

**The week from 04 Aug 2025 to 10 Aug 2025**

The island nation of Malta has been chosen to host the 8th edition of the Commonwealth Youth Games (CYG) in 2027. For the first time in CYG history, Sailing and Water Polo will be included in the competition lineup, joining the existing events and over 1,000 athletes aged 14 to 18 from 74 Commonwealth countries and territories are expected to compete in the games.

The annual interactive programme 'Pariksha Pe Charcha', spearheaded by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and organised by the Ministry of Education in collaboration with MyGov since 2018, has achieved a Guinness World Record. The 2025 edition was recognised for the highest number of people registered (3.53 crores) on a Citizen Engagement Platform in a single month.

Google has unveiled plans for its largest data centre project in Asia, to be established in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. The \$6 billion investment includes building a 1-gigawatt data centre along with necessary energy infrastructure. Of this, nearly \$2 billion will be allocated to create renewable energy capacity.

Veteran political leader and Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) founder, Shibu Soren, passed away in New Delhi at the age of 81. First elected to the Lok Sabha from Dumka in 1980, Soren served three short-lived terms as Jharkhand Chief Minister and also served as a minister in the Union cabinet.

India and England shared the inaugural Anderson-Tendulkar Trophy, by drawing the series 2-2. India beat England by 6 runs in a cliffhanger which saw the injured Chris Woakes come out to bat swathed in protective gear. Mohd Siraj (9 wickets) was declared player of the match, whilst Shubman Gill was player of the series (754 runs).

Lieutenant General Pushpendra Singh has taken charge as the new Vice Chief of the Army Staff, effective July 31, 2025. Commissioned into the elite 4th Battalion of the Parachute Regiment (Special Forces) in December 1987, his appointment reflects his extensive experience and decorated career in specialised military operations.

On August 6, 2025, U.S. President Donald Trump signed an executive order imposing an additional 25% tariff on Indian imports, citing India's continued oil trade with Russia. This follows an earlier 25% tariff order issued on July 31. The first tariff takes effect from August 7, while the additional tariff will come into force 21 days later.

Moldova has officially become the 107th member of the International Solar Alliance (ISA), as confirmed by India's Ministry of External Affairs. The ISA, launched jointly by India and France during COP21 in Paris (2015), is a global coalition of 124 countries aimed at promoting solar energy adoption, improving access, and supporting a global clean energy transition.

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