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*A round-up of **August 30, 2026**, covering the items that did not receive a separate article in today's edition. The **Prime Minister's 137th Mann Ki Baat** broadcast, the first **India-Russia industrial trade fair**, the **Mecca defence pact** signed earlier this month, **Meta's settlement with 47 American states**, and the nutrition science behind the protein boom.*

MANN KI BAAT RETURNS FOR ITS 137TH EPISODE

The Prime Minister is scheduled to address the **137th episode of Mann Ki Baat at 11 a.m. on August 30, 2026**. The programme is broadcast across the **Akashvani and Doordarshan** networks and the **NewsOnAir** app, and live-streamed on the YouTube channels of AIR News, DD News, the Prime Minister's Office and the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. **Akashvani broadcasts regional-language versions immediately after the Hindi broadcast**. Suggestions from citizens closed on **August 28**, submitted through **MyGov** and the toll-free line **1800-11-7800**.

As this edition publishes, the episode's contents are not known. Do not attribute themes to it.

Examinable background. Mann Ki Baat began on **October 3, 2014**, is carried in **22 Indian languages and 11 foreign languages**, and is a radio-first programme, which is the detail most often missed.

NATIONAL SPORTS DAY MARKED ON AUGUST 29

The Prime Minister greeted sports lovers on **National Sports Day**, observed annually on **August 29** to mark the birth anniversary of **Major Dhyan Chand**, born in 1905. Today's edition of August 29 carried a full article on Dhyan Chand's record and the **Khel Ratna** award that bears his name.

INNOPROM.INDIA: A FIRST INDIA-RUSSIA INDUSTRIAL FAIR

INNOPROM.India, described as the first India-Russia International Industrial Trade Fair, is scheduled for **September 9 to 11, 2026 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi**, with over 200 exhibitors. It is organised by **Russia's Ministry of Industry and Trade with India's Ministry of Commerce and Industry**, and is timed to precede the **18th BRICS Summit on September 12 and 13**.

Planned exhibits include a **mock-up of a nuclear power plant with a VVER-1200 reactor**, composite products for gas storage and transport, master alloys and powders from rare and rare-earth metals, and **models** of Russian aircraft and helicopters.

*These are a **mock-up and models**, not actual reactors or aircraft. And Kudankulam units 1 to 6 use **VVER-1000/V-412 reactors of the AES-92 design, not VVER-1200**. Discussions on a VVER-1200 plant for India remain at the specification stage with **no site finalised and no construction contract**.*

The parent event, **INNOPROM**, has been held annually at Yekaterinburg since **2010**. President **Putin's attendance at the Delhi BRICS Summit is confirmed by the Kremlin**; reports that he and the Prime Minister will visit the exposition rest on a single source and should be treated as unconfirmed.

THE MECCA JOINT DEFENCE AGREEMENT

Background, concluded earlier this month and carried here as context for the region.

On **August 7, 2026**, Turkish President **Recep Tayyip Erdoğan**, Saudi Crown Prince **Mohammed bin Salman** and Pakistani Prime Minister **Shehbaz Sharif** signed the **Mecca Joint Defence Agreement**, under which **an armed attack on one is treated as an attack on all**. The three states have said the pact is not directed at any specific country.

Its origin is the **Saudi-Pakistan Strategic Mutual Defence Agreement of September 17, 2025**. Combined, the three hold roughly **1.4 million active personnel, 3,400 aircraft and 6,000 tanks**.

*The pact is often described as combining Turkish defence manufacturing, Saudi finance and **Pakistan's nuclear arsenal**. **Pakistan has never officially extended nuclear deterrence to Saudi Arabia**. Its defence minister said available capabilities "will be made available", then stated that nuclear weapons were "not on the radar". The nuclear dimension is an **inference drawn by analysts**, not a published term of the agreement.*

TURKIYE'S KURDISH PEACE PROCESS REACHES AN INSTITUTIONAL STAGE

Background on a process that began in 2024 and moved through several stages this month.

