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*A consolidated roundup of the UPSC-relevant developments of **August 26 to 29, 2026**, covering the observances of August 29, international relations, defence, science and technology, environment, economy and persons in news. Eight of the day's stories are treated at length in the separate deep-dive articles in this edition; this roundup covers everything else.*

THE OBSERVANCES OF AUGUST 29

Three fall on the same date, and all three are examinable.

International Day against Nuclear Tests

Declared by the **United Nations General Assembly in December 2009** through **Resolution 64/35**, on a proposal by **Kazakhstan**. The date commemorates two events at the same site: the **first Soviet nuclear test at Semipalatinsk in 1949**, and the **closure of the Semipalatinsk test site in 1991**.

The India-specific content is what matters for the exam. The **Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty (CTBT), 1996**, has **still not entered into force**, because entry requires ratification by all **44 Annex 2 states**. **India is not a signatory**, alongside Pakistan and North Korea. India conducted **Pokhran-I, codenamed Smiling Buddha, on 18 May 1974**, and **Pokhran-II, Operation Shakti, on 11 and 13 May 1998**. India maintains a **voluntary unilateral moratorium on further testing**, a declared **No First Use** doctrine, and a posture of **credible minimum deterrence**. India is also not a party to the **Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty (NPT), 1968**, which it regards as discriminatory. Related instruments: the **Partial Test Ban Treaty of 1963**, the **CTBTO Preparatory Commission** at Vienna, and its **International Monitoring System**.

Telugu Language Day

Observed in **Andhra Pradesh and Telangana** on the birth anniversary of **Gidugu Venkata Ramamurthy**, born **29 August 1863** at Parvatalapeta in **Srikakulam**. A linguist and social reformer, he led the movement for **Vyavaharika Bhasha**, the spoken everyday register, against **Grandhika Bhasha**,

the scholastic and heavily Sanskritised written form, so that Telugu could function as a medium of teaching, writing and examination for ordinary people.

Constitutional and cultural hooks: Telugu was declared a Classical Language of India in 2008, along with Kannada. The **Eighth Schedule** currently lists **22 languages**. **Article 29** protects the interests of minorities including language and script; **Article 350A** provides for mother-tongue instruction at the primary stage; **Article 351** directs the development of Hindi. The Grandhika versus Vyavaharika contest is a strong Mains example of **language as an instrument of social democratisation**, parallel to Bharatendu Harishchandra's work in Hindi and the *chalit bhasha* shift in Bengali.

National Sports Day

Covered in full in the separate article in this edition.

INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

India to host the 18th BRICS Summit at New Delhi on 12 and 13 September 2026. Announced by the Ministry of External Affairs on **27 August**. The venue is **Bharat Mandapam**, and the theme is **“Building for Resilience, Innovation, Cooperation and Sustainability”**. This caps India's **fourth BRICS chairship**, which **began in January 2026**, during which over **350 meetings** were held across **25 Indian cities**. **Note carefully: the summit is announced, not held**. Current members are **Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa, Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, the UAE and Indonesia**, Indonesia having joined in January 2025. India's earlier chairships were **2012 (New Delhi), 2016 (Goa) and 2021 (virtual)**. The first BRICS summit was at **Yekaterinburg in 2009**; the **New Development Bank** was established at the **Fortaleza summit of 2014** and is headquartered at **Shanghai**, as was the **Contingent Reserve Arrangement**.

China removes Galwan-era Western Theatre commander. On **26 August**, **General Zhao Zongqi**, who commanded the **PLA Western Theatre Command from 2016 to December 2020**, the command responsible for the **Doklam standoff of 2017** and the **Galwan clash of June 2020**, was stripped of membership of the Standing Committee of the **14th Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC)** and of Communist Party membership. **Chinese state media reported the removal without stating a reason**, and no formal investigation was confirmed, so corruption should not be asserted as established fact. **The CPPCC is an advisory body; China's legislature is the National People's Congress**. The PLA has **five theatre commands**; the Western Theatre Command faces India along the LAC.

