

12th National Handloom Day Observed on August 7

India observed the 12th edition of National Handloom Day on August 7, 2026, featuring the launch of the 'Handloom Hackathon 2026'.

An annual national observance to honour India's handloom weaving community and highlight its cultural, economic, and historical significance.

KEY EXAM POINTS

- The **12th edition** of National Handloom Day was observed across India on **August 7, 2026**.
- Ministry of Textiles** launched the **Handloom Hackathon 2026** with the theme 'Weaving Innovation'.
- The hackathon focuses on **design innovation**, digital technology, **market access**, and sustainable solutions for handloom weavers.
- The celebrations aimed to promote **indigenous handloom products** and integrate modern technology into traditional weaving.

STATICS & SYLLABUS FOCUS

National Handloom Day was first inaugurated on **August 7, 2015**, by Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** in **Chennai**, Tamil Nadu.

August 7 was chosen to commemorate the **Swadeshi Movement** launched on **August 7, 1905**, at **Calcutta Town Hall**.

The Swadeshi Movement encouraged the use of indigenous goods and **boycotting foreign items** during the Indian freedom struggle.

Ministry of Textiles is the nodal ministry for implementing policies and welfare schemes for the handloom sector in India.

India Handloom Brand (IHB) was launched on **August 7, 2015**, to endorse high-quality handloom products.

Textile sector is the **second-largest employer** in India after **agriculture**.

REVISION FLASHCARD

National Handloom Day: August 7 (Commemorates 1905 Swadeshi Movement; First launched in Chennai, 2015).

Syllabus Relevance: High (Frequently tested under National Days and Swadeshi Movement history)

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