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PM Modi To Visit Bihar & West Bengal

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi will **visit Bihar and West Bengal**. In Bihar, Mr. Modi will lay the foundation stone and inaugurate multiple development projects worth around **13 thousand crore rupees at Gaya**. The Prime Minister will also flag off two trains and address the gathering. Thereafter, he will inaugurate the **Aunta-Simaria bridge project** on River Ganga.



- It will provide direct connectivity between Mokama in Patna and Begusarai. The new bridge will reduce the extra travel distance of more than 100 km for vehicles travelling between North Bihar and South Bihar.
- The Prime Minister will also inaugurate the **four-lane Bakhtiyarpur to Mokama section of NH-31**, which will ease congestion, reduce travel time, and enhance passenger and freight movement. The Prime Minister will also **inaugurate the Buxar Thermal Power Plant**, which will significantly enhance power generation capacity, improve energy security, and meet the growing electricity demand of the region.
- The Prime Minister will also inaugurate the **Homi Bhabha Cancer Hospital & Research Centre at Muzaffarpur**. This state-of-the-art facility will provide

advanced and affordable cancer care to patients in Bihar and neighbouring states.



- Mr Modi will inaugurate the **Sewerage Treatment Plant (STP)** and Sewerage Network at Munger, constructed under Namami Gange. It will help reduce pollution load in the Ganga and improve sanitation facilities in the region.
- The Prime Minister will flag off two trains – **Amrit Bharat Express between Gaya and Delhi**, and **Buddhist Circuit Train** between Vaishali and Koderma.



- **Grih Pravesh ceremony of 12,000 rural beneficiaries** under PMAY-Gramin and 4,260 beneficiaries under PMAY-Urban will also take place with the symbolic **handing over of keys to a few beneficiaries** by the Prime Minister.

- **In West Bengal, the Prime Minister will flag off metro train services** on the newly constructed sections in Kolkata at around 4:15 PM and undertake a metro ride from Jessore Road Metro Station to Jai Hind Bimanbandar and back. Further, he will lay the foundation stone and inaugurate multiple development projects **worth over 5,200 crore rupees in Kolkata**. He will also address the gathering on the occasion.

Gaganyaan To Begin Test Flights In December

- **ISRO Chairman V. Narayanan** has said that India's maiden manned space mission – **Gaganyaan will conduct its first test flight in December** this year. Addressing a press conference in New Delhi, Mr Narayanan said that Gaganyaan is progressing well, as **80 per cent of tests**, or around **seven thousand 700 tests**, have been conducted so far. He added that the **remaining two thousand 300 tests will be completed by March next year**.



