

International News

Q1. In July 2026, the U.S. Supreme Court (SCOTUS) delivered a historic 6-3 majority ruling striking down Executive Order 14160. Which constitutional principle did the court reaffirm with this verdict?

- A) Right to Bear Arms
- B) Universal Birthright Citizenship
- C) Freedom of Executive Privilege
- D) Separation of Powers over Immigration

Answer: B) Universal Birthright Citizenship

Detailed Explanation: The U.S. Supreme Court struck down President Donald Trump's Executive Order 14160, reaffirming that birthright citizenship under the **Fourteenth Amendment (1868)** remains an unassailable constitutional guarantee. The executive order had attempted to restrict citizenship for children born to undocumented immigrants. The Court interpreted the phrase "*subject to the jurisdiction*" to mean anyone physically present in the U.S. and governed by its laws, invoking the historical legal principle of **jus soli** (right of the soil).

Q2. The 11th Edition of the Sustainable Development Report (SDR) 2026 was released by the UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network (UNSDSN). What is India's rank in this report?

- A) 112th
- B) 99th
- C) 94th
- D) 85th

Answer: C) 94th

Detailed Explanation: India secured its highest-ever rank of **94th among 167 countries** with a score of 68.3 out of 100 in the 2026 report. This

marks a solid improvement from its 99th position in 2025 and an 18-rank jump since 2015 (when it was 112th). However, the report highlights that India still lags behind regional neighbors like Bhutan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka, with significant challenges remaining in **SDG 2 (Zero Hunger)** due to persistent issues of child stunting and wasting.

Q3. Which United Nations-backed agency launched the 'Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Good Global Commission' in July 2026 to strengthen global AI governance?

- A) UNESCO
- B) International Telecommunication Union (ITU)
- C) UNIDO
- D) World Economic Forum (WEF)

Answer: B) International Telecommunication Union (ITU)

Detailed Explanation: The ITU officially launched the **AI for Good Global Commission** with 44 founding members in Geneva, Switzerland. The commission aims to develop strong international AI governance frameworks that prioritize inclusion and innovation. From India, prominent business tycoons including Mukesh Ambani (Reliance), Sunil Bharti Mittal (Bharti Enterprises), and Lakshmi N. Mittal (ArcelorMittal) were inducted as founding commission members.

National News

Q4. Prime Minister Narendra Modi held a crucial bilateral summit in early July 2026 with which visiting head of state at Hyderabad House, New Delhi, resulting in the signing of 129 MoUs worth ₹1 lakh crore?

- A) UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer
- B) Japanese Prime Minister Takaichi

- C) Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese
D) French President Emmanuel Macron

Answer: B) Japanese Prime Minister Takaichi

Detailed Explanation: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Japanese Prime Minister Takaichi convened the Japan-India Joint Economic Forum in New Delhi. The summit yielded massive bilateral outcomes, including **129 MoUs valued at ₹1 lakh crore** focusing on economic security, resilient semiconductor supply chains, and critical technologies. Additionally, Maruti Suzuki's 4th vehicle manufacturing plant at Kharkhoda, Haryana, was officially highlighted as a landmark project under this cooperation.

Q5. In July 2026, the National Institution for Transforming India (NITI) Aayog released a landmark report titled "Strategic Roadmap for Making Ayurveda Global". Which global firm collaborated with NITI Aayog to prepare this document?

- A) McKinsey & Company
B) Boston Consulting Group (BCG)
C) PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)
D) Deloitte India

Answer: C) PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC)

Detailed Explanation: NITI Aayog, in collaboration with **PwC**, unveiled the "Strategic Roadmap for Making Ayurveda Global" in New Delhi. The roadmap sketches a phased, evidence-based development plan to transform Ayurveda into a universally standardized, scientifically validated healthcare system by **2047** (marking India's centenary of independence).

Q6. The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) issued a strict 7-day notice to Meta on July 4-5, 2026, regarding which specific violation on its Instagram platform?

