

## Top 10 Current Affairs Questions of Today - August 5, 2025

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Today's blog will be on the current affairs of 5th August 2025. So, check out the current affairs and stay up-to-date. You can download PDF also for current affairs today.

Let's check this news about (Supreme Court) . Then, we will move ahead

## Supreme Court Asserts Environment Must Not Be Sacrificed for Revenue Gains

The Supreme Court of India has issued a stern warning, stating that economic revenue goals cannot compromise environmental integrity. It emphasised that unchecked infrastructure projects, rising tourism, and climate change are severely impacting Himachal Pradesh, potentially causing the state to “vanish from the map” unless urgent corrective action is taken . Furthermore, in Vanashakti vs Union of India, the Court invalidated government amnesties permitting retrospective environmental clearances, reinforcing that all projects must obtain prior environmental approval—a decisive move to affirm the right to a clean environment under Article 21.



[Image Source: India Today]

## India to Elect New Vice President in 2025: EC Announces Timeline

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Following Jagdeep Dhankhar's surprise resignation from the Vice President post on July 21, 2025, the Election Commission of India has set a timetable for the 17th Vice-Presidential election. As per constitutional requirements, the official notification will be issued on August 7. Nominations close on August 21, scrutiny will be on August 22, with candidatures withdrawable until August 25. If necessary, polling and counting will take place on September 9, 2025, using a secret ballot with proportional representation through a single transferable vote system.



[Image Source: India Today]

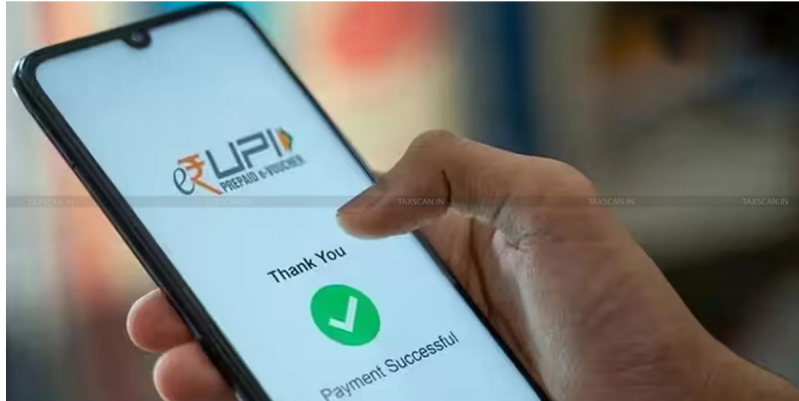
## UPI Transactions to Follow Revised Guidelines Effective August 1

From 1 August 2025, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has activated revised UPI guidelines to streamline operations and enhance security. Among the major changes: daily caps on balance enquiries (50 per app) and linked-account views (25 per app); autopay mandates now execute only during non-peak hours (before 10 am, 1–5 pm, after 9:30 pm) with limited retries; pending transaction status checks restricted to three attempts with 90-second gaps; and recipient names displayed before confirming transfers. Payment apps are subject to penalties or API restrictions for non-compliance.





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## Cabinet Gives Nod to Aid Scheme for National Cooperative Development Corporation

On July 31, 2025, the Union Cabinet approved a Central Sector Scheme granting Rupees 2,000 crore to the National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) over four years (FY 2025-26 to FY 2028-29)—Rupees 500 crore per year. With this capital infusion, NCDC is expected to leverage up to Rupees 20,000 crore from the open market for cooperative financing. The funds will support loans for new projects, modernization, and working capital. Approximately 2.9 crore members across over 13,200 cooperative societies in sectors like dairy, fisheries, textiles, and women-led groups are poised to benefit.



[Image Source: PIB]

## Kandla Port Gets Boost with Commissioning of Homegrown GHPP Project



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On July 31, 2025, Deendayal Port Authority (DPA) at Kandla commissioned India's first fully indigenous 1 MW Make-in-India Green Hydrogen Power Plant, developed by Indian engineers and L and T in just four months—a record for such infrastructure. The facility will produce around 140 metric tonnes of green hydrogen annually, initially powering 11 buses and port lighting, eventually supporting broader port operations. This is the first module of a planned 10 MW plant, aligning with India's Net Zero ambitions and setting a benchmark in maritime decarbonisation under the Maritime India Vision 2030.



[Image Source: India Today]

## UN and India Roll Out Joint Global Training Programme for Capacity Building

India and the United Nations have formally launched the India-UN Global Capacity Building Initiative, announced at the UN General Assembly in September 2023. On August 1, 2025, the first phase kicked off with the launch of four pilot projects across nine countries in Asia, Africa, and the Caribbean. These projects—covering rice fortification (Nepal), digital health platforms (Zambia and Lao PDR), census preparedness (multiple Caribbean countries), and vocational training (South Sudan)—will be delivered via India's ITEC training institutes starting September 2025, reinforcing South-South cooperation to advance SDGs.



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[Image Source: BBC News]

## UNCTAD Report Emphasises Trade Mobilisation to Tackle Plastic Pollution Globally

UNCTAD's August 2025 Global Trade Update highlights the pivotal role of trade policy in combating plastic pollution. It notes that in 2023, global trade in plastics reached over 1.1 trillion USD, while 75% of plastics ever produced became pollution, mostly affecting developing and coastal nations. UNCTAD stresses that reduced tariffs on plastics and higher tariffs on natural alternatives distort incentives. To reverse this, it advocates tariff reform, support for biodegradable substitutes, trade enablement of waste management technology, and inclusion of trade in the upcoming Global Plastics Treaty framework.



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## 26 Tech Giants Join EU's AI Code of Practice on General Purpose AI Tools

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On July 31, 2025, the European Commission published the final General-Purpose AI Code of Practice, a voluntary framework detailing how providers of GPAI models can meet obligations under the EU AI Act—which becomes enforceable on August 2, 2025. The Code, developed by independent experts in consultation with over 1,000 stakeholders, covers three key areas: transparency, copyright compliance, and safety and security. In its early rollout, 26 AI companies—including Google, Amazon, Microsoft, IBM, OpenAI, Mistral AI, Anthropic and Aleph Alpha—signed the Code. Meta declined to sign, while xAI joined only the safety chapter



[Image Source: Mint]

## Study Finds Toxic Heavy Metals in Clouds Hovering Over Himalayas

A recent study by Bose Institute and IISER Kolkata has revealed that non-precipitating monsoon clouds over the Eastern Himalayas contain elevated levels of toxic heavy metals like cadmium, chromium, copper, zinc, and nickel. Concentrations in Darjeeling were 40–60% higher than those over the Western Ghats. Health risk assessments indicate children face nearly twice the non-carcinogenic hazard compared to adults, while inhalation of dissolved chromium raises carcinogenic concerns. The findings challenge assumptions of pure mountain rain and underscore risks from long-range industrial and urban pollution.



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## IPEFA Set to Unveil Its Unified Digital Portal Soon

The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) is soon launching its Integrated Portal, a unified digital platform aimed at streamlining claim submission and speeding up grievance resolution for investors and companies. It will integrate with depositories and the Public Financial Management System (PFMS), offer simplified documentation for low-value claims, and support a new Integrated Call Centre. Companies are urged to upload pending IEPF-1/7 SRNs to avoid delays. Some temporary disruptions may occur as the system goes live.



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