

1. International Day Commemorating the Victims of Acts of Violence Based on Religion or Belief: 22 August

2. India–Brazil Sign Telecommunications and ICT Agreement

- Union Minister of Communications Jyotiraditya M. Scindia
- Brazil Statistics: the capital is Brasilia (not Rio de Janeiro); Currency — Brazilian Real (BRL).

3. Hakainde Hichilema Re-elected as President of Zambia

- Zambia Facts: the capital is Lusaka.

4. Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced the Union Cabinet's decision to establish a dedicated bench of the High Court of J&K in Ladakh.

5. The Central Government approved the duty-free import of up to 10 lakh metric tonnes (MT) of raw sugar until 31 October 2026.

- India is the second-largest sugar producer in the world; Brazil holds the 1st position.

6. Most Livable City Report :

- Global Winner: Copenhagen, Denmark.
- Indian Cities: New Delhi scored the highest in India at 120th globally, followed by Mumbai (121st), Chennai (123rd) and Bengaluru (127th).

7. The government appointed former ISRO Chairman S. Somanath and reappointed Mahindra Group Chairman Anand Mahindra as Part-Time Non-Official Directors on RBI's Central Board.

8. Swami Ramanand Teerth Marathwada University (SRTMU), Nanded, Maharashtra was granted Patent for Nano Drug Delivery Technology for nanostructured delivery system for poorly water-soluble anti-tubercular medicines

- India's Global Intellectual Property (IP) Rankings & Performance:
 - Global Innovation Index (2025): India ranks 38th out of 139 nations — index published by the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO).
 - International IP Index: India ranks 43rd out of 55 countries — index published by the US Chamber of Commerce.
 - Global Patent Filing: India ranks 6th in volume worldwide.
 - Industrial Designs: India ranks 7th.
 - Global Trademark Filing: India ranks 4th.

9. Heptathlete Swapna Barman Provisionally Suspended for Doping

- Swapna Barman was India's first-ever heptathlon gold medallist, winning gold at the 2018 Jakarta Asian Games.

10. Record Prize Money Announced for the 2026 US Open

- The 2026 US Open announced a record total prize purse of \$108 million. (It's a 20% rise on 2025's record \$90 million)
- Breakdown: both the men's and women's singles champions will secure \$5.5 million each — a 10% increase from last year.

11. Odia Poet Ashutosh Parida Wins Sarla Puraskar 2026

- Selected Work: his poetry collection "Bishwas De Pruthwi" (Trust the Earth).
- Prize Details: the award consists of a citation, a copper plaque, and a cash prize of ₹7 lakh.
- The Sarla Puraskar is given annually by the **Indian** Metals Public Charitable Trust (IMPACT).