

Weekly One Liner Current Affairs

3rd week (18th to 24th Aug) 2026

National News

- **India** launches **first guide** to **grasslands**, other **open natural ecosystems** at **COP17**
- **UP Yuva Swarojgar Yojana 2026: Rs 25 Lakh Loan** for **Young Entrepreneurs**
- **Vizhinjam Port** begins **export-import operations**
- **PM CARES donations fall 30%**, but fund balance hits record ₹8,452 crore
- **Tata Power** and **IIT Bombay** collaborate to **accelerate innovation** in **clean energy** and **advanced power technologies**
- **Karnataka CM DK Shivakumar** announces '**Vidyarthi Sahayahasta**' scheme for **rural students**
- **First Kaushal Mahotsav 2026** Held in **West Bengal**
- **India** Hosts **Eighth BRICS Youth Energy Summit 2026 Virtually**
- **12th BRICS Communications Ministers Meeting** in **Pune**
- **Vice President** inaugurates '**MALHAR 2026**', celebrates **India's rich classical music heritage**

International News

- **Qatar-India Postal Remittance Service** based on **PosTransfer** powered by **UPI**
- **Zambia's President Hakainde Hichilema** re-elected for second **5-year term**
- **India, Japan** sign **maritime security pact**, deepen **defence cooperation**

- **India, Mauritius Sign Five-Year Agreement for Petroleum Product Supply**
- **EAM Jaishankar to meet Lavrov in Moscow, co-chair India-Russia trade commission**

Banking and Financial

- **RBI Imposes Rs. 59.20 Lakh Monetary Penalty on IndusInd Bank for Regulatory Non-Compliance**
- **Ind-Ra raises India's FY27 GDP growth estimate to 6.8%**
- **YES Bank Launches 'YES Essence', Women-focused Credit Card**
- **Airtel Payment bank names Shabnam Sinha as new Chairperson**
- **PhonePe PulsePro signs MoU with MeitY to power PM GatiShakti**
- **India and ADB sign \$230 million loan to upgrade Chennai water system**
- **Wizzmonii Partners with Oman Air to Launch AI-Powered Co-Branded 'Wizz Voyager' Multi-Currency Travel Card**

Appointment and Resignation

- **Anurag Jain Takes Charge as NITI Aayog CEO**
- **Mirza Fakhrul Islam Alamgir elected as Bangladesh's 23rd President**
- **RBI appoints Somanath Panicker, reappoints Anand Mahindra as part-time non-official directors**

Awards

- **Indian Army Chief General Dhiraj Seth conferred Honorary Rank of General of Nepali Army by Nepal President**
- **Over 200 Indian peacekeepers in Sudan get UN medals**
- **Dr. Ashutosh Parida Wins 47th Sarala Puraskar**

Science

- **S301 Becomes Milky Way's Fastest Securely Orbiting Star**

Defence

- **India and Armenia Sign MoU to Deepen Defence Industrial Cooperation**
- **Eighth India-US Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal Exercise** concludes in **Kochi**
- **India-Thailand Maitree Exercise** Begins on **August 18**
- **Cochin Shipyard** delivers **third Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft** to **Indian Navy**

Sports

- **Magnus Carlsen** wins **Esports World Cup Chess Title 2026** for **Second Consecutive Year**
- **East Bengal** lift **Durand Cup** for record **17th time**, defeating arch-rivals Mohun Bagan

Important day

- **Sadbhavana Diwas: 20 August 2026**
- **World Humanitarian Day: 19th August 2026** (2026 Theme: "Honouring fallen humanitarians and calling for greater protection of health care.")
- **World Photography Day: 19th August 2026** (Theme 2026: "home")
- **Indian Akshay Urja Day 2026: 20 August**
- **World Mosquito Day: 20th August 2026**
- **World Senior Citizens Day: 21 August 2026**
- **23 August 2026: International Day for the Remembrance of the Slave Trade**
- **3rd National Space Day 2026: 23rd August** (Theme 2026 "Towards Viksit Bharat: Innovating, Collaborating and Aspiring to Global Space Leadership.")

Obituary

- **National Award-Winning Sculptor Chandrashekhar Shilpi** Passed Away at 75
- **Former Congress MP Sajjan Kumar**, convicted in anti-Sikh riots case, dies at 84
- **Legendary Actor Sowcar Janaki** Dies At 94 In Chennai