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PM Modi Receives Uzbekistan's Highest Honour

- Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi was awarded Uzbekistan's highest award, 'Oliy Darajali D^ostlik'. The prime minister also referred to the word "Dostlik", which means friendship and he called it a fitting representation of the historic ties between India and Uzbekistan.
- The award came at a time when the ties between the two countries saw a major strategic push. India and Uzbekistan elevated their ties to that of Comprehensive Strategic Partnership during Modi's two-day state visit to Tashkent.
- Important sectors of collaboration includes,
 - Trade and investment
 - Defence and security
 - Energy
 - Digital connectivity
 - Nuclear collaboration
 - Regional and international issues
- One of the important agreements made during the visit was the one relating to the long-term supply of uranium to India.
- Uranium is a very important component of nuclear power generation. For India, the supply of uranium is very important in order to strengthen its nuclear energy program and energy security.



Ramon Magsaysay Awards 2026

- The Ramon Magsaysay Award 2026 has honored three people who have been making a significant contribution to Asia through their work.
- Tommy Koh of Singapore who is a diplomat and a lawyer, Bo Kyi from Myanmar who is a human rights activist, and Runa Khan from Bangladesh who is a social worker and a former teacher are the awardees for the year 2026, as announced on August 31.
- Koh is a key figure who took part in negotiations that resulted in the adoption of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea (UNCLOS) which created the legal framework for the peaceful and just utilization of the oceans of the planet.
- Bangladesh's development leader Runa Khan, aged 67, felt deeply touched when she came to know about the plight of those living in remote char communities in her country. She set up an organization called 'Friendship' to provide basic services to populations out of the reach of traditional development organizations.
- Myanmar human right activist Bo Kyi, 61, knows firsthand what repression looks like as he was himself arrested following Myanmar's pro-democracy demonstration in 1988 and was twice jailed for seven years.
- The main purpose of creating the award was to encourage people showing "greatness of spirit" who serve the peoples of Asia, irrespective of race, gender

or religion. The prize is awarded every year since 1958 after the death of former Philippine President Ramon Magsaysay in 1957.



National Small Industry Day 2026

- National Small Industry Day is celebrated every year in India on August 30 as an acknowledgement of the role played by small industries in fostering entrepreneurship, employment, and economic growth.
- On the day, it is brought to the fore that the MSMEs' ecosystem is developing and that there should be better availability of finance, technology, and markets. Since 2000 to the recent reforms in 2026, the Indian approach to supporting the sector is moving towards making small enterprises competitive and scalable.
- This revised classification criteria for the MSME came into effect from April 1st, 2025, which enables the enterprises to grow without exceeding the limits of their categories. Further, in 2026, the MSMED (Amendment) Act, 2026 was enacted.
- The MSMEs work in areas of manufacturing, services, rural enterprises, exports, supply chains, and traditional industries. According to source data, the share of the sector in GDP is 31.1%, 35.4% in manufacturing production, and 48.58% in exports of India.



Airbus Awards Mahindra Contract for A320neo Fuselage Skins

- Airbus awarded Mahindra Aerostructures Pvt. Ltd. (MASPL), a Mahindra Group company, a multi-year contract to manufacture and supply fuselage skins for the A320neo and A321XLR passenger aircraft.
- The work will be carried out at Mahindra's Bengaluru facility, and the finished components will be shipped to Airbus Aerostructures' assembly plant in Augsburg, Germany.
- Fuselage skins are the outer structural panels that form the body of an aircraft. In commercial aircraft, these panels are produced with high dimensional accuracy and are fitted to fuselage sections that include the rear fuselage and tail section.
- The agreement covers 11 fuselage skins in total. It includes eight skins for Section 18, which is the rear fuselage, and three skins for Section 19, which is the tail section. The first deliveries are scheduled to begin in 2028.
- Mahindra Aerostructures plans to develop advanced manufacturing capabilities at its Bengaluru facility for this contract. The planned processes include chemical milling, surface treatment, and stretch-forming, which are used in aerospace component production.



Lionel Messi Retires from International Football

- Lionel Messi, the Argentina captain and one of football's most capped players, announced his retirement from international football on 31 August 2026. He ended his senior international career with 125 goals in 207 appearances for Argentina.
- Lionel Messi made his senior international debut for Argentina in August 2005. He played his final international match on 19 July 2026 in the 2026 FIFA World Cup final at East Rutherford, New Jersey, where Argentina lost 1-0 to Spain after extra time.
- Messi retired as Argentina's all-time top goalscorer and most-capped player. His international honours include the 2022 FIFA World Cup in Qatar, two Copa América titles, and an Olympic gold medal in 2008.
- Messi said that he had drafted his farewell statement on 21 July 2026, two days after the World Cup final. He also referred to the death of his father and agent, Jorge Messi, on 8 August 2026 in Rosario.