- A) Data harvesting without user consent
B) Displaying Child Sexual Exploitative and Abuse Material (CSEAM) in paid ads
C) Allowing cryptocurrency scams without verification
D) Violating local digital sovereignty rules

Answer: B) Displaying Child Sexual Exploitative and Abuse Material (CSEAM) in paid ads

Detailed Explanation: Taking a zero-tolerance approach to online safety, MeitY issued a stern legal notice ordering Instagram to immediately disable all ads and content that facilitate or promote access to Child Sexual Exploitative and Abuse Material (CSEAM). Meta was ordered to submit a formal, detailed explanation to the Indian government within seven days detailing how such ads bypassed safety algorithms.

Economics & Banking

Q7. The European arm of which prominent Indian fintech major secured a coveted Payment Institution (PI) license from Luxembourg's financial regulator (CSSF) in July 2026?

- A) PhonePe
B) Paytm (One97 Communications)
C) Razorpay
D) BharatPe

Answer: B) Paytm (One97 Communications)

Detailed Explanation: Paytm Europe Payments **S.A.** formally secured a Payment Institution (PI) license from the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier (CSSF), the financial regulatory authority of Luxembourg. Registered officially as an authorized payment institution effective July 2, 2026, this move allows Paytm to seamlessly scale its digital payment ecosystems across the European Union market.



Q8. On July 1, 2026, India's Goods and Services Tax (GST) completed how many years since its historic implementation?

- A) 7 years
- B) 8 years
- C) 9 years
- D) 10 years

Answer: C) 9 years

Detailed Explanation: The Goods and Services Tax (GST), launched under the **101st Constitutional Amendment Act**, completed **9 years** of implementation on July 1, 2026. Data released by the Department of Economic Affairs showed massive progress: the registered taxpayer base ballooned from 66.5 lakh in 2017 to nearly 1.65 crore by mid-2026, while gross collections jumped from ₹7.4 lakh crore in FY18 to a record ₹22.27 lakh crore in FY26.

Q9. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) introduced a fresh regulatory framework inside its sandbox environment in July 2026. This setup is optimized specifically for which emerging technology?

- A) Peer-to-Peer AI Lending
- B) Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT) based payments
- C) Quantum FinTech Networks
- D) Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC) offline wallets

Answer: B) Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT) based payments

Detailed Explanation: To encourage secure structural innovation in the FinTech space, the RBI launched a brand new testing cohort under its regulatory sandbox aimed directly at **Distributed Ledger Technology (DLT) based payment solutions**. The step targets structural upgrades in modern transactional security,

lower overhead fees, and faster settlement clearings.

Awards & Honors

Q10. Who was conferred with the prestigious global 'Sustainable Agriculture Pioneer Award' during the July 2026 international climate summit in Geneva?

- A) Dr. MS Swaminathan Foundation Team
- B) Prof. Ramesh Chand (NITI Aayog Member)
- C) Ratan Tata Trust
- D) Dr. G. Venkateshwarlu

Answer: B) Prof. Ramesh Chand (NITI Aayog Member)

Detailed Explanation: Noted agricultural economist and NITI Aayog member Prof. Ramesh Chand was honored with the **Sustainable Agriculture Pioneer Award 2026** in Geneva. The award recognized his decades-long dedication to executing climate-resilient farming techniques across developing countries and drafting India's long-term sustainable crop security roadmaps.

Q11. Which Indian short film won the 'Best Narrative Short' award at the July 2026 London International Film Festival?

- A) *The Last Monsoon*
- B) *Echoes of the Western Ghats*
- C) *The Clay Potter of Majuli*
- D) *Whispers of the Banyan*

Answer: A) The Last Monsoon

Detailed Explanation:

Directed by independent filmmaker Anandvardhan, the short fiction film ***The Last Monsoon*** clinched the prestigious 'Best Narrative Short' title in London. The film explores the human-ecological toll of climate vulnerability on agrarian communities—in

central India through a poetic lens, drawing massive global critical acclaim.

Defense News

Q12. General Dhiraj Seth officially assumed charge as the Chief of the Army Staff (COAS) of the Indian Army in July 2026. He is the _____ Chief of Army Staff.

- A) 29th
- B) 30th
- C) 31st
- D) 32nd

Answer: C) 31st

Detailed Explanation: General Dhiraj Seth took official charge as the **31st Chief of the Army Staff (COAS)**. Upon stepping into the role, he introduced a transformative modernization blueprint named **'VIJAY'** (Vigilance, Innovation, Jointness and Integration, Aatmanirbharta, and Yodha-first) to guide the military toward building a highly digitized, future-ready tactical combat fighting force.

