

Highlights of 03 August 2026 Current Affairs

- India concluded its campaign at the **Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games** in **4th place** on the overall medal tally with **39 medals** (13 Gold, 17 Silver, and 9 Bronze). Despite competing with a significantly scaled-down contingent of **122 athletes** (compared to 210 at Birmingham 2022) and in a stripped-back 10-sport program, India improved its conversion rate in overlapping events and edged out host nation Scotland for a top-4 finish on silver count.
- The **4th Tri-Services Future Warfare Course** commenced on **August 3, 2026**, at the **Manekshaw Centre in New Delhi**. Organized under the aegis of the **Headquarters Integrated Defence Staff (HQ IDS)** and coordinated by the **Centre for Joint Warfare Studies (CENJOWS)**, the **four-week program** aims to prepare military leadership for next-generation combat and multi-domain security challenges.
- The **Maharashtra Freedom of Religion Act, 2026**—commonly referred to as the state's anti-conversion law—received presidential assent from **President Droupadi Murmu**. With its publication in the official gazette, the Act has officially come into force. Maharashtra has become the **13th state in India** to enact legislation regulating religious conversions, joining states such as Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Odisha, and Gujarat.
- **Patanjali Group** is expanding beyond its core FMCG, Ayurveda, and packaged foods businesses into **general insurance** and **renewable energy/battery storage**.
- **Vincent Pastore**, best known for his role as Salvatore "Big Pussy" Bonpensiero on HBO's hit drama *The Sopranos*, died at his home in the Bronx at age 80. He passed away of natural causes.
- **Bhashavaad 3.0: National Translation Conference** is the third annual flagship conference organized by the **Ashoka Centre for Translation (ACT)** at Ashoka University, presented in partnership with **The New India Foundation (NIF)**.
- **Tanvi Sharma** won her maiden BWF World Tour Super 300 title by defeating Vietnam's **Nguyen Thuy Linh** in straight games at the **Taipei Open 2026** on **August 2, 2026**.
- The Union Ministry of Finance released an advance installment of tax devolution to state governments amounting to **₹1,09,019 crore**. This transfer comes **nine days ahead** of the regular monthly devolution scheduled for August 10, 2026, serving as an extra liquidity boost to enable states to accelerate capital and developmental expenditure.
- Willie Walsh officially assumed charge as the Chief Executive Officer of IndiGo on **August 3, 2026**, succeeding Pieter Elbers. His appointment was announced on March 31, 2026, following Elbers' departure on March 10, 2026, after severe operational disruptions in late 2025. During the transition period, IndiGo Co-Founder and Managing Director Rahul Bhatia managed interim operations.
- The Chief of the Army Staff, General Dhiraj Seth, launched the indigenously developed **Xtreme Weather Grade (XWG) Diesel** in New Delhi. Jointly developed by the **Indian Army** and **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPCL)** alongside other Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) in less than a year, the fuel addresses operational mobility challenges in high-altitude, sub-zero combat zones along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and Line of Control (LoC).
- **Indian Railways** provides an **Emergency Quota (EQ)** of up to 12 berths per train to help cancer patients and their attendants secure confirmed tickets for urgent medical travel. To apply, passengers with a ticket must submit a written application along with a

hospital-issued Rail Concession Certificate and medical records to the **Divisional Railway Manager (DRM)** or local EQ office before chart preparation. Once verified, priority berth confirmation is granted alongside fare concessions of up to 100% for patients and up to 75% for accompanying escorts.

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Entity	Details
Commonwealth Nations	56
First Commonwealth Games	Canada, 1930
Maharashtra Chief Minister	Devendra Fadnavis
Maharashtra Governor	Jishnu Dev Verma
Maharashtra Capital	Mumbai
Union Finance Minister	Nirmala Sitharaman
Punjab Finance Minister	Harpal Singh Cheema