

Major Achievements, significant Development and important events of Ministry of Home Affairs during the month of August, 2026.

- The Kerala (Alteration of Name) Bill, 2026 was passed by the Lok Sabha on 11.08.2026, by the Rajya Sabha on 12.08.2026; and after the assent of the Hon'ble President, the Kerala (Alteration of Name) Act, 2026 was notified on 14.08.2026.
- Ministry of Home Affairs in consultation with State Government of Arunachal Pradesh, has identified twenty-seven (27) places / features located in Arunachal Pradesh on the official map of Survey of India (Sol).
- On 10.08.2026, Ministry of Home Affairs was honored with the Gold Award by Government e-Marketplace (GeM) for recording the highest order volume in the financial year 2025-26. This award recognizes the Ministry's significant contribution to the growth of GeM and its effective utilization for public procurement.
- Notification regarding promulgation of "The Andaman and Nicobar Islands Registration of Societies Regulation, 2026" has been published in Gazette of India (Extraordinary) vide Notification No. 39 dated 27.08.2026.
- In the month of August, 2026, Hon'ble Union Home Minister chaired the following important meetings:
 - ✓ On 11.08.2026 – A Review Meeting on matters related to Home Guards including the revised charter.
 - ✓ On 20.08.2026 - 31st meeting of the Southern Zonal Council in Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu.
 - ✓ On 22.08.2026 - A meeting in Siliguri, West Bengal with different stakeholders and representatives of hill areas of West Bengal.

- On 21.08.2026, Hon'ble Union Home Minister inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for various projects of SSB, and also inaugurated an exhibition on the three new laws in Siliguri, West Bengal.
- On 22.08.2026, Hon'ble Union Home Minister reviewed the status of all infrastructural projects being undertaken in Siliguri Corridor that are critical to its security.
- On 01.08.2026, the advance release of ₹2,117.85 crore was approved from the Central share of the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) to support the States affected by floods during the ongoing southwest monsoon of 2026.
- On 25.08.2026, the govt. decided to continue providing special financial assistance to 38 districts formerly affected by Left Wing Extremism (LWE). This move is significant in bringing Naxal-affected regions into the mainstream, improving local access to govt. services, and mitigating the influence of LWE through development.
- On 24.08.2026, Hon'ble Union Home Minister inaugurated the 9th two-day National Security Strategy (NSS) Conference-2026 in New Delhi with the objective to foster better coordination among security agencies, police, and other relevant officials, to strengthen the country's internal security, as well as to devise strategies to address emerging security challenges.
- Union Home Secretary chaired the following important meetings in the month of August, 2026:
 - ✓ On 04.08.2026 - A Security review meeting with concerned stakeholders to review Jammu Kashmir Security and security of the Shri Amar Nath Ji Yatra, 2026.
 - ✓ On 18.08.2026 - A meeting to review the Fiber Detection and Ranging (FiDAR) System with concerned stakeholders.
 - ✓ On 29.08.2026 - 16th GB Meeting of NIDM.

- On 10.08.2026, Eleven (11) more International Ports have been notified by the Govt. of India enabling E-visa holder foreigners to enter India.
- On 24.08.2026, the National Security Guard (NSG) launched the first Women Commando Conversion Course at Manesar to impart specialised training to female personnel from state police forces and CAPFs. This initiative marks a significant step towards enhancing the participation and expertise of women within the security forces.
- On the occasion of Independence Day, 2026, following medals were awarded to the police/ Fire Service/ Home Guard and Correctional Service personnel's :

Sl. No.	Name of Award	No. of personnel Awarded
1.	Medal for Gallantry Service (GS)	301
2.	President Medals for Distinguished service (PSM)	92
3.	Medal for Meritorious Service (MSM)	665

- The 14th Joint Working Group (JWG) meeting between India and Nepal was held in Dehradun on August 20-21, 2026 to review border management and security cooperation.
- On 27.08.2026, the Central Government has notified "The Union Territory of Ladakh (Sitting of the Bench of the High court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, in Ladakh) Regulation, 2026". It provides sitting of a bench of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, in the UT of Ladakh.
- A comprehensive exercise was conducted on 27.08.2026 regarding further rationalization and simplification of Indian visa regime, thereby, incorporating Amendments to various chapters and Appendix I & II of the Visa Manual, 2019. Now, the number of main categories of visas have been reduced from the existing 13 to 09 and the sub-categories of visas from the existing 49 to 23.
