

Highlights of 01 August 2026 Current Affairs

- **Hockey India** unveiled new primary **saffron (orange)** jerseys for both the men's and women's national teams ahead of the **2026 FIH Hockey World Cup** in the Netherlands and Belgium. White serves as the secondary kit.
- Chief Minister **Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu** and Deputy Chief Minister **Mukesh Agnihotri** flagged off **297 new Type-I electric buses** at Kyarighat in Solan district for the Himachal Road Transport Corporation (HRTC).
- **World Wide Web Day** is celebrated every year on **August 1st**. It honors the creation of the World Wide Web by English computer scientist **Sir Tim Berners-Lee** in 1989 and its release to the public in 1991, which transformed global communication, information access, and technology.
- Indian weightlifter **Lovepreet Singh** secured the **silver medal** in the men's **+110kg super-heavyweight category** at the **Commonwealth Games 2026** in Glasgow. He missed out on the gold medal by a narrow margin of just **1 kg** to New Zealand's David Liti.
- **World Lung Cancer Day** is observed annually on **August 1st**. Established in 2012 by the Forum of International Respiratory Societies (FIRS) alongside international advocacy groups, the day aims to raise awareness, fight stigma, promote early detection, and support lung cancer research.
- According to the report by the **Competere Foundation for Trade and Competition Policy**, India has surged **25 places upward**—moving from **82nd in 2010 to 57th in 2023**—on the **Market Distortions Performance Index**. The report, titled *"India's Next Growth Frontier: Reducing Anti-Competitive Market Distortions to Build on India's 2010–2023 Reform Progress,"* was launched in New Delhi in collaboration with the **Centre for Trade and Investment Law (CTIL)** at the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade (IIFT).
- US President Donald Trump announced a major diplomatic milestone detailing a framework under the **Board of Peace** for the phased, complete disarmament of Hamas and other militant factions in the Gaza Strip.
- **National Mountain Climbing Day** is celebrated every year on **August 1st**. The day honors the endurance, strength, and spirit of adventure that mountaineering requires, while encouraging outdoor exploration and physical fitness.
- **World Breastfeeding Week** is observed globally every year from **August 1 to August 7**. Organised by the World Alliance for Breastfeeding Action (WABA) in collaboration with WHO and UNICEF, the campaign aims to promote, protect, and support breastfeeding across the globe.
- In the **Environmental Performance Index (EPI) 2026** published by Yale and Columbia universities, **Estonia secured 1st place** with a score of 74.79, while **India ranked 176th out of 177 countries** with a score of 22.46. The report cited severe challenges in air quality, ecosystem health, and biodiversity loss as key drivers for India's low position, though the Indian government continues to contest the index's methodology and reliance on extrapolated data.
- The **Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)**, functioning under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC), announced the completion of India's first comprehensive **Catalogue of Lepidoptera (Butterflies & Moths)**. The monumental

project took **12 years of research** led by ZSI scientists **Dr. Navneet Singh** and **Dr. Rahul Joshi**. The final volume of this 22-part series was published in the prestigious peer-reviewed taxonomic journal *Zootaxa*.

- Indian Railways launched its **Online Personal Luggage Booking Facility** for passengers holding confirmed reserved tickets. Developed by the Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS), this service eliminates the need to queue at station parcel counters to pay for excess baggage.
- The **Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs**, chaired by MP **Shashi Tharoor**, presented its report titled *"India's Role and Presence in the Arctic and Antarctic Regions"*.
- The **Favara-UPI Cross-Border Payment Corridor** went live, connecting the Maldives' instant payment network, **Favara**, with India's **Unified Payments Interface (UPI)**. The linkage enables seamless, real-time person-to-person (P2P) remittances directly into UPI-enabled bank accounts in India using Maldivian mobile banking apps.
- Indian throwers secured a double podium finish in the men's javelin throw final at the **Commonwealth Games 2026**. **Neeraj Chopra** won the **silver medal**, while 24-year-old **Yash Vir Singh** claimed the **bronze medal**. The performance added two medals to India's overall tally, bringing the total to **23 medals** (5 Gold, 12 Silver, 6 Bronze).
- The **Union Cabinet**, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the extension of the **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi (PM-KISAN)** scheme for an additional **five years** (from FY 2026–27 to FY 2030–31). The total financial commitment approved for this extension period stands at **₹3.15 lakh crore**.

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Entity	Details
Indian Hockey Men's Captain	Harmanpreet Singh
Indian Hockey Women's Captain	Salima Tete
Indian Hockey First Olympic Gold	1928 Amsterdam
Indian Captain at 1928 Olympics	Jaipal Singh Munda
First Gold after Independence	1948 London
Captain at 1948 Olympics	Kishan Lal
USA President	Donald Trump
USA Capital	Washington D.C.
USA Currency	U.S. Dollar
Union Minister of Environment	Bhupender Yadav
Maldives President	Mohamed Muizzu
Maldives Capital	Malé

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Maldives Currency	Maldivian Rufiyaa