

Highlights of 06 August 2026 Current Affairs

- India has achieved **99.92% banking coverage across its inhabited villages**, with 6,00,868 out of 6,01,328 villages now accessing a banking touchpoint within 5 kilometers via bank branches, Business Correspondents, and IPPB centers. Driven by the Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY)—which holds 58.77 crore accounts and deposits over ₹3.12 lakh crore—the country has deployed 1.81 lakh branches and 17.36 lakh BCs to deliver direct benefit transfers, pensions, and digital finance. To sustain universal financial inclusion, RBI mandates that banks open at least 25% of new banking outlets in unbanked rural centers.
- The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed **Monisha Chakraborty** as its new Executive Director with effect from August 3, 2026. A career central banker with over 30 years of experience, she previously served as Chief General Manager-in-Charge of the Department of Supervision. In her new role, she will oversee the **Foreign Exchange Department** and the **Financial Markets Regulation Department**, managing FEMA regulations, financial markets, money and government securities markets, and derivatives.
- Over 1.18 lakh Central Government employees (1,18,195 as of mid-July 2026) have chosen the **Unified Pension Scheme (UPS)** since its April 1, 2025 rollout. Introduced as an option under the **National Pension System (NPS)**, the UPS provides an assured pension equal to 50% of the last 12 months' average basic pay for 25+ years of service (or ₹10,000/month for at least 10 years). The framework combines NPS's contributory structure with guaranteed, inflation-indexed retirement benefits for serving staff, new recruits, and eligible past retirees.
- **Vice Admiral Manish Chadha**, AVSM, VSM, took charge as the Director General Naval Operations (DGNO) of the Indian Navy. A specialist in Communication and Electronic Warfare commissioned in 1991, he has commanded warships including INS Veer, INS Kirpan, and INS Mysore, and previously served as Commandant of the Indian Naval Academy, Ezhimala. In his new role as DGNO, he will oversee maritime security, fleet deployment, operational readiness, and strategic planning across the Navy.
- **Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)** signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Esri India in New Delhi to jointly develop advanced Geographic Information System (GIS), Location Intelligence, and GeoAI solutions for India's defense sector. Leveraging Esri India's **Indo ArcGIS** platform, the collaboration aims to enhance terrain analysis, mission planning, border management, and surveillance capabilities under the **Atmanirbhar Bharat** vision. The partnership also focuses on training BEL personnel to build in-house geospatial expertise and ensure rapid deployment during mission-critical operational requirements.
- **ICC Chairman Jay Shah** officially inaugurated the **Tanzania Cricket Arena (TCA Arena)** at the University of Dar es Salaam, marking the country's first ICC-approved international cricket venue. Built with two international-standard ovals to serve as a national high-performance center, the facility will host its first major tournament—the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup Challenge League B—from August 8–18, 2026. The milestone supports the ICC's global expansion strategy by boosting grassroots training, player development, and cricket infrastructure across East Africa.

- Every year on August 4, **International Clouded Leopard Day**—established in 2018 by The Aspinall Foundation—raises global awareness to protect Asia's elusive, tree-dwelling wild cats (*Neofelis nebulosa* and *Neofelis diardi*), both classified as Vulnerable on the IUCN Red List. To mark the 2026 occasion, India's Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change launched the **Clouded Leopard Conservation Action Plan (CAP)**. Formulated under a Joint GoI–GEF–UNDP initiative, the plan establishes **14 priority conservation landscapes** across Northeast India, integrating camera traps, eDNA monitoring, forest corridor connectivity, anti-poaching patrols via M-STrIPES, and community-led sustainable livelihoods.
- Former Bihar and Tripura Governor and veteran educationist **Dr. D.Y. Patil** passed away at the age of 90, leaving behind a lasting legacy in public service and higher education. A key figure in establishing one of India's largest private educational networks—the D.Y. Patil Group—he built institutions across medicine, engineering, management, and technology. His lifelong contributions expanded access to quality professional education and significantly shaped modern academic infrastructure in India.
- Legendary Nepal-born mountaineer **Nirmal 'Nims' Purja** tragically passed away in a massive avalanche on Pakistan's Broad Peak (8,051 m), alongside ten fellow expedition members. A former British Special Forces member, Purja achieved global fame through his 2019 *Project Possible* expedition—summitting all 14 eight-thousanders in just six months and six days—and leading the first-ever winter ascent of K2 in 2021. His pioneering spirit, chronicled in the documentary *14 Peaks: Nothing Is Impossible*, leaves an indelible legacy on modern high-altitude mountaineering.

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Entity	Details
RBI Current Governor	Sanjay Malhotra (26 th Governor)
RBI Headquarters	Mumbai
RBI First Governor	Sir Osborne Smith (1 April 1935 – 30 June 1937)
Chief of Naval Staff	Admiral Krishna Swaminathan
ICC Headquarters	Dubai, UAE
ICC Chairman	Jay Shah
ICC CEO	Sanjog Gupta
Tanzania President	Samia Suluhu Hassan
Tanzania Capital	Dodoma
Tanzania Currency	Tanzanian Shilling
Union Environment Minister	Bhupender Yadav
Bihar Chief Minister	Samrat Choudhary

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Bihar Governor	Syed Ata Hasnain
Bihar Capital	Patna
Tripura Chief Minister	Manik Saha
Tripura Governor	Indrasena Reddy Nallu
Tripura Capital	Agartala