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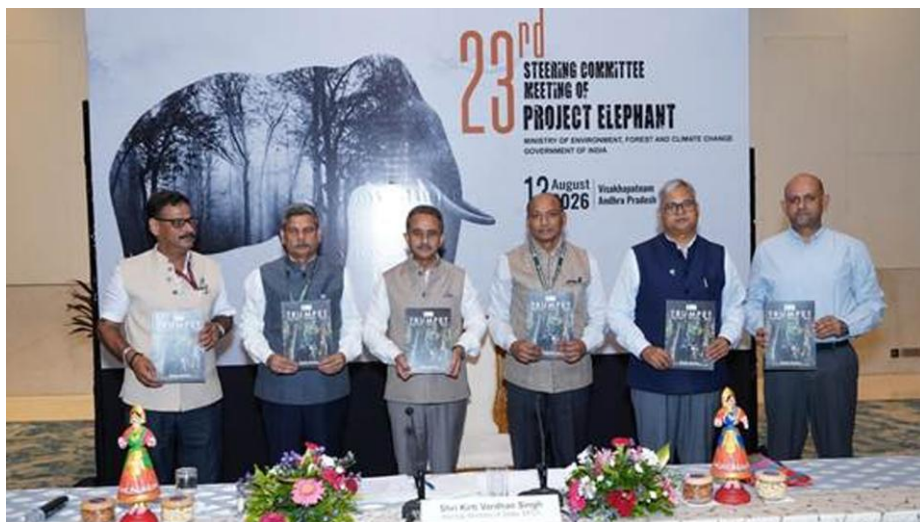
Partition Horrors Remembrance Day 2026

- Partition Horrors Remembrance Day, also known as Vibhajan Vibhishika Smriti Diwas, is observed on 14 August to remember the people who suffered during the Partition of India in 1947. The day honours those who lost their lives, homes and livelihoods, as well as those who were forced to leave their homes because of communal violence.
- The Government of India declared 14 August as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day in 2021. The observance seeks to preserve the memory of the suffering associated with Partition and remind future generations of the human cost of communal violence.
- The Partition of 1947 marked the end of British colonial rule and resulted in the creation of India and Pakistan. The process followed the June 3 Plan presented by Viceroy Lord Mountbatten, while the boundary between the two new dominions was determined by the Radcliffe Commission.



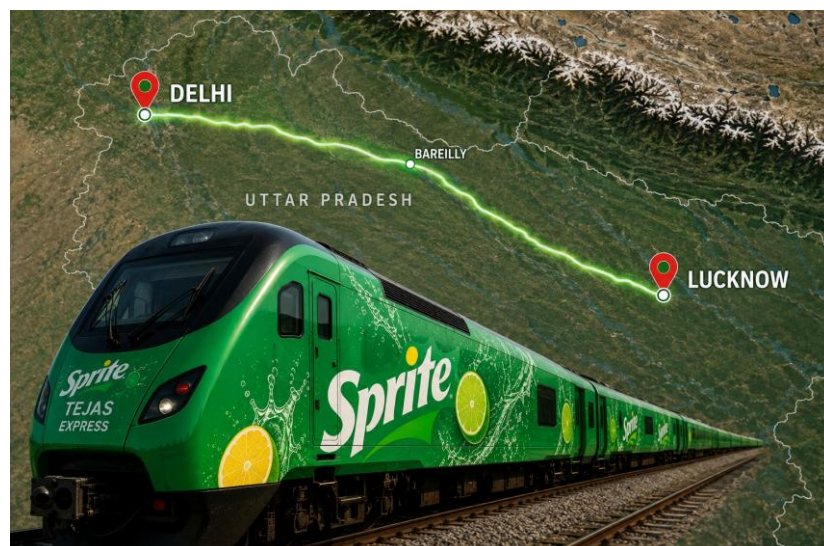
Gaj Gaurav Awards 2026

- The Gaj Gaurav Awards 2026 were presented on 13 August 2026 during national celebrations marking World Elephant Day in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.
- The awards were organised by the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change to recognise important contributions to elephant conservation and management in India.
- Seven mahouts from Jaldapara National Park in West Bengal received the 2026 award for their role in flood-rescue operations. Bikash Kharia and Rajiv Oraon helped protect six stranded captive elephants, while Ajibul Haque, Ajit Gabur, Momtaz Alam, Amasur Kharia and Dilip Munda helped guide 13 displaced wild rhinoceroses to safety.
- The Ministry also released “30 Giant Steps”, a document highlighting 30 achievements and policy initiatives under Project Elephant between 2020 and 2026.
- A Regional Action Plan for Comprehensive Understanding and Management of Human–Elephant Conflict in Southern India was also launched for Karnataka, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu, with a government financial commitment of ₹500 crore.



