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Advance SDRF release Rs 2,117.85 crore

Solar at 162.15 GW.
First woman GSI chief.

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SDRF ADVANCE

162.15
GW

SOLAR CAPACITY

54th

GSI DG

Original concept illustration | Figures from cited sources

SDRF

Flood relief.

Solar

Capacity.

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Editor's briefing and contents

A disaster fund release, a solar explainer and a carried-forward appointment lead this edition.

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3 verified stories, each linked to its source. Earlier developments are explicitly carried forward. Not every possible update is covered. The separate 6-question test uses this same dataset. Original practice, not an actual previous-year paper.



National and International Affairs

Amit Shah approves advance release of Rs 2,117.85 crore SDRF for flood-hit States

1 August 2026 | Press Information Bureau

This item is carried forward from 1 August 2026 (PIB posted it that evening). Union Home Minister Amit Shah approved the advance release of Rs 2,117.85 crore from the Central share of the State Disaster Response Fund (SDRF) to States affected by floods during the southwest monsoon of 2026.

PIB said Inter-Ministerial Central Teams (IMCTs) were deputed to Arunachal Pradesh and Assam, with two IMCT visits in Assam, and an IMCT is being constituted for Nagaland. Of the seven affected States, Himachal Pradesh, Odisha and Nagaland had already received the first instalment of SDRF for 2026-27.

Key facts

Advance SDRF release: Rs 2,117.85 crore

Approved by: Union Home Minister Amit Shah

IMCTs deputed to: Arunachal Pradesh and Assam

Affected States: seven

Exam takeaway: SDRF is the State Disaster Response Fund, with a Central share.

One-minute recall: Advance SDRF release Rs 2,117.85 crore (PIB, 1 August 2026).

Press Information Bureau

Appointments, Awards and Important Days

Varsha Ashok Aglawe becomes first woman Director General of the Geological Survey of India

31 July 2026 | Press Information Bureau

This item is carried forward from 31 July 2026. PIB said Smt Varsha Ashok Aglawe assumed charge as the 54th Director General of the Geological Survey of India (GSI), becoming the first woman to head the organisation in its 176-year history.

She succeeds Shri Asit Saha as Director General.

Key facts

Appointed: Varsha Ashok Aglawe, 54th DG, GSI

First woman to head GSI in its 176-year history

Predecessor: Asit Saha

Date: 31 July 2026

Exam takeaway: GSI is India's premier geoscientific organisation.

One-minute recall: Varsha Aglawe first woman GSI Director General (PIB, 31 July 2026).

Press Information Bureau

Reports, Indices, Science and Technology

India's solar capacity reaches 162.15 GW till 30 June 2026

2 August 2026 | Press Information Bureau

A PIB explainer of 2 August 2026 says India's solar capacity has grown from about 3 GW in 2014 to 162.15 GW till 30 June 2026, more than fiftyfold, forming the largest share of renewable capacity.

It notes the approval of the Pradhan Mantri Surya Sarovar Yojana (PM-SSY), which aims to develop 5,000 MW of floating solar capacity backed by energy storage.

Key facts

Solar capacity: 162.15 GW till 30 June 2026

Capacity in 2014: about 3 GW

Growth: more than fiftyfold

PM-SSY target: 5,000 MW floating solar with storage

Exam takeaway: Solar forms the largest share of India's renewable capacity.

One-minute recall: India's solar capacity 162.15 GW (PIB, 2 August 2026).

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Rapid revision and vocabulary

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SDRF: State Disaster Response Fund.

IMCT: Inter-Ministerial Central Team.

GW: Gigawatt.

PM-SSY: Pradhan Mantri Surya Sarovar Yojana.

GSI: Geological Survey of India.

Rapid-revision prompts

What is SDRF?

What is PM-SSY?

What does GSI do?

Sources and publication information

Every figure comes from the linked source page for that story. Where an official page was not read, the story names the publication that reported it. Items we could not verify, or whose outcome was not settled, were left out. This edition has 3 stories because that is what we could verify for the day.

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