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World Breastfeeding Week 2026

- **World Breastfeeding Week 2026** is being observed from **1 August to 7 August** across India and several other countries to promote awareness about the importance of breastfeeding for the healthy growth and development of infants. The campaign is being led by the **Ministry of Women and Child Development** under the **POSHAN Abhiyaan** programme. It encourages mothers to initiate breastfeeding immediately after childbirth, practice exclusive breastfeeding during the first six months, and continue breastfeeding along with complementary feeding thereafter.
- **Key Highlights**
 - Observed from **1–7 August 2026**.
 - Organised under **POSHAN Abhiyaan**.
 - Promotes early initiation of breastfeeding.
 - Encourages exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months.
 - Supports continued breastfeeding with complementary foods.
 - **Theme:** *"Breastfeeding for a Sustainable Start in Life: Strengthen What Works."*
- **Significance**
 - Breastfeeding provides complete nutrition to infants, strengthens immunity, supports cognitive development, and contributes to healthier communities.



Hiroshima Day 2026

- **Hiroshima Day** is observed every year on **6 August** to remember the victims of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima during the Second World War. In **2026**, the world commemorates the **81st anniversary** of the tragic event. The observance serves as a reminder of the devastating consequences of nuclear weapons and reinforces the global commitment towards peace and nuclear disarmament.
- **Key Highlights**
- Observed on **6 August** every year.
- Marks the **81st anniversary** in 2026.
- Commemorates the atomic bombing of Hiroshima in **1945**.
- The uranium-based bomb was named "**Little Boy**."
- **Theme:** "*Remembrance, Responsibility, and Resilience.*"
- **Significance**
- The day promotes peace, humanitarian values, and global efforts to prevent the use of nuclear weapons.



Massachusetts and Boston Declare 15 August as 'India Day'

- The **State of Massachusetts** and the **City of Boston** have officially proclaimed **15 August 2026** as "**India Day**" in recognition of India's Independence Day and the valuable contributions made by the Indian American community. The proclamation celebrates India's cultural heritage and acknowledges the growing partnership between India and the United States.
- **Key Highlights**
- **15 August** declared as **India Day**.
- Proclamations issued by **Governor Maura Healey** and **Mayor Michelle Wu**.
- Recognises contributions of the Indian American community.
- Highlights India's cultural, scientific, and economic achievements.
- Also acknowledges the participation of **INS Sudarshini** in the **SAILBOSTON-250** event.
- **Significance**
- The declaration reflects the strengthening India–US relationship and honours the role of the Indian diaspora in American society.



Centre Deploys National Outbreak Response Team for Chandipura Virus Investigation

- The **Government of India** has deployed a **National Joint Outbreak Response Team (NJORT)** to **Gujarat and Rajasthan** following reports of **Chandipura Virus Disease (CHPV)**. The initiative aims to strengthen disease surveillance, investigate the outbreak, and coordinate scientific research among various national agencies.
- **Key Highlights**
- NJORT deployed to **Gujarat and Rajasthan**.
- Led by the **Ministry of Health and Family Welfare**.
- Agencies involved:
 - National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC)
 - Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
 - Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD)
- Research focuses on:
 - Disease transmission
 - Clinical symptoms
 - Epidemiological trends
 - Treatment options
 - Genetic characteristics of the virus
- **Significance**
- The coordinated response will help improve outbreak management, strengthen disease surveillance, and support scientific understanding of Chandipura Virus.



China Harvests First Rice Crop Grown in Space

- Chinese astronauts aboard the **Tiangong Space Station** have successfully harvested the **first batch of rice cultivated in space** as part of the **Shenzhou-23 mission**. The experiment is designed to study the long-term effects of microgravity on plant growth and support future human space exploration.
- **Key Highlights**
 - Harvest completed on **5 August 2026**.
 - Conducted aboard the **Tiangong Space Station**.
 - Part of the **Shenzhou-23** mission.
 - Experiment studies two generations of rice in orbit.
 - Uses both ordinary seeds and "space lineage" rice seeds.
 - Examines plant development, genetic stability, and reproduction under microgravity.
- **Significance**
 - The research contributes to future space farming technologies that could support long-duration missions to the Moon, Mars, and beyond.



