

Category 1: International News

Q1. President Droupadi Murmu unveiled a bust of Mahatma Gandhi in Skopje during her state visit to which country in July 2026?

- (A) North Macedonia
- (B) Greece
- (C) Serbia
- (D) Bulgaria

- **Answer:** (A) North Macedonia
- **Detailed Explanation:**

President Droupadi Murmu, along with President Gordana Siljanovska-Davkova, jointly unveiled a bust of Mahatma Gandhi at the Skopje Museum. This marked the first-ever visit by an Indian Head of State to North Macedonia. During the bilateral discussions, India announced the doubling of Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) training slots for North Macedonia, covering emerging technologies like Artificial Intelligence (AI). North Macedonia also expressed its intention to join the International Solar Alliance (ISA), Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure (CDRI), and the Global Biofuels Alliance.

Q2. Which European country recently passed a law banning social media access for children under the age of 15 set to take effect from 2027?

- (A) Germany
- (B) France
- (C) Spain
- (D) Italy

- **Answer:** (B) France
- **Detailed Explanation:**

France passed landmark legislation prohibiting children under 15 years from using social media platforms starting in 2027. France became the second nation globally (after Australia) to

introduce strict age-gated social media bans to mitigate the impact of digital media on youth mental health and online harassment.

Q3. The 59th ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting (AMM) and related Quad Foreign Ministers' meetings were hosted under the 2026 ASEAN Chairmanship in July 2026 in which city?

- (A) Jakarta, Indonesia
- (B) Manila, Philippines
- (C) Hanoi, Vietnam
- (D) Bangkok, Thailand

- **Answer:** (B) Manila, Philippines
- **Detailed Explanation:**

The Philippines hosted the 59th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Foreign Ministers' Meeting (AMM) in Parañaque City/Manila. Indian External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar represented India, engaging with foreign counterparts from Russia, the Philippines, and Singapore, as well as attending the Quad Foreign Ministers' Meeting. The year 2026 is designated as the ASEAN-India Year of Maritime Cooperation.

Category 2: National News & Governance

Q4. Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the establishment of which dedicated judicial mechanism to ensure swift trial and strict punishment for competitive exam malpractices?

- (A) Fast-track courts for paper leak cases
- (B) National Examination Tribunal
- (C) Central Bureau of Examination Integrity
- (D) Special Bench on Paper Leaks

- **Answer:** (A) Fast-track courts for paper leak cases
- **Detailed Explanation:**



Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the decision to set up fast-track courts across the country to expedite trials and deliver swift punishment in cases involving competitive examination paper leaks. This initiative aims to protect the integrity of national recruitment and entrance exams like NEET and SSC.

Q5. According to the Ministry of Law and Justice, how many Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs) are currently functional across 29 States/UTs as of July 2026?

- (A) 550
- (B) 680
- (C) 775
- (D) 910

• **Answer:** (C) 775

• **Detailed Explanation:**

According to official figures released on 23 July 2026, 775 Fast Track Special Courts (FTSCs) are operational across 29 States and Union Territories out of the targeted 790 courts. This includes 398 exclusive POCsO (e-POCSO) courts. Uttar Pradesh holds the highest count with 218 operational FTSCs.

Q6. Tamil Nadu leads Indian states in which labor metric according to recent socio-economic data released in July 2026?

- (A) Highest agricultural export volume
- (B) Share of women workers in the formal sector
- (C) Number of cottage industry co-operatives
- (D) Total gig-economy enrollment

• **Answer:** (B) Share of women workers in the formal sector

• **Detailed Explanation:**

A report highlighted that Tamil Nadu continues to lead all Indian states in the proportion of

female workers in the industrial and formal sectors, reflecting high female workforce participation rates driven by proactive state welfare and industrial training policies.

Category 3: Economics, Banking & Corporate

Q7. What project was launched by MDoNER Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia and Meghalaya CM Conrad Sangma in July 2026 for Lakadong Turmeric?

- (A) Operation Golden Root
- (B) Mission Golden Spice
- (C) PM-TURMERIC Initiative
- (D) North-East Spice Corridor

• **Answer:** (B) Mission Golden Spice

• **Detailed Explanation:**

Union Minister Jyotiraditya M. Scindia and Meghalaya Chief Minister Conrad K. Sangma launched "Mission Golden Spice – Integrated Lakadong Turmeric Value Chain Enhancement Project" in New Delhi. The mission aims to scale up processing, marketing, and global export value chains for Meghalaya's GI-tagged Lakadong Turmeric, known for its high curcumin content (up to 7-12%).

Q8. Which trade association officially launched the Electronic (E)-Commerce Council of India (ECCI) in Bengaluru in July 2026?

- (A) FICCI
- (B) ASSOCHAM
- (C) IMAI
- (D) CII

• **Answer:** (C) IMAI

• **Detailed Explanation:**

The Internet and Mobile Association of India (IMAI) formally launched the Electronic (E)-

Commerce Council of India (ECCI) in Bengaluru, Karnataka. ECCI serves as a nationwide collaborative platform bringing together e-commerce platforms, logistics partners, and government bodies to standardize digital trade policies and foster trust in online commerce.

Q9. EnKash introduced which first-of-its-kind financial instrument in July 2026?