On **August 24, 2026**, a **Monitoring and Evaluation Board** overseeing Türkiye's peace process with the Kurdistan Workers' Party held its first meeting, chaired by Vice-President **Cevdet Yilmaz** with Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan, Defence Minister Yasar Guler and intelligence chief Ibrahim Kalin. It created **four working groups** covering legal issues, disarmament, monitoring and social reintegration.

A law passed in the Turkish Parliament on **August 10, 2026**, approved by **468 of 592** voting members, allows **suspension of prison sentences and pausing of investigations for PKK-linked offences for five to ten years**, excluding those convicted of intentional killings. The **PKK began its insurgency in 1984**; the conflict has killed **more than 40,000 people**. It announced **dissolution** in May 2026 after **Abdullah Ocalan's February 2025 call** to disarm, and began a symbolic disarmament in northern Iraq in July.

META SETTLES WITH 47 AMERICAN STATES

On **August 26, 2026**, Meta agreed to a settlement of up to **\$17.1 billion over ten years with 47 US states**, ending a trial that began on **August 18, 2026** before **Judge Yvonne Gonzalez Rogers** in the **Northern District of California at Oakland**. The claims concerned child privacy and engagement-maximising design.

The settlement's design is the interesting part. Teen accounts get a **default two-hour daily limit** removable only with parental permission, a **default block from midnight to 6 a.m., notifications muted from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on school days**, a selectable non-algorithmic feed, hidden like counts, and blocked extreme make-up filters, with an independent auditor over a ten-year term.

About 30 per cent of the money, roughly \$5.3 billion, is withheld unless YouTube and TikTok adopt comparable measures. *A private settlement is being used to push an industry-wide standard, which is a genuinely novel regulatory mechanism.*

India's comparable provisions are **Section 9 of the DPDP Act, 2023**, which requires verifiable parental consent and **bars tracking, behavioural monitoring and targeted advertising directed at children**. The **DPDP Rules were notified in November 2025** with a staggered rollout.

PROTEIN: THE MARKETING HAS OUTRUN THE SCIENCE

Protein-fortified cereals, pasta, chips, coffee and breads have become a major product category, but nutrition researchers point out that **most people already consume adequate protein**, and that **protein intake alone does not build muscle without resistance exercise**.

The science, briefly. Protein is one of **three macronutrients** alongside carbohydrates and fats. Carbohydrates and fats are the body's major energy sources; **protein's primary role is building and repairing tissue**, and supporting the nervous and immune systems, skin and hormones. Proteins are built

from **20 types of amino acid**, obtained by digesting dietary protein. **Animal proteins are generally more digestible than plant proteins**, and **cooking generally improves digestibility**.

ICMR-NIN sets an Estimated Average Requirement of 0.66 g and a Recommended Dietary Allowance of 0.83 g of protein per kg of body weight for a healthy adult, roughly 54 g a day for a 65 kg person. *The ICMR-NIN Dietary Guidelines, 2024 advise against protein supplements. The guidelines also revised the recommended cereal to pulses to milk ratio from 11:1:3 to 3:1:2.5, raising the place of pulses as a protein source.*

ALSO ON THE RECORD

Context from earlier in the month: **the OCC gave preliminary conditional approval on August 14, 2026 for World Liberty Trust Company**, backed by the Trump family, to organise a national trust bank issuing the dollar-backed stablecoin **USD1**. It is **preliminary**: the bank cannot operate until it meets capital and liquidity conditions and obtains final approval.

A research paper from MIT's Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence Laboratory on the unattributability of generative diffusion model outputs is being read as strengthening the legal position of image-generation firms, because the influence of any single training image falls as datasets grow. **The argument does not transfer to large language models**, which can reproduce copyrighted text verbatim.

UPSC RELEVANCE

GS Paper 2: Bilateral, regional and global groupings. The Mecca pact, INNOPROM.India and the BRICS calendar together map the multipolar realignment India is navigating this fortnight.

GS Paper 2: Government policies and interventions. Mann Ki Baat as a communication instrument, and the DPDP Act's children's provisions read against the Meta settlement.

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