

International News

Q1. The Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIA) between India and Israel officially entered into force on July 4, 2026. Israel holds the distinction of being the first member state of which organization to sign an investment pact under India's new model treaty framework?

- A) G20
- B) European Union (EU)
- C) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- D) Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU)

Answer: C) Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

Detailed Explanation:

The India-Israel Bilateral Investment Agreement (BIA), originally signed in September 2025, officially came into effect on **July 4, 2026**. Israel has become the first OECD country to establish an investment pact matching India's updated model treaty framework. This BIA replaces the obsolete 1996 investment treaty (terminated by India in 2017 during its strategic policy review on bilateral investment treaties), introducing updated clauses on Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS), legal protection of foreign assets, and market standard safety parameters.

Q2. The 16th India-Japan Annual Summit was held in early July 2026. Which of the following is a primary outcome of this summit regarding digital technologies?

- A) Joint Declaration on Quantum Network Interoperability
- B) Joint Statement on Cooperation in Artificial Intelligence
- C) Indo-Pacific Cyber-Security Standardization Treaty

D) Agreement on Global Semiconductor Pricing Mechanism

Answer: B) Joint Statement on Cooperation in Artificial Intelligence

Detailed Explanation:

During the 16th India-Japan Annual Summit, the two countries signed a comprehensive **Joint Statement on Cooperation in Artificial Intelligence**. This agreement elevates bilateral ties to a strategic AI research and development partnership. The roadmap explicitly spans the entire AI technology stack, championing the engineering of safe, secure, trusted, inclusive, and human-centric AI technologies, alongside mutual collaboration on hardware supply chains for deep learning systems.

Q3. According to a global gender economic study highlighted on July 5, 2026, which of the following statements accurately describes the "Metropolitan Gender Pay Gap Paradox"?

- A) Small towns have a wider gender pay gap than metropolitan cities due to lesser employment opportunities.
- B) Dense metropolitan cities broaden the gender pay gap despite offering higher aggregate job volumes to women.
- C) Universal work-from-home options have entirely eliminated the gender pay gap in urban service industries.
- D) The urban wage gap exists only in the informal manufacturing sector, while formal technology roles show parity.

Answer: B) Dense metropolitan cities broaden the gender pay gap despite offering higher aggregate job volumes to women.

Detailed Explanation:

An international economic study released in the first week of July 2026 revealed that large, dense urban economic hubs paradoxically

widen the gender pay gap. While big cities generate far more employment vacancies for women, deep systemic factors—such as the "long-hours premium" in elite corporate roles, high commuting frictions that disproportionately impact women with domestic responsibilities, and structural occupational segregation—result in a wider gender wage gap in large cities compared to smaller regional economies.

National News

Q4. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) issued an urgent legal notice to Meta on July 4-5, 2026, ordering the immediate removal of content associated with which violation on Instagram?

- A) Cryptographic and deep-fake financial scams
- B) Defamatory political deepfakes during regional elections
- C) Child Sexual Exploitative and Abuse Material (CSEAM) inside paid advertisements
- D) Unverified health supplements violating food safety laws

Answer: C) Child Sexual Exploitative and Abuse Material (CSEAM) inside paid advertisements

Detailed Explanation:

MeitY issued an urgent notice to social media giant Meta following reports that **Child Sexual Exploitative and Abuse Material (CSEAM)** was circulating within paid advertisements on its Instagram platform. Invoking strict intermediary liability rules under the **Information Technology Rules, 2021**, the government ordered Meta to instantly block and scrub all such material, requiring a comprehensive compliance and technical explanation report within 7 days.

Q5. The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B) issued a stringent notice to

the messaging platform Telegram on July 4, 2026. What was the central reason for this enforcement action?

- A) Facilitating untraceable cross-border digital financial transfers
- B) Massive circulation of pirated films and Over-The-Top (OTT) content through public channels
- C) Failing to appoint a local Grievance Officer under India's IT Act
- D) Operating end-to-end encrypted bots without government decryption keys

Answer: B) Massive circulation of pirated films and Over-The-Top (OTT) content through public channels

Detailed Explanation:

On July 4, 2026, the Ministry of I&B issued an enforcement notice to Telegram regarding the widespread distribution of copyrighted movies, web series, and OTT audio-visual media across its channels, groups, and automated bots. The Ministry ordered Telegram to present an **Action Taken Report (ATR) within 15 days**, emphasizing that a purely reactive, channel-by-channel takedown method fails to fulfill the legal requirements of proactive due diligence under the **Copyright Act of 1957** and the **Information Technology Rules of 2021**.