Q13. India and Japan announced their first-ever joint defense co-development project in July 2026. Which advanced naval platform system does this project involve?

- A) BrahMos-II Naval Cruise Missiles
- B) Unified Complex Radio Antenna (UNICORN) system
- C) Kawasaki P-1 Maritime Patrol Sub-systems
- D) Indigenous AIP (Air-Independent Propulsion) Modules

Answer: B) Unified Complex Radio Antenna (UNICORN) system

Detailed Explanation: During the bilateral talks between PM Modi and Japanese PM Takaichi, a historic breakthrough was made with the confirmation of their first-ever co-development

defense venture. The project focuses on building the advanced **Unified Complex Radio Antenna (UNICORN) system** for deployment on Indian Navy warships, significantly boosting naval stealth and communication capabilities.

Science & Technology

Q14. India marked a massive milestone on July 4, 2026, by successfully completing field tests of its indigenous 'QSCG'. What does 'QSCG' stand for?

- A) Quantum Secure Communication Gateway
- B) Quick Satellite Control Ground-station
- C) Quasi-Static Cyber Grid
- D) Quantum Semiconductor Computing Group

Answer: A) Quantum Secure Communication Gateway

Detailed Explanation: India successfully tested its homegrown **Quantum Secure Communication Gateway (QSCG)**. Operating on principles of quantum mechanics (specifically Quantum Key Distribution or QKD), this technology makes data transmission channels completely impervious to intercepting or hacking attempts, vastly securing defense and critical governance databases.

Q15. On July 3, 2026, ISRO successfully conducted the first static ground test of which specific component vital for the Gaganyaan Test Missions at Sriharikota?

- A) Vikas-Liquid Stage Engine
- B) CE-20 Cryogenic Engine Block
- C) SOLVE Solid Motor
- D) Crew Escape Thruster Pack

Answer: C) SOLVE Solid Motor

Detailed Explanation: The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) successfully fired the first ground test of its **Sub-Orbital Launch**

Vehicle for Experiments (SOLVE) solid motor at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota. The SOLVE solid motor is a critical foundational component tasked with executing structural validations during upcoming uncrewed Gaganyaan Test Missions.

Sports News

Q16. In a shocking announcement on July 6, 2026, which global football icon officially declared his retirement from international football following his country's exit from the FIFA World Cup?

- A) Cristiano Ronaldo
- B) Neymar Jr.
- C) Lionel Messi
- D) Luka Modrić

Answer: B) Neymar Jr.

Detailed Explanation: Brazilian forward **Neymar Jr.** officially announced his permanent retirement from international football on July 6, 2026. The announcement came in the wake of Brazil's unexpected early knockout from the ongoing FIFA World Cup tournament, bringing down the curtain on an illustrious, record-breaking career for the Seleção.

Q17. Young Indian cricketer Vaibhav Suryavanshi made news headlines on July 5-6, 2026, during his debut performance against which international team?

- A) Australia
- B) South Africa
- C) England
- D) West Indies

Answer: C) England

Detailed Explanation: Indian cricket prodigy **Vaibhav Suryavanshi** showcased excellent technique and temperament during a highly

anticipated debut match against England. While England eventually won the match on the back of Jacob Bethell's superb performance, Suryavanshi's record-breaking young debut drew heavy praise from global cricket selectors.

Appointments & Resignations

Q18. Who was appointed as the new Chairperson of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC) in early July 2026?

- A) Madhabi Puri Buch
- B) Ashwani Bhatia
- C) T. V. Somanathan
- D) Rajesh Kumar Verma

Answer: D) Rajesh Kumar Verma

Detailed Explanation: The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet officially selected senior bureaucrat **Rajesh Kumar Verma** to take over the helm as the new Chairperson of **SEBI**, succeeding the outgoing chief. Verma is tasked with expanding market transparency and handling regulatory overhauls for volatile digital financial assets.

Q19. In July 2026, the Jan Suraj Party (JSP) announced its core committee's unanimous decision to field its top leader for the Bankipore Assembly by-election in Bihar. Who is the candidate?

