

Highlights of 10 August 2026 Current Affairs

- The Punjab Vidhan Sabha passed three bills—the Cloud University Bill (Hoshiarpur), MS Digital University Bill (Patiala), and Physicswallah Digital University Bill (Patiala)—to establish self-financed, private digital open universities in the state. Operating under the Punjab Private Digital Open Universities Policy 2026, these institutions will offer fully online undergraduate, postgraduate, and professional degree programs. They utilize Learning Management Systems, AI-proctored examinations, and virtual labs, using physical campuses primarily as administrative headquarters.
- World Lion Day is celebrated annually on August 10. The 2026 global theme, "*Coexistence in a Changing Climate*," highlights the urgency of mitigating climate pressures, habitat loss, and human-wildlife conflict.
- India's wild Asiatic lion population rose by over 70% from 523 in 2015 to 891 in 2025 across Gujarat's Greater Gir landscape. Supported by *Project Lion* (launched in 2020), the lions' geographical distribution expanded from 30,000 sq km to nearly 35,000 sq km. Growth was driven by community-led coexistence, tech-assisted tracking, expanded veterinary monitoring, and habitat protection.
- Assam Environment and Forest Minister Jayanta Malla Baruah inaugurated the newly constructed Kalamati Wildlife Range Office at Sonai Rupai Wildlife Sanctuary in Sonitpur district. Located at the Himalayan foothills, the 220 sq km sanctuary features evergreen forests, grasslands, four perennial rivers, and serves as a vital habitat for Asian elephants, tigers, leopards, and Assam's state bird, the endangered White-winged Wood Duck.
- The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) approved a one-year extension for Enforcement Directorate (ED) Director Rahul Navin, prolonging his term until August 13, 2027. As head of the ED, Navin leads India's primary financial investigation agency responsible for enforcing economic laws, including the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA), Foreign Exchange Management Act (FEMA), and Fugitive Economic Offenders Act (FEOA).
- The Supreme Court Collegium passed resolutions, recommending Bombay High Court Acting Chief Justice Ravindra V. Ghuge and Allahabad High Court Judge Mahesh Chandra Tripathi for appointment as Chief Justices of the Calcutta and Bombay High Courts, respectively. Justice Ghuge, elevated to the bench in June 2013 and serving as Bombay HC ACJ since June 2026, is set to become the 45th Chief Justice of the Calcutta High Court, succeeding ACJ Tapabrata Chakraborty. Senior Allahabad HC judge Justice M. C. Tripathi, who brings extensive civil-law experience and previously served as UP Additional Chief Standing Counsel, has been recommended to serve as the 50th Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court.
- Indian theoretical physicist Prof. Deepak Dhar (INSA Distinguished Professor at ICTS-TIFR Bengaluru) was named a recipient of the 2026 ICTP Dirac Medal, by the Abdus Salam International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP) in Trieste, Italy. He shares the honor with Bernard Derrida (Collège de France), Marc Mézard (Bocconi University, Italy), and Haim Sompolinsky (Harvard University / Hebrew University) for pioneering contributions to equilibrium and non-equilibrium statistical mechanics, optimization, theoretical neuroscience, and artificial intelligence.

- The 8th edition of the Indian Navy–US Navy Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) Exercise 2026 commenced at the Southern Naval Command in Kochi, Kerala, running from August 10 to August 14, 2026. The 5-day specialized program focuses on strengthening operational interoperability, sharing emerging technologies, and enhancing coordination between elite diving and explosive ordnance disposal units of both navies.
- Multinational Exercise hosted jointly by Australia and the United States, Exercise Talisman Sabre 2027 is set to take place from August 9 to August 22, 2027. The 14-day exercise will be the largest edition in its history, bringing together 24 additional partner nations alongside Australia and the US. India's enhanced participation was welcomed by Indian Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and Australian Defence Minister Richard Marles during the second India-Australia Defence Ministers' Dialogue on June 1, 2026. Supported by a combined joint planning workforce of ~800 personnel, the exercise focuses on boosting military interoperability, combined operational planning, and joint field readiness across the Indo-Pacific region.
- Indian shuttler Ashmita Chaliha produced a stunning comeback, to defeat China's fourth-seeded Han Qianxi 14-21, 21-14, 21-14 in 53 minutes, securing her maiden BWF World Tour Super 300 title at the Korea Masters 2026 in Asan, South Korea.
- 19-year-old Basant Kumar Meghwal won the silver medal in the men's high jump at the World Athletics U20 Championships in Eugene, Oregon, becoming the first Indian athlete to win a high jump medal at any global World Athletics championship.

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Entity	Details
Punjab Chief Minister	Bhagwant Singh Mann
Punjab Governor	Gulab Chand Kataria
Punjab Capital	Chandigarh
Assam Chief Minister	Himanta Biswa Sarma
Assam Governor	Lakshman Prasad Acharya

Entity	Details
Assam Capital	Dispur
Enforcement Directorate Established	1 May 1956
ED Renamed Year	1957 (from Enforcement Unit)
Italy Prime Minister	Giorgia Meloni
Italy Capital	Rome
Italy Currency	Euro