Q6. The Manipur Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) published the draft electoral roll on July 5, 2026, following the completion of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR). What was the primary structural purpose of executing this intensive revision?

- A) Shifting all voters to a biometric Aadhaar-enabled voting framework
- B) Cleansing, updating, and ensuring accurate enumeration of electors amid displacement and regional instability

C) Introducing mandatory internet-based remote voting for non-resident citizens

D) Redrawing the assembly constituency geographic borders across hill districts

Answer: B) Cleansing, updating, and ensuring accurate enumeration of electors amid displacement and regional instability

Detailed Explanation:

The Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of electoral rolls in Manipur concluded with the publication of a draft electoral roll showing 19.34 lakh voters. The SIR was specially authorized by the Election Commission of India to clean up voter databases, accurately document displaced persons, remove duplicate or deceased entries, and ensure universal, non-discriminatory voting access following periods of internal civil displacement.

Economics & Banking

Q7. The Digital India Programme completed exactly 11 years of implementation on July 1, 2026. In which year was this flagship program originally launched by the Government of India?

A) 2014

B) 2015

C) 2016

D) 2017

Answer: B) 2015

Detailed Explanation:

The **Digital India Programme** was launched on **July 1, 2015**, with the core objective of transforming the nation into a digitally empowered society and a knowledge-driven economy. Completing **11 years** of execution in July 2026, the program serves as the legal and operational bedrock for India's globally recognized **Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)**,

including Aadhaar, Unified Payments Interface (UPI), DigiLocker, and CoWIN.

Q8. Consider the following statements regarding the Narcotics Control Bureau's (NCB) Annual Report 2025, which was widely analyzed in policy circles in early July 2026:

1. Among all foreign nationals arrested in India under narcotics charges, citizens of Nigeria accounted for the absolute highest volume.
2. Encrypted messaging platforms like Telegram have emerged as a dominant global channel for illicit narcotics marketing and trafficking.

Which of the statements given above is/are correct? A) 1 only

B) 2 only

C) Both 1 and 2

D) Neither 1 nor 2

Answer: B) 2 only

Detailed Explanation:

- **Statement 1 is incorrect:** According to the NCB Annual Report 2025, a total of 747 foreign nationals were arrested in India. The highest number of arrests came from **Nepal (203 individuals)**, followed by Nigeria (143) and Myanmar (97).
- **Statement 2 is correct:** The report explicitly flagged that encrypted messaging tools—particularly **Telegram**, alongside WhatsApp and Signal—have turned into major modern conduits for darknet narcotics operations, advertising, and automated drug supply logistics inside urban centers.

Q9. With reference to the Indian economy and corporate financial operations, what does the term "Dark Patterns" refer to?

A) Illicit hawala financial channels used to bypass standard RBI checking

B) Deceptive user interface designs used by e-commerce and digital platforms to trick consumers into unintended actions

C) Advanced software algorithms used by cybercriminals to launch ransomware strikes on public banking infrastructure

D) Secret corporate accounting methods used to hide non-performing assets (NPAs)

Answer: B) Deceptive user interface designs used by e-commerce and digital platforms to trick consumers into unintended actions

Detailed Explanation:

Dark Patterns involve manipulative digital interface engineering designed to mislead consumers into making choices that undermine their interests—such as tricking users into hidden recurring subscriptions, auto-adding items to digital shopping carts, or hiding cancellation buttons. The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) and the Ministry of Consumer Affairs have issued strict compliance circulars banning these deceptive practices under the Consumer Protection Act.

Awards & Honors

Q10. The Ministry of Culture announced the initial selection shortlist for the National Cultural Preservation Awards 2026. Which structural site in India is currently being highlighted for its innovative implementation of indigenous "Miyawaki" micro-forests within its heritage complex?