United States announces a deal for majority control of Venezuelan oil. Announced **28 August**, covering the development of **17 fields** with a claimed proven potential of **65 billion barrels, 100-year development rights**, and about **55 per cent of effective output** to the United States. **Independent analysts dispute how much of this is recoverable**, so the figure should be presented as claimed potential rather than deliverable output. Venezuela holds the **world's largest proven oil reserves**, around

303 billion barrels, concentrated in the **Orinoco Belt** as extra-heavy crude requiring upgrading, which is why headline reserves have never translated into output. Venezuela is a **founding member of OPEC (1960)**.

*The background matters here. Several aggregators still describe **Nicolás Maduro** as **President of Venezuela**. He is not. The **background**, briefly: **Maduro** was taken into United States custody on **3 January 2026**, and **Delcy Rodríguez** was sworn in as acting President on **5 January 2026**, the first woman to exercise the Venezuelan presidency. Do not reproduce the stale claim. Note the standing dispute: **Maduro and Rodríguez** both maintain that he remains the legal officeholder while she discharges the functions of the presidency. Write **acting President**, not **President**.*

United States renames Lake Ontario “Lake America” by executive order. The order, *Honoring the American History of the Great Lakes and Renaming Lake Ontario as Lake America*, was signed **27 August**, directing the **US Board on Geographic Names** and the **Geographic Names Information System**, maintained by the **USGS**, to effect the change within 30 days. Canada rejected the order. **Lake Ontario is the easternmost and smallest by surface area of the five Great Lakes; Lake Michigan is the only one lying wholly within the United States** (mnemonic: **HOMES**). The Great Lakes are governed by the **Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909** and the **International Joint Commission**, and a unilateral renaming sits outside that architecture. It follows US tariffs of **50 per cent on about 20 billion dollars of Canadian imports from 22 August 2026** and Canadian retaliation. Useful as a GS2 case study on the limits of unilateral action over shared natural resources, alongside the Sea of Japan and Persian Gulf naming disputes and the role of **UNGEGN**.

Inaugural India-Kuwait Joint Defence Committee. Held at **New Delhi on 28 August**, operationalising the **Memorandum of Understanding on Defence Cooperation** signed during the **Prime Minister’s visit to Kuwait in December 2024**, the first by an Indian Prime Minister in **43 years**, during which relations were elevated to a **Strategic Partnership**. Agreed cooperation heads: training, military exercises, **military medicine**, staff talks, defence industry and research and development.

Taiwan’s legislature passes a drone and defence autonomy act. Passed **27 August** by **60 votes to 50** in the **113-seat Legislative Yuan**, backed by the opposition **Kuomintang** and **Taiwan People’s Party** against the governing party’s own proposal, which was rejected. Spending cap **NT\$240 billion**, roughly **7.56 billion US dollars**, over **six years** with annual allocations of up to NT\$40 billion subject to yearly legislative review. The act ties support to **domestic-content quotas and supply-chain security requirements aimed at reducing reliance on Chinese-sourced components**; the precise enforcement mechanism in the enacted text is not yet on the public record. Relevant to India on three counts: supply-chain de-risking in drone manufacturing, the **asymmetric or porcupine deterrence** doctrine of massed cheap unmanned systems, and the trade-off between annual legislative review and multi-year defence programme certainty.

India to be represented at the NAM 65th anniversary commemorative meeting at Belgrade. Announced **29 August**. The meeting itself runs from **31 August to 1 September** and has not taken place. It marks 65 years since the **first NAM summit at Belgrade in 1961**.

India and Seychelles hold a high-level meeting on the blue economy on **25 August** at New Delhi, led by Fisheries Secretary **Abhilaksh Likhi** with Seychelles Minister **Wallace Cosgrow**, covering fisheries and aquaculture, fitting India's **SAGAR** and Indian Ocean Region outreach.

DEFENCE

India and the United States conclude a Javelin anti-tank missile package. Announced on **28 August** by the **US Ambassador to India, Sergio Gor**, routed through the **Foreign Military Sales (FMS)** channel administered by the **Defense Security Cooperation Agency**, using a **Letter of Offer and Acceptance**. The package covers **FGM-148 Javelin** missiles and **25 Lightweight Command Launch Units**, with quoted values of about **45.7 million dollars** for the Javelin package, alongside a separate tranche covering **216 Excalibur** precision artillery rounds. The **Javelin** is a **man-portable, fire-and-forget, top-attack** anti-tank guided missile produced by the **Javelin Joint Venture** of **RTX (formerly Raytheon)** and **Lockheed Martin**. **Bharat Dynamics Limited** signed an agreement with the Javelin Joint Venture in **February 2025** on possible co-production.

