

GK & Current Affairs Capsule — August 2025

MONTHLY CAPSULE

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One-page-per-theme revision for **August 2025**. Read on Sunday, then attempt the quiz without looking. Focus: charts and themes — new laws, missiles, warships.

How to use (SNIPP): for each item note the **Number/date**, **Institution**, **Place** (mark it on the map) and **Person**. Link every fact to a likely exam question.

Polity & governance

- **79th Independence Day:** from the Red Fort the PM announced **Mission Sudarshan Chakra** (a national security shield for strategic and civilian sites, by 2035) and "next-generation" GST reforms.
- **New laws passed by Parliament (August 2025):** **National Sports Governance Act, 2025** (national sports bodies, a National Sports Board and a sports tribunal); **Promotion and Regulation of Online Gaming Act, 2025** (bans real-money online games, promotes e-sports); **Income-tax Act, 2025** (replaces the Income-tax Act, 1961).

Economy

- **US tariffs:** an extra 25% duty on many Indian goods took effect on **27 August 2025**, taking the total to 50% on those items.
- **RBI:** the Monetary Policy Committee kept the **repo rate at 5.50%** in its August 2025 review.

Defence

- **Agni-5:** intermediate-range ballistic missile successfully test-fired from the Integrated Test Range, **Chandipur (Odisha)**, on **20 August 2025**.
- **IADWS:** DRDO's **Integrated Air Defence Weapon System** had its first flight test off the Odisha coast on **23 August 2025**; it combines QRSAM, VSHORADS missiles and a high-power laser weapon.
- **INS Udaygiri & INS Himgiri:** two Project 17A stealth frigates commissioned together at Visakhapatnam on **26 August 2025** — the first time two frontline warships built at two different shipyards (MDL Mumbai and GRSE Kolkata) were commissioned together.

International

- **Japan visit (29–30 August):** PM Modi attended the annual India–Japan summit in Tokyo.
- **SCO Summit:** held at **Tianjin, China** (31 August – 1 September 2025); PM Modi's first visit to China in seven years.

Science, sports & awards

- **National Space Day** (23 August) marked the second anniversary of Chandrayaan-3's landing at the "Shiv Shakti" point near the lunar south pole.
- **71st National Film Awards** (announced 1 August 2025): Best Feature Film — *12th Fail*; Best Actor (shared) — Shah Rukh Khan (*Jawan*) and Vikrant Massey (*12th Fail*); Best Actress — Rani Mukerji (*Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway*).

- **Durand Cup 2025:** NorthEast United FC beat Diamond Harbour FC **6-1** in the final (23 August) and became the first team in 34 years to defend the title. The Durand Cup (started 1888) is Asia's oldest football tournament.

Map-5 (mark these on a blank map)

1. Chandipur (Odisha) – Agni-5
2. Visakhapatnam – Eastern Naval Command
3. Tianjin (China) – SCO Summit
4. Tokyo (Japan)
5. Kolkata – Durand Cup final

Quick quiz — 15 questions

1. Mission Sudarshan Chakra, announced on 15 August 2025, relates to
(A) space exploration (B) a national security shield
(C) river linking (D) digital payments
2. The Online Gaming Act, 2025 bans
(A) all video games (B) real-money online games
(C) e-sports (D) educational apps
3. The Income-tax Act, 2025 replaces the Income-tax Act of
(A) 1922 (B) 1947
(C) 1961 (D) 1991
4. Agni-5 was test-fired on 20 August 2025 from
(A) Pokhran (B) Chandipur
(C) Sriharikota (D) Balasore Port
5. IADWS stands for
(A) Indian Army Defence Wing System
(B) Integrated Air Defence Weapon System
(C) Integrated Aerial Drone Warfare System
(D) Indigenous Air Defence Warning Satellite
6. INS Udaygiri and INS Himgiri belong to
(A) Project 15B (B) Project 17A
(C) Project 75 (D) Project 28
7. The two frigates were commissioned together at
(A) Mumbai (B) Kochi
(C) Visakhapatnam (D) Karwar
8. The SCO Summit 2025 was held at
(A) Astana (B) Tianjin
(C) New Delhi (D) Tashkent
9. In its August 2025 review the RBI kept the repo rate at
(A) 6.50% (B) 6.00%
(C) 5.50% (D) 5.25%
10. National Space Day is observed on
(A) 23 August (B) 15 August
(C) 12 April (D) 28 February
11. Best Feature Film at the 71st National Film Awards:
(A) Jawan (B) 12th Fail
(C) Animal (D) Sam Bahadur
12. Best Actress at the 71st National Film Awards:
(A) Alia Bhatt (B) Rani Mukerji
(C) Kriti Sanon (D) Deepika Padukone

13. Durand Cup 2025 winner:
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| (A) Mohun Bagan | (B) East Bengal |
| (C) NorthEast United FC | (D) Diamond Harbour FC |
14. The Durand Cup was first held in
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| (A) 1888 | (B) 1911 |
| (C) 1947 | (D) 1950 |
15. The extra US tariff on many Indian goods took effect on
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| (A) 1 August 2025 | (B) 15 August 2025 |
| (C) 27 August 2025 | (D) 1 September 2025 |

Answer key

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B	B	C	B	B	B	C	B	C	A
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B	B	C	A	C					

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