

Current Affairs for 28th August, 2026

1. What is 'Gnani Artha', recently launched by Vice President in New Delhi?

- [A] A semiconductor fabrication programme
- [B] A sovereign AI stack
- [C] A quantum computing mission
- [D] A digital payment platform

Correct Answer: B [A sovereign AI stack]

Notes:

Vice President C. P. Radhakrishnan launched 'Gnani Artha', a sovereign AI stack developed by GNANI AI, on 28 August 2026 in New Delhi. The AI stack comprises Evon 3.3, a Large Language Model (LLM), and Plexus, a platform connecting AI intelligence with real-world work and institutions. The initiative highlights India's growing capability to develop indigenous AI technologies rather than remaining only a consumer of frontier technology.

2. Who became the first Indian to win the Grand Chess Tour title?

- [A] R Praggnanandhaa
- [B] Gukesh D
- [C] Arjun Erigaisi
- [D] Fabiano Caruana

Correct Answer: A [R Praggnanandhaa]

Notes:

R Praggnanandhaa became the first Indian to win the Grand Chess Tour (GCT) title. He defeated Fabiano Caruana of the USA by 15–13 in the grand finale at the Saint Louis Chess Club. Praggnanandhaa staged a remarkable comeback after trailing Caruana by six points at the start of the final day. The victory earned him a USD 200,000 prize and a place in the 2027 Grand Chess Tour. Earlier in 2026, Praggnanandhaa also became the first

Indian to win the Norway Chess title, including two victories over Magnus Carlsen.

3. World Sanskrit Day is observed every year on which day?

- [A] August 26
- [B] August 27
- [C] August 28
- [D] August 29

Correct Answer: C [August 28]

Notes:

World Sanskrit Day is observed every year on 28 August 2026. It is also known as Vishva Sanskrit Diwas, Sanskrit Diwas or Sanskrit Language Day. The day is observed annually on the full-moon day (Purnima) of the Hindu month of Shravana. It celebrates Sanskrit, one of the world's oldest classical languages, and its contributions to literature, philosophy, science and grammar. The occasion also highlights the contribution of the ancient Sanskrit grammarian Pāṇini.

4. Which organisation successfully tested the indigenous Military Combat Parachute System (MCPS) in Nyoma-Mudh, Ladakh?

- [A] Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- [B] Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- [C] Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- [D] Indian Air Force (IAF)

Correct Answer: B [Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)]

Notes:

DRDO successfully tested the indigenous Military Combat Parachute System (MCPS) at 22,000 feet in Nyoma-Mudh, Ladakh. The trial was conducted at around -15°C , demonstrating the system's suitability for high-altitude and extreme cold conditions. The parachute was deployed at 20,000 feet, with the test jumpers landing safely at 13,700 feet. The trial also validated indigenous subsystems such as the para computer, specialised oxygen systems and specialised jumpsuits. The test strengthens India's

indigenous defence capabilities and operational readiness in high-altitude environments.

5. Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), which recently completed 12 years, was launched as part of which mission?

- [A] National Mission on Financial Inclusion
- [B] National Mission on Digital India
- [C] National Mission on Rural Development
- [D] National Mission on Social Security

Correct Answer: A [National Mission on Financial Inclusion]

Notes:

Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), launched on 28 August 2014, has completed 12 years and entered its 13th year. It was launched as the National Mission on Financial Inclusion to provide unbanked adults access to basic banking services. As of 19 August 2026, PMJDY has 59.09 crore accounts, with deposits of ₹3.17 lakh crore. 41.29 crore RuPay debit cards have been issued to account holders. 55.7% of account holders are women, while 77.8% of accounts are in rural and semi-urban areas. The scheme forms the core of the Jan-Dhan–Aadhaar–Mobile (JAM) Trinity, enabling direct and efficient delivery of government benefits.

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