*Sources differ on whether **28 August** was the date of **signature** or of **announcement**. Where the distinction matters, write “announced on 28 August”. The India-US foundational agreements to cite are **LEMOA (2016)**, **COMCASA (2018)** and **BECA (2020)**; India is a **Major Defence Partner** with **STA-1** authorisation.*

INS Samarthak delivered, the Navy's first indigenous Multi-Purpose Vessel. Delivered on **27 August**, built by **Larsen & Toubro** at **Kattupalli**, Tamil Nadu, with **over 75 per cent indigenous content**. Conceived as a **trial and evaluation platform**, and also engineered for maritime surveillance, offshore patrolling and **humanitarian assistance and disaster relief**. The name means “**The Proponent**”. Significant less for tonnage than for the fact that a **private-sector yard delivered a first-of-class naval platform**.

Defence export procedure simplified. The **Department of Defence Production** announced on **28 August** that stakeholder consultation is **dispensed with for exports of non-lethal defence items** to most destinations, with safeguards retained for sensitive countries, and **dispensed with for all items destined for international tenders and exhibitions**. India is a member of the **MTCR (2016)**, the **Wassenaar Arrangement (2017)** and the **Australia Group (2018)**, but **not** the Nuclear Suppliers Group.

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

US FDA approves daraxonrasib, the first broad RAS-targeted therapy for pancreatic cancer. Approved **26 August**. This is a landmark: **RAS was considered undruggable for four decades**. Marketed as **RASONQUE** by **Revolution Medicines**, it is a **multi-selective RAS(ON) inhibitor**, binding the active GTP-bound state of RAS, a mechanistic departure from RAS(OFF) inhibitors. Indication: adults with **metastatic pancreatic ductal adenocarcinoma** after at least one prior systemic therapy, or unfit for multi-agent therapy. **No companion diagnostic is required**. Trial **RASolute 302**, a randomised Phase 3 of about **500 patients**, recorded **median overall survival of 13.2 months against 6.7 months** on chemotherapy. Regulatory pathways used were **Real-Time Oncology Review** and **Project Orbis**, the concurrent international review programme. Price is about **39,800 dollars a month**. **KRAS is mutated in roughly 90 per cent of pancreatic cancers**. The GS2 and GS3 angle is access: a drug at this price is unreachable for almost every Indian patient, which sharpens the case for **compulsory licensing under Section 84 of the Patents Act, 1970** and **Section 3(d)** scrutiny of evergreening.

Andhra Pradesh clears India's first dedicated Quantum and AI university campus. Approved **27 August**, to be developed by **NIELIT**, a Deemed-to-be University under **MeitY**, at **Amaravati** on an **8.5-acre** site, at a cost of **Rs 730.70 crore over five years** with **100 per cent grant-in-aid from MeitY**. Programmes in **quantum computing, artificial intelligence, VLSI and semiconductor fabrication**, targeting **8,250 learners over five years**. Academic programmes begin in **September 2026** at an interim facility at **Acharya Nagarjuna University, Guntur**. Situate against the **National Quantum Mission** (approved 2023, **Rs 6,003.65 crore**, running to 2030-31), the **IndiaAI Mission** (**Rs 10,371.92 crore**) and the **Semicon India Programme** (**Rs 76,000 crore**). The binding constraint across all three is **human capital**, not capital expenditure.

Vice President launches 'Gnani Artha'. On **28 August**, Vice President **C. P. Radhakrishnan** launched a **sovereign AI stack** comprising **Evon 3.3**, a large language model, and **Plexus**, a deployment platform, developed by **GNANI AI**. **Note: this is a private-sector product launched at a constitutional office, not a government-built model**. The term "sovereign AI" can denote domestically-owned model weights, domestic compute, domestic data or merely domestic deployment, and the examinable question is which of these India actually controls.