A) Sun Temple, Konark

B) Mahabodhi Temple Complex, Bodh Gaya

C) Hampi Heritage Ruins, Karnataka

D) Khajuraho Temple Group, Madhya Pradesh

Answer: B) Mahabodhi Temple Complex, Bodh Gaya

Detailed Explanation:

The **Mahabodhi Temple Complex** in Bodh Gaya, Bihar, has been globally commended for merging structural heritage conservation with ecological engineering by successfully cultivating **Miyawaki micro-forests** inside its buffers. This Japanese afforestation method allows multi-layered native forests to grow ten times faster and thirty times denser than traditional plantations, significantly mitigating local urban heat island effects and shielding ancient stone masonry from environmental degradation.

Q11. Which premier Indian public institute was honored with the 'Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) Innovation Award 2026' in early July for engineering open-source local language AI translation engines?

A) IIT Madras

B) IISc Bengaluru

C) IIT Bombay

D) C-DAC Pune

Answer: A) IIT Madras

Detailed Explanation:

The **AI4Bharat** research center based at **IIT Madras** secured the DPI Innovation Award 2026. The center was recognized for developing highly scalable, open-source AI translation and speech-recognition engines tailored for Indian languages (such as Bhashini). These engines have helped bridge the digital divide by allowing rural citizens to access governance portals, banking, and justice systems in their native dialects.

Defense News

Q12. General Dhiraj Seth, who took official charge as the 31st Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) of the Indian Army, outlined his long-term modernizing blueprint through the

acronym 'VIJAY'. What does the letter 'A' stand for in 'VIJAY'?

- A) Advanced Combat Readiness
- B) Aerospace Tactical Integration
- C) Aatmanirbharta (Self-Reliance)
- D) Artillery Mechanization Wing

Answer: C) Aatmanirbharta (Self-Reliance)

Detailed Explanation:

General Dhiraj Seth, the **31st COAS** (and the 7th from the Armoured Corps), introduced his core strategic roadmap under the acronym '**VIJAY**'. The structural breakdown of this modern defense vision stands for:

- **V** – Vigilance
- **I** – Innovation
- **J** – Jointness and Integration
- **A** – Aatmanirbharta (Self-Reliance)
- **Y** – Yodha-first (Warrior-centric welfare and development)

The program aligns with the Ministry of Defence's 'Decade of Transformation (2023–2032)' aimed at building a highly digitized, technology-enabled, and multi-domain capable fighting force.

Q13. In early July 2026, the Indian Navy's stealth frigate INS Trikand successfully foiled a major piracy attempt on the merchant vessel MV Golden Arsenal. In which critical global shipping lane did this tactical operation occur?

- A) Strait of Malacca
- B) Gulf of Aden
- C) Bab-el-Mandeb
- D) Mozambique Channel

Answer: B) Gulf of Aden

Detailed Explanation:

The Indian Navy's Talwar-class stealth frigate **INS Trikand** intercepted and neutralized a piracy threat targeting the merchant ship *MV Golden Arsenal* in the **Gulf of Aden**. Backed by a P-8I maritime patrol aircraft, Indian Marine Commandos (**MARCOS**) boarded and secured the merchant vessel. The Gulf of Aden is an economically vital shipping lane where roughly 10% of global seaborne petroleum and over \$110 billion of India's trade pass annually.

Science & Technology

Q14. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) achieved a major spaceflight milestone on July 3, 2026, by successfully carrying out the first static ground test of the 'SOLVE' solid motor. What is the primary role of this system?

- A) To act as the cryogenic cruise engine for Chandrayaan missions
- B) To serve as a core solid booster rocket for executing uncrewed Gaganyaan Test Missions
- C) To power the orbital adjustments of the Aditya-L1 satellite
- D) To serve as a solid-propellant ramjet engine for hypersonic cruise tests

Answer: B) To serve as a core solid booster rocket for executing uncrewed Gaganyaan Test Missions

Detailed Explanation:

ISRO successfully executed the initial static ground test of the **Sub-Orbital Launch Vehicle for Experiments (SOLVE)** solid motor at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota. The SOLVE solid motor is engineered specifically to provide thrust profiles during the upcoming uncrewed developmental flights and abort safety simulations of the **Gaganyaan human spaceflight program**.

Q15. The Union Government recently brought all stem cell and gene therapies under Central

Licensing regulations. Which statutory body is legally empowered to issue these advanced biomedical licenses in India?