26th SCO Summit Held in Bishkek

- The 26th Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit was held at the Yrys Ordo Congress Hall in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, on August 31 and September 1, 2026. The summit marked the 25th anniversary of the SCO, which was founded in 2001, and it brought together leaders of the 10 member states, observer representatives, and dialogue partner representatives.
- The Shanghai Cooperation Organisation is a Eurasian intergovernmental grouping that began in 2001 as the Shanghai Five process. Its current members are India, China, Russia, Pakistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Iran, and Belarus.
- Kyrgyz President Sadyr Japarov chaired the Council of Heads of State meeting and handed over the rotating chairmanship to Pakistan. The member states signed the Bishkek Declaration and adopted more than 20 strategic decisions and statements during the summit.
- India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented the SECURE vision, which stands for Security and Growth for All in the Region, and called for coordinated action against terrorism.
- The SCO leaders approved institutional arrangements for the Universal Centre for Countering Security Challenges and Threats to SCO Member States and the Executive Committee of the SCO Anti-Narcotics Centre.



Turkey Joins Artemis Accords as 71st Member

- The Republic of Türkiye became the 71st country to sign the Artemis Accords on 31 August 2026. The signing took place at NASA Headquarters in Washington, D.C., and placed Türkiye in a U.S.-led framework for peaceful and cooperative space exploration.
- The Artemis Accords were launched in 2020 as a set of non-binding principles for civil space activities. The framework covers transparency, interoperability, emergency assistance to astronauts, registration of space objects, and the protection of historic sites in outer space, including lunar heritage locations.
- NASA referred to Türkiye's recent human spaceflight milestones, including astronaut Alper Gezeravcı's Axiom Mission 3 flight to the International Space Station in 2024 and researcher Tuva Atasever's suborbital flight with Virgin Galactic in 2024.
- Türkiye is also preparing AYAP-1, its first lunar mission, which aims to send a hybrid-propelled spacecraft to the Moon in early 2027.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Which country conferred its highest state honour on Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2026?

- A. Kazakhstan
- B. Uzbekistan
- C. Kyrgyzstan
- D. Tajikistan

Answer: B. Uzbekistan

2. What does the Uzbek word “Dostlik” mean?

- A. Peace
- B. Prosperity
- C. Friendship
- D. Partnership

Answer: C. Friendship

3. Who among the following was one of the recipients of the Ramon Magsaysay Award 2026?

- A. Tommy Koh
- B. Runa Khan
- C. Bo Kyi
- D. All of the above

Answer: D. All of the above

4. National Small Industry Day is observed in India on which date?

- A. August 28
- B. August 29
- C. August 30
- D. August 31

Answer: C. August 30

5. Airbus awarded Mahindra Aerostructures a contract to manufacture fuselage skins for which aircraft?

- A. Boeing 737 MAX
- B. Airbus A320neo and A321XLR
- C. Airbus A350
- D. Boeing 777X

Answer: B. Airbus A320neo and A321XLR

6. Where will Mahindra Aerostructures manufacture the fuselage skins under the Airbus contract?

- A. Hyderabad
- B. Chennai
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Pune

Answer: C. Bengaluru

7. Where was the 26th SCO Summit 2026 held?

- A. Tashkent, Uzbekistan
- B. Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan
- C. Astana, Kazakhstan
- D. Beijing, China

Answer: B. Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan

8. What does India's SECURE vision presented at the SCO Summit stand for?

- A. Security and Cooperation for United Regional Economy
- B. Security and Growth for All in the Region
- C. Strategic Economic Cooperation for United Regional Engagement
- D. Security, Energy and Cooperation for Regional Development

Answer: B. Security and Growth for All in the Region

9. Türkiye became the ____ country to sign the Artemis Accords in 2026.

- A. 69th**
- B. 70th**
- C. 71st**
- D. 72nd**

Answer: C. 71st

10. What is the name of Türkiye's planned first lunar mission mentioned in the article?

- A. AYAP-1**
- B. Türksat-1**
- C. Anatolia-1**
- D. Göktürk-1**

Answer: A. AYAP-1