- A) Manoj Bharti
- B) Nitin Nabin
- C) Prashant Kishor
- D) Pawan Khera

Answer: C) Prashant Kishor

Detailed Explanation: The Jan Suraj Party officially announced political strategist turned politician **Prashant Kishor** as its candidate for

the upcoming Bankipore Assembly constituency by-election. The seat fell vacant after sitting MLA Nitin Nabin was elected to the Rajya Sabha.

Government Schemes & MoUs

Q20. The Union Cabinet recently launched the 'Aatmanirbhar Yuva Kaushal Yojana'. What is the central focal objective of this national scheme?

- A) Giving low-interest agricultural loans to rural farmers under 30
- B) Enhancing digital literacy and high-tech skill development for youth
- C) Setting up micro-sports complexes across tier-3 towns
- D) Offering free higher education to girl students in STEM subjects

Answer: B) Enhancing digital literacy and high-tech skill development for youth

Detailed Explanation: The Union Cabinet approved the Aatmanirbhar Yuva Kaushal Yojana, a mega-budget scheme framed by the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship. It focuses on upskilling Indian youth in next-generation technologies like AI, cloud computing, cybersecurity, and data analytics to increase employability and align human resources with the global tech industry.

Q21. The Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) unveiled the 'National Blue Carbon Policy' in July 2026. This policy targets carbon sequestration through which primary ecological zone?

- A) Himalayan Alpine Glaciers
- B) Coastal and Marine Ecosystems
- C) Central Indian Deciduous Forest Belts
- D) Desert Thorn Scrub Ecosystems

Answer: B) Coastal and Marine Ecosystems

Detailed Explanation: The National Blue Carbon Policy was launched to optimize carbon absorption by restoring and preserving India's coastal and marine wealth, such as mangroves, seagrass meadows, and salt marshes. Blue carbon ecosystems can sequester up to ten times more carbon per area than terrestrial tropical rainforests, making this a major pillar in India's net-zero carbon strategy.

Q22. Air India signed a historic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with which global technical firm in July 2026 to transform India into an international aviation hub?

- A) Boeing Aerospace Corp
- B) SIA Engineering Company (SIAEC)
- C) Lufthansa Technik
- D) Airbus Services division

Answer: B) SIA Engineering Company (SIAEC)

Detailed Explanation: Air India signed an MoU with SIA Engineering Company (SIAEC) in Mumbai. The partnership establishes an advanced domestic Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) ecosystem. This initiative significantly reduces India's dependence on foreign repair facilities and scales up domestic structural aviation engineering capabilities.

Books & Authors

Q23. Who is the author of the recently released book titled "The Digital Divide: AI and the New Geopolitical Order", which became a bestseller in early July 2026?

- A) Shashi Tharoor
- B) Nandan Nilekani
- C) Dr. S. Jaishankar
- D) Arundhati Roy

Answer: C) Dr. S. Jaishankar

Detailed Explanation: India's External Affairs Minister **Dr. S. Jaishankar** authored the highly acclaimed book *"The Digital Divide: AI and the New Geopolitical Order"*. The book provides an analytical look at how artificial intelligence, chip supply chains, and technological sovereign control are reshaping modern diplomatic alliances and shifting traditional global balances of power.

Q24. A highly anticipated historical biography titled "Santhal Hul: The First War of Santhal Resistance (1855)" was published in July 2026. Who wrote this book?

- A) Ramachandra Guha
- B) Dr. Gladson Dungdung
- C) William Dalrymple
- D) Sanjeev Sanyal

Answer: B) Dr. Gladson Dungdung

Detailed Explanation: Noted tribal rights activist and author **Dr. Gladson Dungdung** penned this book. Released around the commemoration period of the Santhal Hul rebellion, the book chronicles the deep military resistance organized by the Murmu brothers (Sidho, Kanho, Chand, Bhairav) and their sisters against British imperial exploitation in 1855.

Important Days & Themes

Q25. The International Day of Cooperatives is celebrated globally on the first Saturday of July. On which exact date did it fall in 2026, and what was its official theme?