Air India Appoints Tewolde Gebremariam as CEO and Managing Director

- Air India has appointed Tewolde Gebremariam as its new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director (MD). He will take over the leadership of the airline following the departure of Campbell Wilson. The appointment follows an extensive global search conducted by the Air India Board of Directors.
- Key Highlights
- Appointment announced on 5 August 2026.
- Tewolde Gebremariam becomes CEO & MD.
- Succeeds Campbell Wilson.
- Former CEO of Ethiopian Airlines Group.
- Selected after an international recruitment process.
- Brings extensive experience in airline management and strategic expansion.
- Significance
- The appointment marks an important leadership transition as Air India continues its transformation and expansion under the Tata Group, with a focus on operational excellence and global competitiveness.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. World Breastfeeding Week is observed every year from:

- A) 1–5 August
- B) 1–7 August
- C) 5–10 August
- D) 7–14 August

Answer: B) 1–7 August

Explanation: World Breastfeeding Week is observed annually from 1 August to 7 August to promote breastfeeding awareness and improve maternal and child health.

2. The theme of World Breastfeeding Week 2026 is:

- A) Breastfeeding for Better Health
- B) Healthy Mother, Healthy Child
- C) Breastfeeding: Closing the Gap
- D) "Breastfeeding for a Sustainable Start in Life: Strengthen What Works."

Answer: D) "Breastfeeding for a Sustainable Start in Life: Strengthen What Works."

Explanation: The 2026 campaign highlights strengthening proven breastfeeding support systems for sustainable child development.

3. Hiroshima Day 2026 marks the _____ anniversary of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima.

- A) 75th
- B) 78th
- C) 80th
- D) 81st

Answer: D) 81st

Explanation: Hiroshima Day 2026 commemorates the 81st anniversary of the atomic bombing carried out on 6 August 1945.

4. Which bomb was dropped on Hiroshima during World War II?

- A) Fat Man
- B) Trinity
- C) Tsar Bomba
- D) Little Boy

Answer: D) Little Boy

Explanation: The uranium-based atomic bomb "Little Boy" was dropped on Hiroshima on 6 August 1945.

5. Which U.S. state officially declared 15 August 2026 as "India Day"?

- A) California
- B) Texas
- C) New York
- D) Massachusetts

Answer: D) Massachusetts

Explanation: The State of Massachusetts and the City of Boston proclaimed 15 August 2026 as India Day.

6. The National Joint Outbreak Response Team (NJORT) was deployed to investigate which disease?

- A) Nipah Virus Disease
- B) Zika Virus Disease
- C) Monkeypox
- D) Chandipura Virus Disease (CHPV)

Answer: D) Chandipura Virus Disease (CHPV)

Explanation: NJORT was deployed to Gujarat and Rajasthan to investigate outbreaks of Chandipura Virus Disease.

7. China's first successful space-grown rice harvest was carried out aboard which space station?

- A) Mir
- B) International Space Station (ISS)
- C) Skylab
- D) Tiangong Space Station

Answer: D) Tiangong Space Station

Explanation: Chinese astronauts harvested the first rice crop grown aboard the Tiangong Space Station during the Shenzhou-23 mission.

8. The rice cultivation experiment in space was conducted under which Chinese mission?

- A) Shenzhou-18
- B) Chang'e-7
- C) Tianwen-2
- D) Shenzhou-23

Answer: D) Shenzhou-23

Explanation: The experiment was part of China's Shenzhou-23 mission.

9. Who has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Managing Director of Air India?

- A) Campbell Wilson
- B) N. Chandrasekaran
- C) Pieter Elbers
- D) Tewolde Gebremariam

Answer: D) Tewolde Gebremariam

Explanation: Tewolde Gebremariam, former CEO of Ethiopian Airlines Group, has been appointed as the new CEO and MD of Air India.

10. Which of the following statements is/are correct?

1. World Breastfeeding Week is observed from 1–7 August.
2. Chandipura Virus investigation is being coordinated by the National Joint Outbreak Response Team (NJORT).

3. China's first rice harvest in space was achieved aboard the Tiangong Space Station.

- A) 1 only
- B) 2 and 3 only
- C) 1 and 3 only
- D) 1, 2 and 3

Answer: D) 1, 2 and 3