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Executive Summary of the Day

Welcome to the Daily Master Current Affairs! Today's digest is loaded with crucial updates across National News, Banking & Economy, Appointments, Awards, and Defence. Ensure you review the MCQs and the Quick Revision section to solidify your preparation.

1. National News

80th Independence Day: "Yuva Shakti for Viksit Bharat@2047"

India will celebrate its 80th Independence Day on 15 August 2026. The theme is "**Yuva Shakti for Viksit Bharat@2047**". For the first time, 'Vande Mataram' will be sung from the ramparts of the Red Fort to commemorate its 150th anniversary.

Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026: The Union Government introduced a bill in the Lok Sabha to officially alter the state's name from "Kerala" to "**Keralam**". This aligns with its traditional Malayalam identity and Article 3 of the Constitution.

TRAI 1601-Series Numbers: TRAI has initiated the rollout of the **1601-series** numbering system for service and transactional voice calls by entities outside the BFSI and government sectors (e.g., utilities, courier services).

India Donates Peacocks to UNOG: India revived a decades-old tradition by donating five peacocks (four blue, one rare white) to the United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG).

Bhawana Kanth Graduates from Elite Course: Squadron Leader Bhawana Kanth became the first woman to graduate from the IAF's elite **Fighter Combat Leader** course.



2. Banking & Financial News

Unemployment Rate Rises: According to the PLFS, India's unemployment rate (15 years and above) rose to 5.4% in the April-June 2026 quarter. Rural unemployment hit 4.8%, and urban unemployment edged up to 6.7%. The LFPR declined to 54.6%.

SBI Life & J&K Bank Tie-up: SBI Life Insurance partnered with **J&K Bank** to expand life insurance access across Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh through the bank's 1,000+ branches.

3. Appointments & Resignations

- **Gyanesh Bharti:** Appointed as the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Islands.
- **Veena Khan:** Appointed as the new CEO and Executive Director of LIC International (Bahrain-based subsidiary).
- **A.S. Rajeev:** Acting Central Vigilance Commissioner (CVC).
- **Tewolde Gebremariam:** CEO and MD of Air India.
- **Willie Walsh:** CEO of IndiGo.
- **Varsha Ashok Aglawe:** 54th Director General of the Geological Survey of India (GSI) (First woman).

4. Awards & Defence News

2026 Dirac Medal: Indian physicist **Deepak Dhar** was named a recipient of the 2026 Dirac Medal by the ICTP, alongside three others.

INAE Young Engineer Award 2026: Conferred upon **Dr. Akanksha Tyagi** of IIT Roorkee.

GeM Award to DRDO: DRDO received the GeM Award for the Maximum Number of Orders Value to Micro & Small Enterprises (MSEs).

Indian Navy-US Navy EOD Exercise 2026: The 8th bilateral Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Exercise commenced in **Kochi**.



5. Sports News

British Chess Championships 2026: Indian-origin players **Bodhana Sivanandan** (youngest-ever Women's Champion at 11) and **Shreyas Royal** (overall champion) won major titles in England.

6. Important Days

- **9 August:** International Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples (Theme: Honouring Indigenous Midwives: Safeguarding Life and Well-being).
- **10 August:** World Lion Day.
- **10 August:** International Biodiesel Day.
- **11 August:** World Steelpan Day.

7. Daily MCQs for Practice (Top 15)

Q1. What is the theme for India's 80th Independence Day celebrations in 2026?

- a. a) Har Ghar Tiranga
- b. b) Yuva Shakti for Viksit Bharat@2047
- c. c) Nation First, Always First
- d. d) Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav

Answer: b) Yuva Shakti for Viksit Bharat@2047

Q2. Which numbering series has TRAI rolled out for trusted service and transactional voice calls?

- a. a) 1400-series
- b. b) 1501-series
- c. c) 1601-series
- d. d) 1800-series

Answer: c) 1601-series



Q3. India recently donated five peacocks to the United Nations Office located in which city?

- a. a) New York
- b. b) Paris
- c. c) Vienna
- d. d) Geneva

Answer: d) Geneva

Q4. Who recently became the first woman to graduate from the IAF's elite Fighter Combat Leader course?