- A) Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
- B) Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO)
- C) Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI)
- D) National Medical Commission (NMC)

Answer: B) Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO)

Detailed Explanation:

To check unscientific, unregulated commercial medical claims and guarantee patient safety, the government brought all complex gene therapies, cell-based products, and stem cell engineering under the mandatory **Central Licensing framework** administered by the CDSCO, headed by the Drugs Controller General of India (DCGI). This prevents state-level licensing authorities from unilaterally greenlighting unvalidated advanced biological therapies without rigorous national clinical trial clearance.

Sports News

Q16. India's premier space-based navigation network, GAGAN, achieved a historic civil aviation milestone in early July 2026. What was this milestone?

- A) Executing the first fully automated night landing of a commercial drone in the Himalayas
- B) Facilitating an advanced Localizer Performance with Vertical Guidance (LPV) landing of a commercial airliner at a regional tier-3 airport
- C) Tracking a supersonic fighter jet flight across the Indian Ocean

D) Creating an autonomous air traffic control system for urban air taxis

Answer: B) Facilitating an advanced Localizer Performance with Vertical Guidance (LPV) landing of a commercial airliner at a regional tier-3 airport

Detailed Explanation:

GAGAN (GPS Aided GEO Augmented Navigation), developed jointly by ISRO and the Airports Authority of India (AAI), achieved a major milestone by guiding a commercial aircraft to an absolute safe precision landing using LPV (**Localizer Performance with Vertical Guidance**) operational parameters. LPV allows aircraft to land safely at small regional or remote tier-3 airports that lack expensive ground-based Instrument Landing Systems (ILS), significantly boosting the regional connectivity goals of the UDAN scheme.

Q17. The International Olympic Committee (IOC) issued an official status report regarding preparations for the upcoming 2028 Summer Olympic Games. Which city is scheduled to host this edition?

- A) Brisbane, Australia
- B) Paris, France
- C) Los Angeles, USA
- D) Milan, Italy

Answer: C) Los Angeles, USA

Detailed Explanation:

The **2028 Summer Olympic Games** (officially known as the Games of the XXXIV Olympiad) are scheduled to be hosted in **Los Angeles, California, USA**. Following the 2024 Paris Olympics, LA 2028 is generating heavy structural interest in India, as cricket (specifically the T20 format) will make its historic return to the official Olympic sporting discipline.



Appointments & Resignations

Q18. The Jan Suraj Party (JSP) officially announced on July 5, 2026, that it would field its core leader for the upcoming Bankipore Assembly by-election in Bihar. Who is this candidate?

- A) Manoj Bharti
- B) Nitin Nabin
- C) Prashant Kishor
- D) Sanjay Jha

Answer: C) Prashant Kishor

Detailed Explanation:

The state president of the Jan Suraj Party, Manoj Bharti, officially confirmed that political organizer and strategist **Prashant Kishor** will be the party's candidate for the upcoming Bankipore Assembly constituency by-election. The seat fell vacant after the sitting MLA, Nitin Nabin, won election to the Rajya Sabha.

Q19. Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit took charge of a major operational desk within the Indian Air Force (IAF) in recent administrative shuffles. Which position does he hold?

- A) Chief of the Air Staff
- B) Vice Chief of the Air Staff
- C) Deputy Chief of the Air Staff
- D) Air Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Western Air Command

Answer: C) Deputy Chief of the Air Staff

Detailed Explanation:

Air Marshal **Ashutosh Dixit** serves as the **Deputy Chief of the Air Staff (DCAS)** at Air Headquarters. In this capacity, he oversees the procurement, modernization, and indigenous technology induction matrices for the IAF, driving indigenous programs like the LCA Tejas

Mk1A and advanced drone warfare integrations.

Government Schemes & MoUs

Q20. The newly deployed digital platform 'SHE-LEAPS' was launched in early July 2026 under the LokOS network. What is the primary objective of this scheme?