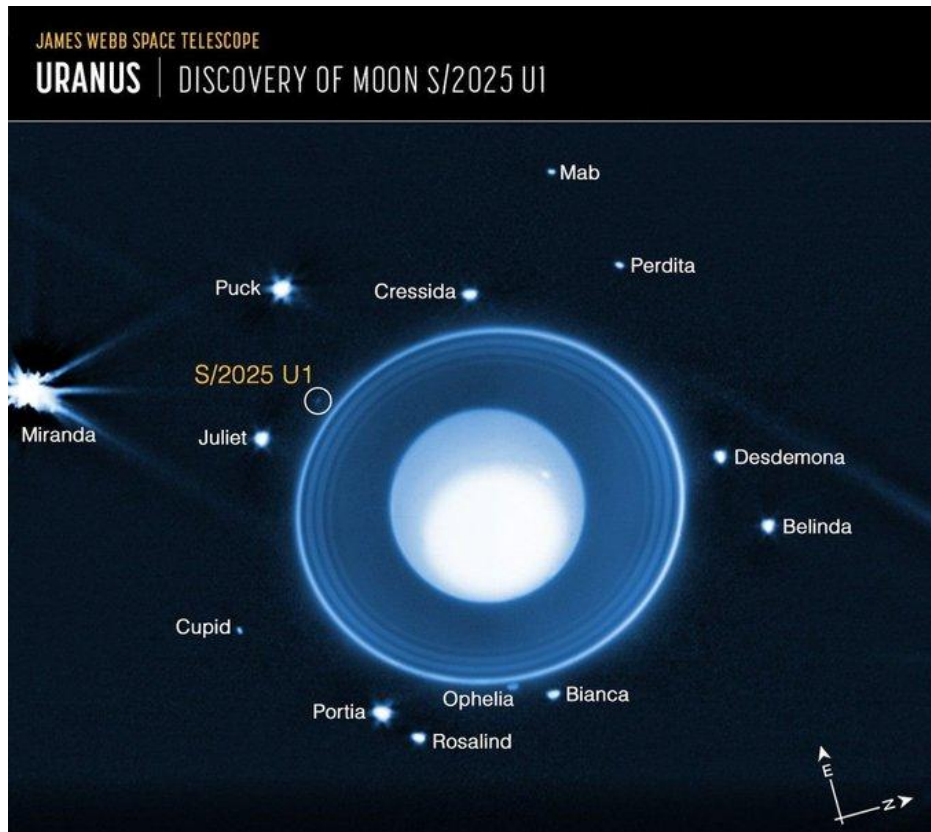
- Highlighting other achievements of ISRO, Mr Narayanan said **that 196 accomplishments** have been achieved so far this year, including GLEX-2025 and a **high-thrust electric propulsion system**.
- He noted that a **6 thousand 500 kilogram communication satellite** of the USA will be launched from an Indian launchpad. He further highlighted **that 13 terabits of data from Aditya L1 have been** provided to the scientific community this year. Talking about ISRO's role in the Axiom-4 Mission, the ISRO chief mentioned that ISRO's technical expertise played a crucial role in ensuring the

safe launch of the mission. He noted that ISRO corrected the LOX leakage observed in the **first stage of the Falcon-9 Rocket**, avoiding catastrophic failure.



NASA Discovers 29th Moon Of Uranus

- NASA announced that the James Webb Space Telescope has discovered a new, **29th satellite of Uranus**, which was named **S/2025 U1**. According to NASA, a team led by the Southwest Research Institute(SwRI) identified the moon on the 2nd of February 2025, expanding the planet's known satellite family to 29.



- The **diameter of the Moon is estimated to be only some 10 kilometres**. And orbits the planet at a **distance of about 56,000 kilometres**. Maryame El Moutamid, a lead scientist in SwRI's Solar System Science and Exploration Division, said, It's a small moon but a significant discovery.

Fiji PM Mr. Sitiveni Ligamamada Rabuka To Visit India

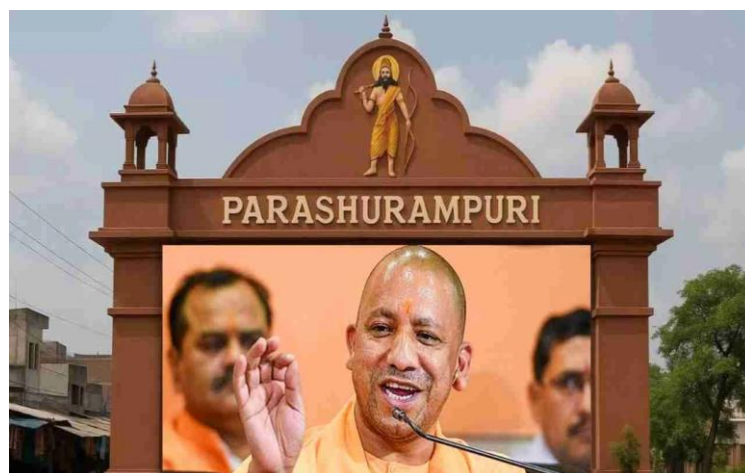
- Prime Minister of the Republic of **Fiji, Mr. Sitiveni Ligamamada Rabuka**, will be on a three-day visit to India from Sunday. The Ministry of External Affairs, in a statement, said that during his visit, **Mr. Rabuka will hold talks with Prime Minister Narendra Modi** on Monday, and Prime Minister Modi will host a lunch in honour of the visiting dignitary.
- Prime Minister Rabuka is also **scheduled to call on President Droupadi Murmu** in New Delhi after President Murmu visited Fiji in August last year. The Fijian Prime Minister is also expected to deliver a talk on Ocean of Peace at the **Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA)** in New Delhi.



