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## History of August 8

- ◆ **1942** : The Indian National Congress passed the Quit India resolution in Bombay (now Mumbai).
- ◆ **1945** : The Soviet Union declared war on Japan in World War II.
- ◆ **1967** : For the first time after independence, the central government had to face defeat in the Lok Sabha elections.
- ◆ **1899** : At A.T. Marshall patented the refrigerator.
- ◆ **1549** : France declared war on England.

## Current Affairs Related to 8 August

- ◆ The Government of Assam has taken an important step in the name of Amrit Brikshya Andolan to promote forests and contribute to the fight against climate change. Under this important initiative, the target is to plant 1 crore saplings a day in September, which will mark a significant achievement in boosting the state's green economy and fight against global warming. The main objective of this massive initiative is to significantly increase the forest cover of Assam and encourage partnership in the face of climate change.
- ◆ The book **How Prime Ministers Decide**, authored by senior journalist Neerja Chowdhary, recounts the drama surrounding Sonia's announcement, encouraged by Rahul's fear for his mother's life. A new book has also claimed that former prime minister Indira Gandhi had good relations with several RSS leaders, but carefully maintained a distance between the organization and herself.
- ◆ **Ullas mobile application launched by the government to promote basic literacy**. On the third anniversary of NEP 2020, the Akhil Bhartiya Shiksha Samagam 2023 was inaugurated by PM Modi in New Delhi. On this occasion Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan launched the slogan Jana Jana Sakshar and mobile application, the logo of Ullas Nav Bharat Literacy Programme. Ullas mobile application is a significant step towards harnessing the potential of technology to make basic literacy widely accessible.
- ◆ **WHO has revised its Model List of Essential Medicines 2023 by including three fixed dose combinations of cardiac drugs or polypills for use in primary and secondary prevention of atherosclerotic heart diseases**. Salim Yusuf, a cardiologist and researcher at McMaster University, worked for more than two decades to prove that Polypills are a safe and effective strategy for reducing the future risk of heart attack and stroke.
- ◆ The government has set a deadline for mandatory implementation of Good Manufacturing Practices in pharmaceutical industries. Accordingly, companies with a turnover of more than Rs 250 crore will have to implement the revised GMP within six months. Also, medium and small enterprises with a turnover of less than Rs 250 crore will have to implement it within one year. Its primary goal is to reduce the risks arising from errors, contamination or deviations during the manufacturing process. GMP in India was revised in 2018, bringing it at par with WHO standards.
- ◆ **Parliament passed the Mines and Minerals Amendment Bill 2023**. The bill will allow the private sector to mine six of the 12 nuclear minerals, including lithium, and deeper minerals such as gold and silver. The bill was passed by the Upper House of the Parliament by a voice vote. It was approved by the Lok Sabha last month. Earlier state-owned entities only had the exclusive right to mine and explore all 12 atomic minerals.
- ◆ **UNESCO recommends adding Venice to the Heritage Danger List**. Climate change has become one of the major problems of Venice. UNESCO has recommended the Italian government to step up efforts to safeguard the historic city and its surrounding lagoon. According to a UNESCO report, sea level rise due to excessive tourism, overdevelopment and climate change are the main risks for Venice.
- ◆ **The first radio frequency seeker of Akash has been handed over to DRDO by Bharat Dynamics Limited**. It is a next generation weapon system manufactured at the newly commissioned state-of-the-art Sikar facility of BDL. Seeker is an important and technology intensive subsystem. It is used in surface-to-air missiles and air-to-air missiles for target tracking in the terminal stage. DRDO's Research Center Imarat has designed the RF seeker.

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## National & International Current Affairs

**1. When is Quit India Movement Day celebrated every year?**

- (A) 4th August (B) 6th August  
(C) 8th August (D) 10th August

**(C)** Quit India Movement, also known as August Movement of India or Quit India Movement. It was launched on 8 August 1942 by Mahatma Gandhi at the Bombay session of the All India Congress Committee. It is also known as August Revolution or August Movement. In this, protests began demanding the end of the British Raj rule in India.