Telecom subscriptions and an indigenous optical testbed. TRAI data for **end-July 2026**, released **28 August**: total telephone subscribers **1,354.28 million**, net addition **6.20 million** in July; overall tele-density **94.68 per cent**; urban tele-density **154.12 per cent** against rural **61.05 per cent**; broadband subscribers **1,094.48 million**. Urban density exceeds 100 per cent because of **multiple SIMs**, so it overstates individual access. Separately, the Department of Telecommunications signed a **five-year agreement with C-DOT on 27 August** to establish an **End-to-End Optical Network Test Bed** at the C-DOT campus, New Delhi. India's telecom **indigenisation** has succeeded at the radio and 4G-core layer and lagged in **optical transport**, which is a certification and validation gap rather than an invention gap. **TRAI is statutory under the TRAI Act, 1997**; the appellate body is **TDSAT**; C-DOT dates to **1984**.

IIT Madras launches ‘Phiball’. Unveiled **28 August**, on the eve of National Sports Day. A **three-team invasion sport** on a **26-metre-diameter circular court** divided into **three 120-degree sectors**, with each team attacking two baskets and defending one. **Seven registered players per team, four active; three eight-minute quarters**; baskets worth **one to three points**; teams rotate the basket they defend each quarter. Its **origin** is **OmegaBall**, the three-team football format IIT Madras introduced on **17 April 2026**. The explicit design goal is **lower space and infrastructure requirements than conventional basketball**, so that rural and government schools can adopt it, which makes it a usable example of **frugal innovation** applied to sport.

ENVIRONMENT

UNCCD COP17 concludes at Ulaanbaatar; India argues for pastoralist-led rangeland restoration. COP17 ran from **17 to 28 August 2026** at **Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia**, under the theme **“Restoring Land. Restoring Hope.”** with **197 Parties**. On **26 August**, Union Minister **Bhupender Yadav** addressed the **Ministerial Dialogue on the Restoration of Rangelands and the Well-being of Pastoralist Communities**, with the key formulation that **successful restoration begins with pastoralists as custodians, not merely beneficiaries**. India’s stated pillars were science, **secure tenure** and community stewardship, and India’s rangelands were enumerated as **Himalayan pastures, Central Indian savannas, the arid Thar, Kachhh and the Southern sholas**. The COP falls within the **UN International Year of Rangelands and Pastoralists**.

*The “Ulaanbaatar Declaration” widely associated with COP17 was adopted at the **Mayors’ Forum** from **20 to 22 August**, a sub-event, under the title **Local Leadership for Land Resilience**. It should **not** be presented as the **COP17 plenary outcome document**. The plenary close on **28 August** instead announced a **restoration and drought portfolio of about 1.3 billion dollars across 23 countries**.*

The Indian analytical angle is sharp: India’s grasslands are classified as **“wastelands”** in revenue records, which is the single largest structural driver of their diversion, so the tenure argument India made at Ulaanbaatar cuts against its own land-classification system. **UNCCD** is one of the three **Rio Conventions** with the **UNFCCC** and the **CBD**, adopted **1994**, in force **1996**, Secretariat at **Bonn**. India hosted **COP14 at New Delhi in 2019** and issued the **Delhi Declaration**; India’s **Land Degradation Neutrality** pledge is to restore **26 million hectares** of degraded land by **2030**.

ECONOMY AND GOVERNANCE

Onion and sugar price management. The government reported **calibrated release of onion buffer stock** to moderate seasonal price pressure, and stated that **ex-mill sugar prices had fallen about 20 per cent** with retail beginning to follow. Useful GS3 material on buffer stocks and price stabilisation, and directly relevant to the sugar editorial in this edition.

Per Drop More Crop. A backgrounder issued **29 August** records **115 lakh hectares** under micro-irrigation as of **July 2026**, with **Rs 8,123.24 crore** in central assistance over three years, at **55 per cent** assistance for small and marginal farmers and **45 per cent** for others, capped at **5 hectares** per beneficiary with repeat assistance after **seven years**. Context: over **80 per cent** of India's water goes to irrigation, and only about **half** the net sown area is irrigated.

