

Highlights of 13 August 2026 Current Affairs

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi released the autobiography of former President Ram Nath Kovind, titled *Triumph of the Indian Republic: My Life, My Struggles*, at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi. Highlighting Kovind's journey from a childhood marked by tragedy in Kanpur Dehat to holding the nation's highest constitutional office, PM Modi praised the memoir as a testament to resilience, humility, and public service while encouraging youth to read it for inspiration.
- Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers (GRSE) launched '**Shruti**' (**Yard 3037**), the second of four **Next Generation Offshore Patrol Vessels (NGOPVs)** being constructed by GRSE in Kolkata as part of the Indian Navy's 11-ship program (7 at Goa Shipyard Limited, 4 at GRSE). The 113-meter, 3,000-tonne indigenously designed vessel—named after the four Vedas—will bolster maritime surveillance, EEZ patrolling, HADR, and anti-piracy capabilities under the *Aatmanirbhar Bharat* vision.
- Following the successful maiden orbital flight of **Vikram-1** on July 18, 2026, Hyderabad-based Skyroot Aerospace signed a Multi-Launch Agreement, with Kerala-based space technology startup **HEX20** for three dedicated commercial launches starting in Q4 2027. The contract covers Earth-observation constellation deployments, payload demonstrations, and third-party rideshare opportunities on Skyroot's Vikram-series launch vehicles as the company scales production toward a target of 12 annual launches.
- During the 9th India-US Civil Space Joint Working Group (CSJWG) meeting held in Bengaluru on August 5–6, 2026, NASA formally invited ISRO to join its **Moon Base programme** (Artemis Base Camp) near the lunar south pole. Building on India's signing of the non-binding Artemis Accords in June 2023 and the successful 2025 launch of the joint NISAR mission, the partnership aims to advance civil and commercial space cooperation under the **US-India TRUST Initiative**, focusing on open scientific data sharing, human spaceflight technologies, and sustained lunar infrastructure.
- The Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYAS) formally suspended the recognition of the **Table Tennis Federation of India (TTFI)** as the National Sports Federation (NSF). The order cited widespread governance failures under the National Sports Development Code of India, 2011, including delayed organizational elections, financial non-compliance, and selection controversies.
- Jammu and Kashmir will host the **Irani Cup 2026** at the Sher-i-Kashmir Stadium in Srinagar from October 1 to 5, 2026. The five-day traditional first-class fixture will pit the newly crowned Ranji Trophy champions, Jammu & Kashmir, against the Rest of India squad.
- Indian para-cyclists secured **12 medals** (2 Gold, 5 Silver, and 5 Bronze) at the UCI Paraspport Denmark Grand Prix held in Odense from August 7 to 10, 2026. Andhra Pradesh's **Arshad Shaikh (MC2)** led the tally with six medals (2 Gold, 3 Silver, 1 Bronze), while 17-year-old **Vishwa Vasani (WC3, Gujarat)** secured four Bronze medals and 16-year-old **Anshuman Dhumal (MC1, Maharashtra)** added two Silver medals under chief coach Aditya Mehta.
- M.P. Parameswaran, renowned Indian nuclear scientist, science communicator, and Marxist theorist, passed away, at his residence in Thrissur, Kerala, at the age of 92.

- **World Organ Donation Day** is observed annually on **August 13** to spread awareness about the life-saving potential of organ donation and to dispel widespread myths surrounding transplantation.
- India's retail inflation saw a slight uptick in July 2026, reaching **4.45%** compared to 4.38% in June. This increase was primarily driven by accelerating food product prices, according to official data released by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI). The statistics utilize the revised Consumer Price Index (CPI) with **2024 as the base year**.
- The **2026 Barclays Private Clients Hurun India Most Valuable Family Businesses List** highlights the top 300 family-run enterprises in India, which collectively hold a valuation of **₹138 lakh crore (\$1.46 trillion)**—a 27.5% growth since 2024, adding roughly ₹4,076 crore in value daily.
 - The top-ranked family businesses leading the 2026 list are:
 - **Ambani Family** (Reliance Industries) – ₹25,82,800 crore
 - **Birla Family** (Aditya Birla Group) – ₹8,13,700 crore
 - **Jindal Family** (JSW Steel / JSW Group) – ₹8,01,800 crore
 - **Bajaj Family** (Bajaj Group) – ₹7,70,400 crore
 - **Mahindra Family** (Mahindra & Mahindra) – ₹5,14,600 crore
 - **Anil Agarwal Family** (Vedanta) – ₹4,45,500 crore
 - **Murugappa Family** (Cholamandalam Investment & Finance) – ₹3,06,000 crore
 - **Nadar Family** (HCL Technologies) – ₹2,91,300 crore
 - **Premji Family** (Wipro) – ₹2,72,300 crore
 - **Dani, Choksi & Vakil Families** (Asian Paints) – ₹2,48,200 crore

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Entity	Details
First President of India	Dr. Rajendra Prasad
Current President of India	Droupadi Murmu (15 th President)
Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports	Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya
Jammu & Kashmir Chief Minister	Omar Abdullah
Jammu & Kashmir Lieutenant Governor	Manoj Sinha
Jammu & Kashmir Capitals	Srinagar (Summer), Jammu (Winter)