- a. a) Avani Chaturvedi
- b. b) Mohana Singh
- c. c) Bhawana Kanth
- d. d) Shaliza Dhami

Answer: c) Bhawana Kanth

Q5. According to the PLFS, what was India's unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and above in the April–June 2026 quarter?

- a. a) 4.8%
- b. b) 5.0%
- c. c) 5.4%
- d. d) 6.7%

Answer: c) 5.4%

Q6. SBI Life Insurance entered into a corporate agency tie-up with which bank to expand access in Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh?

- a. a) Punjab National Bank
- b. b) J&K Bank
- c. c) HDFC Bank
- d. d) ICICI Bank

Answer: b) J&K Bank



Q7. Who has been appointed as the Chief Secretary of Andaman and Nicobar Islands?

- a. a) Gyanesh Bharti
- b. b) Praveen Kumar Srivastava
- c. c) A.S. Rajeev
- d. d) Asit Saha

Answer: a) Gyanesh Bharti

Q8. Who was appointed as the new CEO and Executive Director of LIC International?

- a. a) Siddhartha Mohanty
- b. b) Veena Khan
- c. c) Debashis Prasad Pattanaik
- d. d) Varsha Ashok Aglawe

Answer: b) Veena Khan

Q9. Which Indian physicist was named a recipient of the 2026 Dirac Medal?

- a. a) C.V. Raman
- b. b) Ashoke Sen
- c. c) Deepak Dhar
- d. d) Annapurni Subramaniam

Answer: c) Deepak Dhar

Q10. Who received the INAE Young Engineer Award 2026?

- a. a) Dr. Akanksha Tyagi
- b. b) Parveen Shaikh
- c. c) Barkha Subba
- d. d) Annapurni Subramaniam

Answer: a) Dr. Akanksha Tyagi



Q11. Who became Britain's youngest-ever Women's Chess Champion at the 2026 British Chess Championships?

- a. a) Trisha Kanyamarala
- b. b) R. Vaishali
- c. c) Bodhana Sivanandan
- d. d) Koneru Humpy

Answer: c) Bodhana Sivanandan

Q12. The Indian Navy–US Navy EOD Exercise 2026 is being conducted in which city?

- a. a) Visakhapatnam
- b. b) Kochi
- c. c) Mumbai
- d. d) Chennai

Answer: b) Kochi

Q13. When is World Lion Day observed annually?

- a. a) August 9
- b. b) August 10
- c. c) August 11
- d. d) August 12

Answer: b) August 10

Q14. The Union Government introduced a bill to officially change the name of Kerala to what?

- a. a) Keralaputra
- b. b) Keralam
- c. c) Cheralam
- d. d) Malabar

Answer: b) Keralam



Q15. Which organisation received the GeM Award for Maximum Order Value to Micro & Small Enterprises (MSEs)?

- a. a) ISRO
- b. b) HAL
- c. c) DRDO
- d. d) BHEL

Answer: c) DRDO



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1. National News: 80th Independence Day theme is "*Yuva Shakti for Viksit Bharat@2047*". The Centre introduced a bill to rename Kerala to "**Keralam**". TRAI rolled out the **1601-series** for trusted service calls. India donated peacocks to UNOG in Geneva.

2. Defence & Science: Sqn Ldr **Bhawana Kanth** became the first woman to graduate from the IAF's Fighter Combat Leader course. DRDO won the GeM Award for highest order value to MSEs. The Indian-US Navy EOD Exercise began in **Kochi**.

3. Economy & Banking: PLFS data shows unemployment rose to **5.4%** in Q1 2026. SBI Life Insurance partnered with **J&K Bank**.

4. Appointments: **Gyanesh Bharti** (CS of A&N Islands), **Veena Khan** (CEO of LIC International).

5. Awards & Sports: **Deepak Dhar** won the 2026 Dirac Medal. **Dr. Akanksha Tyagi** received the INAE Young Engineer Award. **Bodhana Sivanandan** and **Shreyas Royal** won British Chess Championship titles.

6. Important Days: August 9 (Indigenous Peoples), August 10 (World Lion Day, International Biodiesel Day), August 11 (World Steelpan Day).