Compressed biogas pricing under GOBARDhan. A clarification issued **29 August** sets the CBG price at **Rs 2,110 per MMBtu**, against the earlier linkage to **85 per cent of CNG retail**, approximately Rs 1,478 per MMBtu, with affordability support of **Rs 10 per kg**, about Rs 215 per MMBtu, giving an effective **Rs 1,895 per MMBtu**. This implements the **GOBARDhan National Unified CBG Scheme**, whose inception was the Cabinet approval of **6 August 2026**, with an outlay of **Rs 23,731 crore**.

PRIP scheme second call. The **Promotion of Research and Innovation in Pharma and MedTech** scheme, with an outlay of **Rs 5,000 crore** under the Department of Pharmaceuticals, opened a second call on **28 August**, supporting early-stage projects from **TRL 1 to 3** up to **Rs 5 crore** per project.

Malaria elimination review. A high-level review on **28 August** recorded that malaria cases and deaths **declined by nearly 80 per cent between 2015 and 2025**, that **high-burden districts fell from 155 to 33**, and that **160 districts reported zero indigenous malaria cases during 2022 to 2025**. Target: **elimination by 2030**. The nodal body is the **National Centre for Vector Borne Diseases Control (NCVBDC)**. **WHO certifies a country malaria-free after three consecutive years of zero indigenous cases**, so imported cases still count against certification.

PM SVANidhi completes one year since restructuring, with expanded credit and digital inclusion for street vendors, reported **27 August**.

NHRC takes suo motu cognizance on **28 August** of reported deaths of **at least 60 newborns in the first three weeks of August 2026** at **Malda Medical College**, West Bengal, and of the non-serving of mid-day meals to Classes VI to VIII at a government school in **Ballia**, Uttar Pradesh. The **NHRC is a statutory body under the Protection of Human Rights Act, 1993**.

Higher judiciary appointments were notified for the **Calcutta High Court** and the **Himachal Pradesh High Court** on **28 and 27 August** respectively, under the **Article 217** route through the collegium system.

PERSONS IN NEWS

King Harald V of Norway died on 28 August 2026, aged **89**, at Oslo University Hospital, having been hospitalised since 17 August. **Europe's oldest reigning monarch**, he acceded on **17 January 1991** on the death of his father **Olav V** and reigned **35 years**. He was immediately succeeded by his son as **King Haakon VIII**. Norway is a **constitutional monarchy** with the **Constitution of 17 May 1814**, among the oldest written constitutions still in force, a unicameral **Storting**, and **absolute primogeniture** adopted by amendment in **1990**. Norway is **not an EU member** but is in the **EEA** and **Schengen**, and was a **NATO**

founding member (1949). For India: Norway administers **Svalbard** under the **1920 Svalbard Treaty**, to which **India is a party**, and India's Arctic research station **Himadri** is at **Ny-Alesund, Svalbard**, established in **2008**. India holds **Observer status** on the **Arctic Council** and released its **Arctic Policy** in **2022**.

Yayoi Kusama, the Japanese artist known as the queen of polka dots, died on 14 August 2026, aged **97**. The death was **publicly announced on 26 and 27 August**, which is why it falls in this edition's window, and the two-week gap is the **context** every answer should carry. Born **22 March 1929** at **Matsumoto, Nagano Prefecture**, she moved to the **United States in 1957**, settling in **New York in 1958**, and became central to the **1960s avant-garde and Pop Art** scenes. She returned to Japan in the 1970s and **from 1977 until her death lived voluntarily in a Tokyo psychiatric hospital** while maintaining a studio and painting daily. Signature works: **polka-dot motifs**, the repetitive **Infinity Net** paintings, pumpkin sculptures and immersive **Infinity Mirror Rooms**.

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WATCH THE TRAP:

Delcy Rodríguez, not Nicolás Maduro, is acting President of Venezuela since 2026, sworn in on 5 January 2026.

Indonesia is a BRICS member. Lists omitting it are out of date.

The BRICS Summit and the NAM Belgrade meeting have not yet taken place; both were only announced in this window.

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