- A) Extending interest-free export credits to young tech startups
- B) Providing an integrated platform for enterprise creation, tracking, and business management for rural women associated with Self-Help Groups (SHGs)
- C) Creating an online national database for monitoring adolescent health and nutrition parameters
- D) Offering specialized drone-flying licenses to women farmers under the PM Drone Didi scheme

Answer: B) Providing an integrated platform for enterprise creation, tracking, and business management for rural women associated with Self-Help Groups (SHGs)

Detailed Explanation:

SHE-LEAPS stands for *Self-Help Entrepreneur-Livelihoods and Enterprise Application for Prosperity and Sustainability*. Developed by the **Digital India Corporation**, this app runs inside the LokOS digital ecosystem. It offers rural women entrepreneurs associated with SHGs a unified digital platform to track performance, secure credit linkages, manage inventories, and gain wider access to e-commerce markets.

Q21. The Delhi Government unveiled a major 7-year air pollution mitigation blueprint titled 'Swachh Hawa, Swasth Delhi' with a total outlay of ₹8,300 crore. Which international financial institution is backing this project?



- A) Asian Development Bank (ADB)
- B) World Bank
- C) New Development Bank (NDB)
- D) Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB)

Answer: B) World Bank

Detailed Explanation:

The Delhi Government's '**Swachh Hawa, Swasth Delhi**' initiative is a 7-year environmental program (running until August 2033) backed financially and technically by the **World Bank**. The program focuses on reducing particulate matter emission loads at their source by targeting road dust management, deploying clean-energy public transport, installing automated smog-control infrastructure, and restructuring construction waste logistics.

Q22. India signed a major multi-sectoral Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the United Kingdom in early July 2026 to launch the 'UK-India Green Hydrogen Corridor'. Which Indian state will host the primary green hydrogen production infrastructure under this pact?

- A) Gujarat
- B) Rajasthan
- C) Odisha
- D) Tamil Nadu

Answer: A) Gujarat

Detailed Explanation:

The 'UK-India Green Hydrogen Corridor' MoU centers around co-investing in large-scale renewable-energy-powered electrolysis hubs. **Gujarat** has been selected as the primary manufacturing and production node due to its extensive coastline, existing port logistics, and massive solar-wind hybrid generation capacities in regions like Kutch, which align with India's **National Green Hydrogen Mission**.

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Books & Authors

Q23. A highly debated socio-economic book titled "*The Urban Trap: How Megacities Deepen Structural Inequality*" entered the bestseller charts in July 2026. Who is the author of this book?

- A) Raghuram Rajan
- B) Dr. Jean Drèze
- C) Jayati Ghosh
- D) Dr. Amit Bhaduri

Answer: B) Dr. Jean Drèze

Detailed Explanation:

Renowned development economist **Dr. Jean Drèze** authored "*The Urban Trap: How Megacities Deepen Structural Inequality*". The book analyzes how rapid, unplanned urbanization in developing nations creates a dual economic reality: a booming tech/corporate economy alongside an underserved, informal migrant workforce facing widening wage gaps and high public health costs.

Q24. The book "*Wings of Resilience: The Story of India's Naval Aviation*" was released by the Naval History Division in early July 2026. Who is the author?

- A) Commodore Jaideep Maolankar
- B) Admiral Hari Kumar (Retd.)
- C) Vice Admiral Biswajit Dasgupta
- D) Captain Rahul Verma

Answer: A) Commodore Jaideep Maolankar

Detailed Explanation:

Written by decorated veteran fighter test pilot **Commodore Jaideep Maolankar**, "*Wings of Resilience*" provides an inside look at India's long journey toward indigenous carrier-based aviation capabilities. It focuses on the complex

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engineering challenges of landing LCA Navy prototypes on aircraft carriers like INS Vikramaditya and INS Vikrant.

Important Days & Themes

Q25. World Zoonoses Day is observed annually on July 6 across the globe. Which pioneering scientific breakthrough does this day commemorate?

- A) The discovery of penicillin by Alexander Fleming
- B) The successful administration of the first rabies vaccine by Louis Pasteur
- C) The isolation of the Tuberculosis bacterium by Robert Koch
- D) The development of the smallpox vaccine by Edward Jenner

Answer: B) The successful administration of the first rabies vaccine by Louis Pasteur

Detailed Explanation:

World Zoonoses Day is observed annually on July 6 to raise global public awareness about zoonotic diseases—infections that can spread from animals to humans (such as Rabies, Ebola, and avian influenza). The day commemorates July 6, 1885, when French biologist **Louis Pasteur** successfully administered the first vaccine against Rabies to Joseph Meister, a boy mauled by a rabid dog.

