

1. Supreme Court Orders High-Powered Inquiry Committee on NEET-UG Protests

- Composition:
 - Chairman: Retired Supreme Court Judge Justice R. Subhash Reddy.
 - Member: Ravi Shanker Jha — Former Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court.
 - Member: Rishi Kumar Shukla — Former Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Director.
 - Member: L.R. Bishnoi — Former Director General of Police (DGP) of Meghalaya.
 - Member: Justice (Retd.) Shalinder Kaur — former Delhi High Court judge

2. 31st Southern Zonal Council Meeting Held in Tamil Nadu

3. Andhra Pradesh Appoints New Lokayukta — Justice T. Mallikarjuna Rao

- Lokpal and Lokayukta are statutory anti-corruption ombudsman bodies.
- Central Level: the Lokpal was established under the Act of 2013, currently chaired by Justice Ajay Manikrao Khanwilkar (A.M. Khanwilkar).
- State Level: the Lokayukta serves as an advisory body investigating corruption allegations against Chief Ministers, Ministers, MLAs and administrative officials.
- Maharashtra was the first state in India to establish a Lokayukta in 1971.

4. Enforcement Directorate Director Rahul Navin Gets One-Year Extension

5. Obituary: Former Congress MP Sajjan Kumar Passes Away

- Sajjan Kumar was a former Congress leader and 3-time Lok Sabha MP from Outer Delhi

6. RBI Central Board Restructuring, New Directors and Subsidiary Profile

- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Central Board consists of up to 21 members:
 - 5 official members — the Governor and 4 Deputy Governors.
 - 16 non-official members — 4 local board directors, 2 Ministry of Finance officials, and 10 Government of India nominees.

7. Currency in Circulation Data

- the Jakarta Cash Management Conference, hosted by the Bank of Indonesia in Jakarta.
- India was represented by Deputy Governor S.C. Murmu
 - India currently has 17,600 crore physical currency notes in circulation.
 - Volume-wise: India has the highest volume of physical notes in the world, followed by the US Dollar (5,600 crore notes) and the Euro (3,000 crore notes).
 - Value-wise: US Dollar ranks 1st, Euro 2nd, and the Indian Rupee 3rd.
- UPI share is around **84% of digital-payment volume**

8. SBI Caps Free Cash Withdrawals on Zero-Balance BSBDA and PMJDY Accounts

- The change applies to zero-balance Basic Savings Bank Deposit Accounts (BSBDA) and Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY) accounts.
- Effective 1 October 2026, the State Bank of India (SBI) is limiting cash withdrawals on these accounts.
- The Limits: holders get only 4 free cash withdrawals per month; from the 5th withdrawal onwards, SBI will charge ₹15 + GST per transaction.

9. PhonePe and the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) signed an MoU to integrate PhonePe's enterprise data intelligence platform, "PulsePro", with the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan.

10. The NUCFDC head office will be shifted from Delhi to Maharashtra.

- The National Urban Cooperative Finance and Development Corporation (NUCFDC) is the umbrella organisation providing common technology and training to UCBs.

11. Central Panel Constituted to Review Teesta Barrage Project

- The Teesta River originates in the Sikkim Himalayas, flows through West Bengal, and moves into Bangladesh.

12. India and Japan signed a Memorandum of Arrangement (MoA) on Maritime Security Cooperation

13. "Her Harvest 2026" Report — Invisible Work of Women in Indian Agriculture

- Publisher: Arya.ag — an agritech and fintech platform headquartered in Noida, Uttar Pradesh.
- Half of the women involved in agricultural operations do not hold official farmer status.

- The United Nations (UN) designated 2026 as the International Year of Women Farmers, International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists (IYRP)

14. Coconut Development Board (CDB) Report 2026 — India Ranks No. 1 Globally

- The Coconut Development Board (CDB) is headquartered in Kochi, Kerala, under the administrative control of the Union Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare, led by Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.
- Global Rank: India ranks No. 1 globally in coconut production.
- State Rankings within India:
 - Kerala ranks first in total land area dedicated to coconut cultivation.
 - Tamil Nadu ranks first in total coconut production volume.
 - Andhra Pradesh ranks first in productivity (yield of coconuts per hectare).

15. Chhattisgarh Becomes First Inland State to Export Tilapia Fish to the USA

- For the first time, Tilapia fish products reared in Chhattisgarh were exported to the USA on 20 August 2026.

16. Historical Firsts in achieving “Har Ghar Jal” status:

- First State — Goa
- First Union Territory — Dadra and Nagar Haveli
- First District — Burhanpur (Madhya Pradesh)

17. World Mosquito Day is observed on 20 August

- The five major mosquito-borne diseases tracked in India:
 - Dengue — spread by the Aedes mosquito.
 - Malaria — caused by the Plasmodium parasite, spread by the female Anopheles mosquito.
 - Chikungunya — spread by the Aedes mosquito.
 - Japanese Encephalitis — spread by the Culex mosquito.
 - Zika Virus — spread by the Aedes mosquito.

18. Yes Bank Launches “Yes Essence” Credit Card for Women

- Eligibility: women aged 21 to 60 with a minimum net salary of ₹30,000.
- Benefits: offers spending rewards focused on health and wellness.

19. Midhani Becomes First Indian Company to Get GE Aerospace S400 Lab Approval

- Mishra Dhatu Nigam Limited (Midhani) is a Miniratna Category-I Schedule B PSU, founded in 1973 in Hyderabad, Telangana.

20. Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir (Senior Leader of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party — BNP) took office as the 23rd President of Bangladesh

- Tarique Rahman of the BNP took office as the 11th Prime Minister of Bangladesh.

21. Bangladesh’s Khalilur Rahman Elected 81st President of UN General Assembly

- He is only the second leader from Bangladesh to ever hold this position, following Humayun Rashid Choudhury.

22. former Hungarian Chief Justice Andras Baka was elected as the new President of Hungary

- Hungary Profile: Prime Minister — Peter Magyar; Capital — Budapest

23. Hakainde Hichilema was reelected as the President of Zambia for a second term

24. The ICC(International Criminal Court) rejected unilateral US sanctions imposed on:

- ICC President Tomoko Akane of Japan.
- Senior Trial Lawyer Abdoulaye Seye of Senegal.
- The ICC has 125 member countries

25. Shivpal Singh 10-Year Doping Ban: prominent Indian javelin thrower Shivpal Singh was handed a 10-year ban by NADA Disciplinary Panel

26. 35th Manipuri Language Day (20 August)