- The delegation of the Fijian Prime Minister will include the **Minister of Health and Medical Services, Mr. Ratu Atonio Lalabalavu**, and senior officials. MEA said that Prime Minister Rabuka's visit underscores the longstanding and enduring ties between India and Fiji and reaffirms the continued commitment of both countries to further strengthen the bilateral relationship across all sectors.

Jalalabad Renamed Parashurampuri

- Union Ministry of Home Affairs has officially approved the **renaming of Jalalabad town in Shahjahanpur district, Uttar Pradesh, to Parashurampuri**. The announcement was made on August 20, 2025, by Union Minister Jitin Prasada, who hails from the region.



- The change was **long demanded by local residents and supported** by political and religious leaders who associate the town with the mythological birthplace of Lord Parashuram. The town is considered by many to be the **mythological birthplace of Lord Parashuram, a revered figure in Sanatan Dharma**.
- The name change aims to reflect the spiritual and cultural identity of the region, replacing what is perceived as a symbol of historical slavery or “ghulami”.



West Bengal Launches ‘Shramshree’ Scheme

- West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee **launched the Shramshree Scheme, a first-of-its-kind state welfare initiative** aimed at supporting Bengali migrant workers returning home after facing alleged linguistic discrimination and harassment in other states. The scheme offers ₹5,000 monthly aid for up to one year or until the worker secures a new job within the state.



- Key Aims
- **To bring back Bengali migrant workers** who are working in other states and facing linguistic or regional discrimination.
- To **rehabilitate them with monthly financial aid**, job opportunities, and entrepreneurship support.
- To provide skill development training that enables long-term employment or self-employment within West Bengal.



- Key Benefits Under Shramshree Scheme
- Financial Support
- **₹5,000 per month will be given for up to one year or** until a secure job is found.
- This financial assistance will be directly transferred to the worker's bank account through the Labour Department.
- **Job Cards and Rural Employment** : Returnee workers will be issued Job Cards to access employment under rural schemes and government-sponsored job initiatives.
- **Skill Training** : Beneficiaries will undergo skill development programs, making them eligible for various job opportunities in both public and private sectors.
- **Self-Employment Opportunities** : Workers returning to Bengal will be eligible for government-backed loans to start their own businesses.
- Entrepreneurship development support will be provided through training and financial assistance
- **Eligibility Criteria**
- To benefit under the Shramshree Scheme, applicants must,

- Be a Bengali migrant worker working in another Indian state.
- Return to West Bengal to avail of the scheme.
- Have a valid bank account for direct benefit transfer.

Lipulekh Pass Dispute

- India announced the **resumption of border trade with China** through the Lipulekh Pass in Uttarakhand. Nepal objected strongly, claiming the area as its territory. **India rejected Nepal's objections citing** historical evidence and long-standing **trade practices since 1954**. The dispute involves the tri-junction region of **Kalapani, Limpiyadhura, and Lipulekh**, which Nepal includes in its official map and constitution.



- India insists the claims are baseless and invites Nepal for dialogue to resolve outstanding boundary issues. **The India-Nepal border was defined by the 1816 Sugauli Treaty**, which set the **Kali River as the boundary**. Nepal claims the river's source lies at **Limpiyadhura**, placing **Kalapani and Lipulekh** within its territory.
- India argues the **river originates further downstream**, making these areas part of Uttarakhand. Both countries rely on British-era maps to support their claims. The dispute has **persisted since the 1960s without final resolution**.



- Lipulekh Pass is a strategic mountain pass connecting India and China.** It serves as a route for the annual Kailash Mansarovar pilgrimage. The road to the pass was upgraded by India in 2020 to improve accessibility for pilgrims and traders. This road enhances India's strategic presence near the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with China. The pass also facilitates India-China border trade during summer months.



