS Bank became the first bank from Southeast Asia to win the 'World's Best Corporate Bank' award at the Global Finance 2026 Global Bank Awards. This category was introduced in 2005. The bank also secured the title of 'Best Bank' in Asia and Singapore. It is known for its artificial intelligence and digital services.



3. In which city will India's first telecom manufacturing zone be established?

- (A) Gwalior (B) Mumbai
(C) Bhopal (D) Kolkata

(A) India's first telecom manufacturing zone is being established in the city of Gwalior, Madhya Pradesh, under an agreement signed on July 30, 2026. It will be developed over an area of approximately 350 acres, with an estimated investment of up to 3,500 crore and an initial infrastructure cost ranging from 493 crore to 7596 crore.



4. Where did Army Chief General Dheeraj Seth recently launch the indigenously developed 'Extreme Weather Grade-XWG' diesel?

- (A) Ladakh (B) New Delhi
(C) Hyderabad (D) None of these

(B) Recently, Army Chief General Dheeraj Seth launched the indigenously developed 'Extreme Weather Grade' diesel in New Delhi. Jointly developed by the Indian Army and oil marketing companies, this special fuel will enhance the mobility, safety, and operational capability of combat and logistics vehicles in extreme climatic conditions.



5. Which institute's battery research has recently given new momentum to energy storage?

- (A) IIT Roorkee (B) IIT Kanpur
(C) IIT Delhi (D) IIT Madras

(A) Recently, IIT Roorkee has given new momentum to energy storage research through its work on solid-state battery technology, lithium-ion battery transfer, and sustainable energy systems. The institute's recent progress is considered significant at a time when the world is seeking faster, safer, and more sustainable batteries.





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6. Which state/union territory has recently launched the 'Lakhpati Bitiya' scheme for the welfare of girls?
(A) Uttarakhand (B) Gujarat
(C) Ladakh (D) Delhi
(D) The Delhi government has launched the 'Lakhpati Bitiya' scheme for girls. This scheme provides assistance to daughters from birth through graduation. A total amount of 56,000 will be disbursed in installments. Upon completion of their education, this amount will exceed 1 lakh. The scheme links social security with educational incentives.
7. What is the name of the scheme implemented by the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) to promote young cooperative entrepreneurs?
(A) Sahakar Mitra Scheme (B) Stand Up Cooperative Scheme
(C) Yuva Sahakar Scheme (D) Cooperative Startup Scheme
(C) The 'Yuva Sahakar-Cooperative Enterprise Support and Innovation Scheme' is run by the NCDC under the 'Startup India' and 'Stand Up India' initiatives. This scheme encourages newly formed cooperative societies as well as those that have been active for more than three months. The NCDC provides easy term loans with a 2% interest subvention.
8. Which Manipuri film received the honor for Best Children's and Family Film at the 79th BAFTA Awards in 2026?
(A) Laman Ama (B) Bong
(C) Khoidauwa (D) Ishani
(B) The Manipuri film 'Bong', produced by Farhan Akhtar's Excel Entertainment, won the award for Best Children's and Family Film at the 79th BAFTA Awards 2026 held in London. The film marked the directorial debut of Lakshmi Priya Devi, who made an emotional appeal for peace during her acceptance speech.
9. Which ministry launched the 30 kW Wide Band Gap-based integrated drive system?
(A) Ministry of Heavy Industries
(B) Ministry of Road Transport and Highways
(C) Ministry of Power
(D) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
(D) The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology launched an indigenously developed 30 kW Wide Band Gap-based integrated drive system for electric vehicles in Chennai. It was developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (C-DAC), Thiruvananthapuram, in collaboration with the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras and Lucas TVS, under the National Mission on Power Electronics Technology.
10. The Gajapati Empire was a medieval Hindu dynasty; from which state of present-day India did it originate?
(A) Odisha (B) Kerala
(C) Bihar (D) Maharashtra
(A) A medieval Telugu inscription related to the Gajapati Empire has been discovered at the Lakshmi Narasimha Swamy Temple. The Gajapati Empire was a medieval Hindu dynasty of Odisha that ruled from approximately 1434 to 1541. It was founded by the Suryavanshi ruler Kapilendra Deva following the death of Bhanudeva IV, a ruler of the Eastern Ganga dynasty.

