



CURRENT AFFAIRS OF AUGUST 2025

Defence

The 19th edition of biennial multilateral military exercise, hosted by Egypt in partnership with the US, being held from August 28 to September 10, with participation of several countries including India, is named – **Bright Star 2025**

The 12th edition of Sri Lanka India Naval Exercise held from 14 to 18 Aug 25 at Colombo, Sri Lanka is named – **SLINEX 2025**

Sports

The State which has topped the medals tally at the 2025 Khelo India Water Sports Festival organised from 21 to 23 August 2025 at Dal Lake Srinagar – **Madhya Pradesh**

The team which has won the 2025 Durand Cup football tournament defeating Diamond Harbour in the finals in Kolkata – **NorthEast United**

The Indian cricket player from Gujarat who has announced retirement from all forms of cricket – **Cheteshwar Pujara**

Persons

The Indian-born British business magnate and philanthropist who passed away on 21 August 2025 – **Lord Swraj Paul**

The contestant from Rajasthan who has been crowned Miss Universe India 2025 at a beauty pageant held in Jaipur – **Miss Manika Vishwakarma**

The present Governor of Manipur who has been given the additional charge as the Governor of Nagaland following the death of Shri La. Ganesan – **Shri Ajay Kumar Bhalla**

The present Governor of Nagaland and former Governor of Manipur and West Bengal who passed away on 15 August 2025 – **Shri La. Ganesan**

The former Rajya Sabha member and former Governor of 5 states (at different times) who passed away on 05 August 2025 – **Shri Satyapal Malik**

The former Chief Minister of Jharkhand and also the former Union Minister of Coal who passed away on 04 August 2025 – **Shri Shibu Soren**

Places

The Indian state which has become the first in the country to achieve 100% digital literacy – **Kerala**

The town in Uttar Pradesh's Shahjahanpur known as the birth place of Parshuram, which has been renamed as Parshurampur – **Jalalabad**

The place in Jammu and Kashmir where flash floods after a cloudburst caused death of more than 50 people ((mostly pilgrims) with several missing – **Chisoti villate in Kishtwar dist.**

The country which has become the 107th member of the International Solar Alliance – **Moldova**

The place in Uttarakhand where a cloudburst triggered flash floods in Kheerganga river and caused damage to houses and death of several people – **Dharali**

Miscellaneous

India's longest freight train measuring 4.5 km in length which was launched on its maiden journey from Ganjkhawa to Garhwa Road is named – **Rudrastra**

The rarest blood group in the world which was found in a woman from Bengaluru by a team of scientists from India and UK is named – **CRIB**

71st National Film Awards

- Best Feature Film: 12th Fail (Hindi) directed by Vidhu Vinod Chopra
- Best Direction: Sudipto Sen for The Kerala Story
- Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment: Rocky aur Rani ki Prem Kahani directed by Karan Johar
- Best Feature Film Promoting National, Social and Environmental Values: Sam Bahadur (Hindi) directed by Meghna Gulzar
- Best Actor: Shah Rukh Khan for Jawan and Vikrant Massey for 12th Fail
- Best Actress: Rani Mukherji for Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway
- Best Feature Film in Hindi: Kathal by Yasowardhan Mishra

Important Days of August

International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples: 09 August 2025 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 1995 Theme: Indigenous Peoples and AI: Defending Rights, Shaping Futures
International Youth Day: 12 August 2025 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2000 Theme: Local Youth Actions for the SDGs and Beyond
World Elephant Day: 12 August 2025 Designated by: Patricia Sims and Elephant Reintroduction Programme of Thailand First observed: 2012
World Humanitarian Day: 19 August 2025 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2009 Theme: Strengthening global solidarity and empowering local communities
International Day of Remembrance of and Tribute to the Victims of Terrorism: 21 August 2025 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2018 Theme: United by Hope: Collective Action for Victims of Terrorism
International Day against Nuclear Tests: 29 August 2025 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2010
International Day of Victims of Enforced Disappearances: 30 August 2025 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2011

2025 Magsaysay Awards

Foundation to Educate Girls Globally (India): For its commitment to addressing cultural stereotyping through the education of girls and young women, liberating them from the bondage of illiteracy and infusing them with skills, courage, and agency to achieve their full human potential.

SHAAHINA ALI (Maldives): For her unwavering commitment to protecting the marine ecosystem of the Maldives with passion, vision, and inclusivity, ensuring that her work will be carried on by another generation of Maldivians in search of effective local solutions to global problems.

FLAVIANO ANTONIO L. VILLANUEVA (Philippines): For his lifelong mission to uphold the dignity of the poor and the oppressed, daily proving with unwavering faith that by serving the least of their brethren, all are restored.

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