Art, Culture & Festivals

Q26. Environmentalists and tribal rights bodies in Assam highlighted the ecological security of the Nameri Tiger Reserve in early July 2026 following a registered increase in its apex predator count. Nameri Tiger Reserve shares a contiguous ecological boundary with which protected area in Arunachal Pradesh?

- A) Namdapha National Park

- B) Pakke Tiger Reserve
- C) Mouling National Park
- D) Kamlang Tiger Reserve

Answer: B) Pakke Tiger Reserve

Detailed Explanation:

Located in the foothills of the Eastern Himalayas in the Sonitpur District of Assam, **Nameri Tiger Reserve** is bounded by the Jia Bhoroli River. It shares a contiguous northern boundary with **Pakke Tiger Reserve** in Arunachal Pradesh. Together, these parks form a vital trans-boundary conservation corridor for the Bengal tiger, Asian elephant, and rare bird species like the White-winged wood duck.

Q27. Wildlife biologists successfully tracked a straying, critically endangered White-Rumped Vulture (*Gyps bengalensis*) using advanced radio telemetry in early July 2026. Under the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species, the White-Rumped Vulture is classified under which status?

- A) Vulnerable
- B) Endangered
- C) Critically Endangered
- D) Extinct in the Wild

Answer: C) Critically Endangered

Detailed Explanation:

The **White-Rumped Vulture** is classified as **Critically Endangered** on the IUCN Red List. Indian vulture populations suffered an unprecedented 99% collapse during the 1990s and 2000s due to veterinary poisoning caused by **Diclofenac**, a non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug used in livestock. Radio telemetry programs in 2026 help scientists track foraging paths and detect active poisoning zones to protect surviving populations.

Q28. The iconic 'Dree Festival', an agricultural festival celebrated to ward off pests and pray for a bumper crop, began its primary celebrations in the first week of July 2026. This festival belongs to which specific tribal community of India?

- A) Apatani Tribe (Arunachal Pradesh)
- B) Angami Tribe (Nagaland)
- C) Garo Tribe (Meghalaya)
- D) Khasi Tribe (Meghalaya)

Answer: A) Apatani Tribe (Arunachal Pradesh)

Detailed Explanation:

The **Dree Festival** is the most prominent agricultural celebration of the **Apatani tribe**, who inhabit the Ziro Valley of Arunachal Pradesh. Celebrated annually on July 5, the festival features traditional folk songs, dances, and sacrificial offerings to protective deities to ensure a healthy rice crop, prevent insect infestations, and protect the community from seasonal ailments.

Birth & Death Anniversaries

Q29. July 5 marks the death anniversary of which towering Indian statesman who served as the Deputy Prime Minister of India, was a key architect of Dalit empowerment, and set a record as one of India's longest-serving parliamentarians?

- A) Babu Jagjivan Ram
- B) Dr. B.R. Ambedkar
- C) Ram Vilas Paswan
- D) Kanshi Ram

Answer: A) Babu Jagjivan Ram

Detailed Explanation:

Popularly known as *Babuji*, Babu Jagjivan Ram passed away on **July 5, 1986**. He was a freedom fighter, social reformer, and a major voice for

marginalized communities. He holds the distinction of being India's Union Labour Minister in the interim government of 1946, the Defence Minister during the historic 1971 Indo-Pak War, and later the Deputy Prime Minister of India. His memorial site in New Delhi is known as **Samata Sthal** (Place of Equality).

Q30. The birth anniversary of Swami Vivekananda's iconic master, whose spiritual philosophy centered on the direct experience of divine unity and religious harmony, is historically commemorated across cultural institutions in early July. Who is this saint?

- A) Sri Aurobindo
- B) Ramakrishna Paramahansa
- C) Swami Dayananda Saraswati
- D) Adi Shankaracharya

Answer: B) Ramakrishna Paramahansa

Detailed Explanation:

Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa was a 19th-century mystic and spiritual teacher whose teachings formed the foundation of the **Ramakrishna Mission**, established by his chief disciple, Swami Vivekananda. His emphasis on the underlying spiritual unity of all religions ("*As many faiths, so many paths*") remains a core element of modern Indian philosophical thought. Cultural and educational programs honoring his legacy are widely organized by the Ramakrishna Math and Ramakrishna Mission networks in early July.