- A) July 1 — "Cooperatives for Sustainable Green Growth"
- B) July 4 — "Cooperatives for a Peaceful World"
- C) July 5 — "Cooperative Digital Inclusivity"
- D) July 3 — "Economic Democracy via Cooperatives"

Answer: B) July 4 — "Cooperatives for a Peaceful World"

Detailed Explanation: The **104th International Day of Cooperatives** (and the 32nd recognized by the UN) was celebrated on **July 4, 2026**. The official global theme selected was **"Cooperatives for a Peaceful World"**, emphasizing how cooperative business models promote cultural harmony, equitable wealth distribution, and conflict resolution worldwide.

Art, Culture & Festivals

Q26. The historic 'Santhal Hul' (Rebellion of 1855) was extensively commemorated across India in early July. In which year did the British colonial administration carve out the specific 'Damin-i-Koh' region for Santhal settlements?

- A) 1815
- B) 1832
- C) 1855
- D) 1872

Answer: B) 1832

Detailed Explanation: The British colonial administration officially demarcated the **Damin-i-Koh** region (located in present-day Jharkhand) in **1832**, intending it to be a dedicated settlement zone for the Santhal tribe. However, rampant tax exploitation by British officials and local moneylenders (*dikus*) ultimately triggered the historic Santhal Hul revolution in 1855.

Q27. The annual 'Behdienkhlam Festival', a major cultural festival celebrated to drive away evil spirits and pray for a bountiful harvest, concluded in the first week of July 2026. In which state is it primarily celebrated?

- A) Nagaland
- B) Meghalaya
- C) Mizoram

D) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: B) Meghalaya

Detailed Explanation: Behdienkhlam is one of the most prominent cultural festivals of the **PNars (Jaintias)** tribe in Meghalaya. Celebrated annually in July at Jowai, the festival features vibrant traditional dances, the parading of tall decorated structures (*Rot*), and a symbolic game resembling football called *Dad-lawakort* to invoke divine blessings for a disease-free harvest season.

Q28. The famous 'Ambubachi Mela' concluded its post-festival cleanliness and cultural evaluation phase in early July 2026. This historic celebration takes place around which iconic temple?

- A) Kamakhya Temple, Assam
- B) Jagannath Temple, Odisha
- C) Lingaraj Temple, Odisha
- D) Mahakaleshwar Temple, Madhya Pradesh

Answer: A) Kamakhya Temple, Assam

Detailed Explanation: The **Ambubachi Mela** is an annual Hindu festival hosted at the **Kamakhya Temple** on the Nilachal Hills in Guwahati, Assam. It celebrates the continuous cycle of nature and earth fertility, drawing millions of spiritual seekers, ascetics, and cultural tourists to Northeast India every mid-summer.

Birth & Death Anniversaries

Q29. July 6 marks the birth anniversary of which visionary Indian leader who co-founded the Bharatiya Jana Sangh and served as a crucial member in India's first post-independence Union Cabinet?

- A) Syama Prasad Mookerjee
- B) Deendayal Upadhyaya
- C) Ram Manohar Lohia

D) Lal Bahadur Shastri

Answer: A) Syama Prasad Mookerjee

Detailed Explanation: Born on **July 6, 1901**, Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee was a prominent academician, barrister, and politician. He served as the Minister for Industry and Supply in Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's first post-independence cabinet. He later resigned due to policy differences over the Delhi Pact and founded the **Bharatiya Jana Sangh** in 1951, which served as the ideological predecessor to the modern Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Q30. The death anniversary of which social reformer and academic icon, known for establishing the iconic 'SNDT Women's University' (the first women's university in India), was commemorated with state programs in early July?

- A) Savitribai Phule
- B) Dhondo Keshav Karve
- C) Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar
- D) Jyotirao Phule

Answer: B) Dhondo Keshav Karve

Detailed Explanation: Maharishi **Dhondo Keshav Karve** was a pioneering social reformer in India who dedicated his life to women's education and widow remarriage. He established the **Shreemati Nathibai Damodar Thackersey (SNDT) Women's University** in 1916. He was awarded India's highest civilian honor, the **Bharat Ratna**, in 1958 on his 100th birthday. Historical commemorations dedicated to his educational legacy are held annually in early July across Maharashtra.