- Nepal's objections intensified after **India's road construction and the resumption of trade through Lipulekh**. Nepal's government insists that these actions violate bilateral agreements to resolve disputes through dialogue. India maintains that trade through Lipulekh has been ongoing for decades and that Nepal's claims lack historical basis.
- India deployed border security forces in **Kalapani after the 1962 war with China. Nepal views this as encroachment**. China remains officially neutral but supports India-China trade expansion through Lipulekh. The region's strategic value has increased due to geopolitical tensions and infrastructure development by India and China.

REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. PM Modi To Launch Projects Worth In Bihar

- A. 18000 Crore
- B. 15000 Crore
- C. 13000 Crore
- D. 12000 Crore

ANSWER: C

2. Total Moons Uranus Do Have

- A. 25
- B. 29
- C. 31
- D. 33

ANSWER: B

3. Lipulekh Pass Situated In

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. Uttarakhand
- C. Arunachal Pradesh
- D. Tripura

ANSWER: B

4. Shramshree Scheme Launched By

- A. West Bengal
- B. Haryana
- C. Telangana
- D. Tamil Nadu

ANSWER: A

5. Vihar Lake, Is Located In Which City

- A. Mumbai
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Bhopal
- D. Chennai

ANSWER: A

6. What Is Anna- Chakra In Context Of India's Food Distribution System

- A. A digital ration card system
- B. A supply chain optimisation tool under Public Distribution System
- C. A food subsidy transfer scheme
- D. A new warehouse management policy

ANSWER: B

7. Thettekad Bird Sanctuary Is Located In Which State

- A. Andhra Pradesh
- B. Karnataka
- C. Tamil Nadu
- D. Kerala

ANSWER: D

8. Which Ministry Launched The Adi Karmayogi Abhiyan

- A. Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- B. Ministry of Rural Development
- C. Ministry of Home Affairs
- D. Ministry of Tribal Affairs

ANSWER: D

9. Which Day Is Observed As 'World Mosquito Day' Every Year

- A. August 18
- B. August 19
- C. August 20
- D. August 21

ANSWER: C

10. Which Country Is Set To Host The Asian Open Short Track Speed Skating Trophy 2025

- A. India
- B. China
- C. Japan
- D. South Korea

ANSWER: A

11. What Is The Name Of The First Major Atlantic Hurricane Of 2025

- A. Alice
- B. Diana
- C. Maria
- D. Erin

ANSWER: D

12. Who Won India's First Gold Medal At The 16th Asian Shooting Championship In Shymkent, Kazakhstan

- A. Ilkhombek Obidjonov
- B. Kapil Bainsla
- C. Abhishek Verma
- D. Saurabh Chaudhary

ANSWER: B

13. Which City Launched The World's First AI- Powered Passenger Corridor To Replace Immigration Counters

- A. Dubai
- B. London
- C. New York
- D. Singapore

ANSWER: A

14. Which Company Will Commence Sustainable Aviation Fuel (SAF) Production At Its Panipat Refinery

- A. Bharat Petroleum
- B. Indian Oil
- C. Hindustan Petroleum
- D. Reliance Energy

ANSWER: B

15. What Was Theme Of Equator Prize 2025 Awarded By The UNDP

- A. Restoring Our Planet
- B. Climate Solutions for All
- C. Nature for Climate Action
- D. Green Earth, Blue Future

ANSWER: C

16. In Which Indian State Was The Rare Blue Pinkgill Mushroom Recently Discovered

- A. Telangana
- B. Kerala
- C. Sikkim
- D. Assam

ANSWER: A

17. On which date is World Elephant Day observed every year

- A. July 29
- B. August 12
- C. September 22
- D. October 4

ANSWER: B

18. On which date is World Biofuel Day observed every year

- A. July 15
- B. September 3
- C. October 5
- D. August 10

ANSWER: D

19. Which State Government Is Planning To Launch A Social Security Framework For Over 5 Lakh Gig Workers

- A. Gujarat
- B. Maharashtra
- C. Punjab
- D. Tamil Nadu

ANSWER: B

20. Which Among Following Date In World History Is Known As D-day, A Date Known As Of Operation Neptune And Operation Overlord

- A. 3 March 1943
- B. 6 March 1943
- C. 6 June 1944
- D. 6 June 1945

ANSWER: C