Sprite Tejas Express Becomes India's First Brand-Named Train

- The Lucknow–New Delhi Tejas Express, operating as train numbers 82501 and 82502, is set to run under the name Sprite Tejas Express through a commercial branding arrangement.
- The branding arrangement is managed by the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC), while Indian Railways continues to own the railway infrastructure and collect standard hauling charges.
- The Tejas Express is an air-conditioned superfast train. The Lucknow–Delhi service was India's first private corporate train when IRCTC took responsibility for its operation and service management.
- Sprite, a beverage brand owned by Coca-Cola, secured the branding and advertising rights for the route. The arrangement includes exterior vinyl wraps and advertisements inside the train, representing a non-fare revenue model for the railway sector.



India Wins Maiden Overall Title at Commonwealth Fencing Championships 2026

- India achieved a major milestone by winning its first-ever overall title at the Commonwealth Fencing Championships 2026, held in Lagos, Nigeria, from 9 to 12 August 2026.

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- India finished the championship with an impressive 35 medals, comprising 13 gold, 8 silver and 14 bronze medals. This performance earned India the Wilkinson Sword Trophy for the best overall performance.
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- The championship features the three Olympic fencing disciplines: foil, épée and sabre, with individual and team competitions for men and women in senior and age-group categories.
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- India's medal campaign included 17 medals in Under-23 individual events on 9 August. On 10 August, Taniksha Khatri won gold in the Senior Women's Épée individual event.
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- India subsequently won gold in five of the six Senior Team events—Men's Sabre, Women's Sabre, Men's Épée, Women's Épée and Women's Foil. India won silver in Men's Foil.



Gramin Gyan Setu App Launched in Gujarat

- The Gramin Gyan Setu mobile application was launched on 12 August 2026 to digitally connect libraries in Gujarat's Gandhinagar Lok Sabha constituency.
- The launch coincided with National Library Day, which commemorates the birth anniversary of Padma Shri S. R. Ranganathan, a pioneer of library science in India.

- The application follows a hub-and-spoke model, linking smaller village libraries with four central libraries. These central libraries collectively possess approximately 2.80 lakh books. According to the PPT, 752 libraries were interconnected within three months of system development.
- The initial project covers 63 village libraries across the Gandhinagar, Kalol and Sanand assembly constituencies. Four mobile library vans, funded through the MPLAD grant, will visit villages every fortnight and deliver books requested through the application.
- The digital repository includes books for children, competitive-examination preparation and subjects such as Indian and Gujarat history and the 1857 freedom struggle.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Partition Horrors Remembrance Day is observed in India on:

- A) 15 August
- B) 14 August
- C) 26 January
- D) 2 October

Answer: B) 14 August

2. In which year did the Government of India declare 14 August as Partition Horrors Remembrance Day?

- A) 2019
- B) 2020

- C) 2021
- D) 2022

Answer: C) 2021

3. The Gaj Gaurav Awards 2026 were presented in which city?

- A) New Delhi
- B) Jaipur
- C) Hyderabad
- D) Visakhapatnam

Answer: D) Visakhapatnam

4. The Gaj Gaurav Awards primarily recognise contributions towards:

- A) Tiger conservation
- B) Marine conservation
- C) Elephant conservation
- D) Forest management

Answer: C) Elephant conservation

5. Which train has been associated with the 'Sprite Tejas Express' branding arrangement?

- A) Mumbai–Ahmedabad Tejas Express
- B) Delhi–Varanasi Tejas Express
- C) Lucknow–New Delhi Tejas Express
- D) Mumbai–Goa Tejas Express

Answer: C) Lucknow–New Delhi Tejas Express

6. India won the overall title at the 2026 Commonwealth Fencing Championships with how many medals?

- A) 25
- B) 30
- C) 35
- D) 40

Answer: C) 35

7. Which trophy did India win for its overall performance at the Commonwealth Fencing Championships 2026?

- A) Queen's Trophy
- B) Commonwealth Shield
- C) Fencing Excellence Cup
- D) Wilkinson Sword Trophy

Answer: D) Wilkinson Sword Trophy

8. The Gramin Gyan Setu mobile application was launched in which state?

- A) Maharashtra
- B) Rajasthan
- C) Gujarat
- D) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: C) Gujarat

9. Gramin Gyan Setu was launched primarily to:

- A) Provide agricultural subsidies
- B) Connect schools with universities
- C) Digitally connect and strengthen village libraries
- D) Provide online banking services

Answer: C) Digitally connect and strengthen village libraries

10. National Library Day in India commemorates the birth anniversary of:

- A) Dr. S. Radhakrishnan
- B) Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam
- C) S. R. Ranganathan
- D) Dr. Homi J. Bhabha

Answer: C) S. R. Ranganathan