**2. Which will become the first state to give 11 lakh cash prizes to litterateurs in different categories from the year 2024?**

- (A) Rajasthan (B) Uttar Pradesh  
(C) Kerala (D) Gujarat

**(A)** This will be the biggest amount given to writers in the history of Rajasthan, which will be given in the name of Rajasthan Sahitya Protsahan Puraskar from the year 2024. Its nodal agency is Rajasthan Sahitya Academy, Udaipur. Who has sent this proposal to CMO. Academy President Dr. Dularam Saharan says that CM Ashok Gehlot has given verbal approval.



**3. Which country will host India's first IAU 50 km World Championship recently?**

- (A) Delhi (B) Hyderabad  
(C) Bhubaneswar (D) Bengaluru

**(B)** Hyderabad will host India's first IAU 50km World Championships Half Marathon. Hyderabad is all set to host two mega sporting events. IAU 50km World Championships 2023 which will be held in India for the first time, and Hyderabad Half Marathon 2023 both events will be held on 5th November 2023.



**4. Recently who will get 100 e-buses under Smart City Project Limited?**

- (A) Jammu (B) Jaipur  
(C) Shimla (D) Uttar Pradesh

**(A)** Recently, 100 E-buses are being claimed to run by the end of October under the Jammu Smart City Project Limited. Of these, the length of 75 buses is nine meters, while 25 buses are 12 meters long. Electric buses are being talked about to make the city traffic smooth, pollution-free and convenient for the passengers.



**5. Recently, the government has set a new target of how many lakh loans for street vendors?**

- (A) 39 lakhs (B) 50 lakhs  
(C) 63 lakhs (D) 90 lakhs

**(C)** The Union Housing and Urban Affairs Ministry has set a target of disbursing 63 lakh fresh loans to street vendors in less than six months by December 2023. Since the launch of the scheme, so far 50 lakh loans have been disbursed to 39 lakh beneficiaries.



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6. Recently which state government will take the water of swollen rivers to the dry fields?

- (A) Bihar (B) Madhya Pradesh  
(C) Uttarakhand (D) Uttar Pradesh  
(D) CM Yogi Adityanath has given instructions to arrange for the flood water coming from the surrounding states to reach the dry fields in a planned manner. He has asked the officials of the concerned department to channelize the flood water in all the 71 reservoirs of the state and make proper arrangements to reach them.



7. Who has recently launched India's first indigenously developed MRI scanner?

- (A) Dr. Harsh Vardhan (B) Narendra Modi  
(C) Piyush Goyal (D) Dr. Jitendra Singh  
(D) India's first indigenously developed cost-effective, light weight, ultra sharp, next generation Magnetic Resonance Imaging scanner with 1.5 Tesla high field was launched. This will also reduce the capital investment in buying MRI scanners from the international market to a great extent, which will also save a lot of foreign exchange.



8. Where has Asia's highest ever land art group exhibition been started recently?

- (A) Jammu (B) Shimla  
(C) Leh (D) None of these  
(C) Asia's highest ever contemporary land art group exhibition, titled Sa. Launched at a stunning altitude of 3600 meters in Leh, Ladakh, focusing on the interrelationship of climates. Culture and community in high altitude environments.



9. According to the recent ADR report, which state has the maximum number of billionaire MLAs?

- (A) Rajasthan (B) Karnataka  
(C) Maharashtra (D) Uttarakhand  
(B) The ADR report states that 14% of Karnataka's MLAs are billionaires, the highest in the country, and the average assets of legislators is Rs 64.3 crore. The first three MLAs in the list of top richest MLAs are from Karnataka only. Independent MLA KH Puttaswamy is on the second number.



10. Who has recently activated the world's largest wind turbine with a capacity of 16 MW?

- (A) China (B) India  
(C) Russia (D) America  
(A) China recently activated the world's largest wind turbine, a milestone in renewable energy technology with the potential to power thousands of homes and reduce carbon emissions.





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