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Executive Summary of the Day

Welcome to the Daily Master Current Affairs! This edition strictly covers the latest updates from August 14, 2026. Review all sections thoroughly along with the practice MCQs and quick revision sheet at the end.

1. National News & State Affairs

Parliament Monsoon Session 2026 Concludes

- The Monsoon Session 2026 of Parliament, which began on 20 July 2026, was adjourned sine die on 13 August 2026, after **19 sittings** over 25 days.
- During the session, **12 Bills** were passed by both Houses. Lok Sabha recorded around 19% productivity, while Rajya Sabha recorded approximately 39%.
- Two Bills replaced earlier ordinances (Supreme Court Number of Judges Amendment Ordinance and Income-Tax Amendment Ordinance). The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Amendment Bill, 2026 was referred to a Joint Committee.

L&T's Mega AI Infrastructure Order: Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has secured a "Mega" order to build India's largest single-cluster AI infrastructure. The AI Factory will be established at Vyoma's data-centre campus in **Chennai** with a capacity to support 10,000 NVIDIA B300 GPUs, executed for US-based AI cloud company Together AI.

Tamil Nadu's 97 MoUs: The Tamil Nadu government signed 97 fresh MoUs during the "Vettri Tamil Nadu Investors Conclave 2026" in Chennai, involving a total investment commitment of **₹67,452 crore** expected to create over 1 lakh jobs.



Chandigarh's CBDC-Based DBT: Chandigarh will become the first Union Territory to launch a **CBDC (Digital Rupee – e₹)-based Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT)** for food subsidies under the Pradhan Mantri Garib Kalyan Anna Yojana (PMGKAY).

7th Regional Meteorological Centre: Union Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh inaugurated India's 7th Regional Meteorological Centre (RMC) in **Jammu** to strengthen weather forecasting for J&K, Ladakh, and Himachal Pradesh.

Delhi's Ex-Agniveer Reservation: The Delhi government approved **20% horizontal reservation** for ex-Agniveers in direct recruitment for Fire Operator posts (Delhi Fire Services) and Warder/Matron posts (Prison Department).

8th BRICS OPST Meeting: The 8th BRICS Working Group on Oceanic and Polar Science and Technology began in **Goa**. It is hosted by the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR).

2. Appointments & Awards News

Brand Ambassador for Indriya: Aditya Birla Group's jewellery brand, Indriya, appointed actor **Krithi Shetty** as its Brand Ambassador for southern markets to lead the Varalakshmi campaign.

Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowships: President Droupadi Murmu will confer the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowships and Awards for 2024 and 2025 on over 115 artists. The Fellowship carries ₹3 lakh, while the Award carries ₹1 lakh.

UT Ladakh State Award 2025: Dr. Padma Gurmet, Director of the National Institute of Sowa Rigpa (NISR), Leh, was honoured with the UT Ladakh State Award 2025 under the Literature, Art and Craft category for promoting Sowa Rigpa and cultural heritage.

3. Sports & Defence News

Commonwealth Fencing Championship: India emerged as the overall champions at the Commonwealth Fencing Championship held in Lagos, Nigeria, winning a total of **35 medals** (13 gold, 8 silver, 14 bronze). India won the Wilkinson Sword Trophy for the best overall performance.

Canadian Open Singles Titles: **Iga Swiatek** won the Women's Singles title at the Canadian Open in Toronto by defeating Elena Rybakina. American **Ben Shelton** defeated Brandon Nakashima in Montreal to defend his Men's Singles title.



Bilateral Exercise 'Udara Shakti 2026': The Indian Air Force (IAF) and Royal Malaysian Air Force (RMAF) commenced the bilateral air exercise Udara Shakti 2026 at Subang Air Base, Malaysia.

4. Important Days

- **14 August - Partition Horrors Remembrance Day:** Observed annually to commemorate the suffering, displacement, and loss of lives during the Partition of India in 1947.
- **14 August - World Lizard Day:** Observed to raise awareness about the ecological significance of lizards in controlling pest populations and to promote biodiversity conservation.

5. Daily MCQs for Practice (Top 15)

Q1. The Monsoon Session 2026 of Parliament concluded after how many sittings?

- a. a) 15
- b. b) 19
- c. c) 25
- d. d) 30

Answer: b) 19

Q2. Which state government signed 97 MoUs worth ₹67,452 crore during the "Vettri Tamil Nadu Investors Conclave 2026"?

- a. a) Kerala
- b. b) Karnataka
- c. c) Tamil Nadu
- d. d) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: c) Tamil Nadu



Q3. Which Union Territory became the first to launch a CBDC-Based DBT for the PMGKAY Food Subsidy?

- a. a) Puducherry
- b. b) Delhi
- c. c) Chandigarh
- d. d) Lakshadweep

Answer: c) Chandigarh

Q4. India's 7th Regional Meteorological Centre was recently inaugurated in which city?

- a. a) Srinagar
- b. b) Shimla
- c. c) Jammu
- d. d) Dehradun

Answer: c) Jammu

Q5. Who will confer the Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowships and Awards for 2024 and 2025?

- a. a) Prime Minister
- b. b) President
- c. c) Vice President
- d. d) Minister of Culture

Answer: b) President

Q6. Which organisation secured a "Mega" order to build India's largest single-cluster AI infrastructure in Chennai?

- a. a) Reliance Industries
- b. b) Tata Consultancy Services
- c. c) Larsen & Toubro (L&T)
- d. d) Infosys

Answer: c) Larsen & Toubro (L&T)



Q7. The Delhi government approved what percentage of horizontal reservation for ex-Agniveers in Fire Services and Prison Department posts?

- a. a) 10%
- b. b) 15%
- c. c) 20%
- d. d) 25%

Answer: c) 20%

Q8. Who was appointed as the brand ambassador for the southern markets by Aditya Birla Group's jewellery brand, Indriya?

- a. a) Rashmika Mandanna
- b. b) Krithi Shetty
- c. c) Samantha Ruth Prabhu
- d. d) Keerthy Suresh

Answer: b) Krithi Shetty

Q9. Who was honoured with the UT Ladakh State Award 2025 for promoting Sowa Rigpa?

- a. a) Sonam Wangchuk
- b. b) Dr. Padma Gurmet
- c. c) Jamyang Tsering Namgyal
- d. d) Thupstan Chhewang

Answer: b) Dr. Padma Gurmet

Q10. Where was the 8th BRICS Working Group meeting on Oceanic and Polar Science and Technology held?

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

Answer: a) Goa



Q11. Which country emerged as the overall champions at the Commonwealth Fencing Championship winning 35 medals?

- a. a) Australia
- b. b) England
- c. c) Nigeria
- d. d) India

Answer: d) India

Q12. Iga Swiatek won the Women's Singles title at the Canadian Open by defeating which player?

- a. a) Elena Rybakina
- b. b) Aryna Sabalenka
- c. c) Coco Gauff
- d. d) Jessica Pegula

Answer: a) Elena Rybakina

Q13. The bilateral air exercise 'Udara Shakti 2026' commenced between the Indian Air Force and the Air Force of which country?

- a. a) Singapore
- b. b) Indonesia
- c. c) Malaysia
- d. d) Thailand

Answer: c) Malaysia

Q14. When is Partition Horrors Remembrance Day observed in India?

- a. a) 12 August
- b. b) 13 August
- c. c) 14 August
- d. d) 15 August

Answer: c) 14 August



Q15. World Lizard Day is observed annually on which date?

- a. a) 10 August
- b. b) 12 August
- c. c) 14 August
- d. d) 16 August

Answer: c) 14 August



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