- (A) RuPay Forex Card for MSMEs
- (B) UPI-enabled Meal Card
- (C) Sovereign Green Digital Bond
- (D) Blockchain-backed Kisan Credit Card

• **Answer:** (B) UPI-enabled Meal Card

• **Detailed Explanation:**

Fintech firm EnKash launched a UPI-enabled meal card. Unlike traditional closed-loop meal tax-benefit cards restricted to specific merchants, this card allows employees to pay via standard UPI QR codes at food and beverage outlets while enabling digital tax exemption tracking for corporate employers.

Q10. According to recent market estimates published in July 2026, India's stainless steel market is projected to reach what valuation by 2030?

- (A) USD 8.2 Billion
- (B) USD 12.0 Billion
- (C) USD 15.8 Billion
- (D) USD 22.5 Billion

• **Answer:** (C) USD 15.8 Billion

• **Detailed Explanation:**

India's stainless steel market is projected to grow to USD 15.8 billion (approx. ₹1.36 lakh crore) by 2030. India currently possesses a 7.5 million tonne (MT) installed production capacity, with average capacity utilization hovering around 60–65%.

Category 4: Defense & Aerospace News

Q11. DRDO successfully test-fired the indigenous long-range surface-to-air missile (LR-SAM) system 'Project Kusha' from which location on 23 July 2026?

- (A) Integrated Test Range (ITR), Chandipur
- (B) APJ Abdul Kalam Island, off Odisha coast
- (C) Pokhran Firing Range, Rajasthan
- (D) SDSC SHAR, Sriharikota

• **Answer:** (B) APJ Abdul Kalam Island, off Odisha coast

• **Detailed Explanation:**

On 23 July 2026, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) test-fired the long-range surface-to-air missile system under 'Project Kusha' from APJ Abdul Kalam Island (formerly Wheeler Island) off the Odisha coast. Project Kusha gives India an indigenous air defence umbrella with operational ranges between 150 km and 350 km, capable of intercepting stealth fighters, cruise missiles, and precision munitions, placing it on par with systems like Russia's S-400.

Q12. Who became the first woman officer to be appointed as Aide-de-Camp (ADC) to the Chief of the Army Staff in July 2026?

- (A) Captain Abhilasha Barak
- (B) Captain Shivani Sahrawat
- (C) Commander Prerna Deosthalee
- (D) Squadron Leader Manisha Padhi

• **Answer:** (B) Captain Shivani Sahrawat

• **Detailed Explanation:**

Captain Shivani Sahrawat scripted history by being appointed as the first female Aide-de-Camp (ADC) to the Chief of the Army Staff

(COAS). The ADC serves as a key personal aide to high-ranking military officials, managing ceremonial, administrative, and tactical coordination duties.

Q13. What is 'Samudra Pradakshina', which was virtually flagged in by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in July 2026?

- (A) Deep-sea mining exploratory mission
- (B) All-Women Tri-Services Sailing Expedition
- (C) Naval anti-piracy patrolling mission in the Horn of Africa
- (D) Joint amphibious exercise with Quad nations

• **Answer:** (B) All-Women Tri-Services Sailing Expedition

• **Detailed Explanation:**

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh flagged in the 'Samudra Pradakshina' expedition, an all-women sailing voyage highlighting women's empowerment (Nari Shakti) across the Indian Armed Forces. The crew navigated challenging oceanic waters to promote maritime adventure and environmental awareness.

Category 5: Government Schemes & Initiatives

Q14. What is the primary focus of the 'DESH Scheme' implemented under the Ministry of Culture?

- (A) Digital preservation of ancient manuscripts
- (B) Skill development for traditional folk dancers
- (C) Development of Excavation Sites and Heritage Complexes
- (D) Financial grants for village temples

• **Answer:** (C) Development of Excavation Sites and Heritage Complexes

• **Detailed Explanation:**

The DESH Scheme (Development of Excavation Sites and Heritage Complexes) focuses on modernizing, preserving, and developing prominent archaeological excavation sites into world-class open-air heritage destinations. It works alongside existing programs like the Cultural Functions and Production Grant (CFPG) and Guru-Shishya Parampara Scheme.

Q15. Under 'Mission Mausam', what is the name of the new citizen-centric hyperlocal village-level weather advisory initiative?

- (A) Gramin Mausam Vani
- (B) Mausamgram
- (C) Kisaan Mausam Kendra
- (D) Gram Panchayat Weather Net

• **Answer:** (B) Mausamgram

• **Detailed Explanation:**

Under 'Mission Mausam', the Ministry of Earth Sciences introduced "Mausamgram" carrying the tagline "*Har Har Mausam, Har Ghar Mausam*". It delivers pinpointed, hyperlocal village-level weather forecasts using AI/ML integration and next-generation Doppler Weather Radars (DWRs) to assist farmers and rural communities.

Q16. The PM-YASASVI scheme implemented by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment caters to which target group?

- (A) Self-help group women entrepreneurs
- (B) Merit scholarships for OBC, EBC, and DNT students
- (C) Pension schemes for gig workers
- (D) Skill training for rural youth in logistics

• **Answer:** (B) Merit scholarships for OBC, EBC, and DNT students

• **Detailed Explanation:**

PM-YASASVI (PM Young Achievers Scholarship Award Scheme for Vibrant India) provides top-class education scholarships and hostel facilities to meritorious students belonging to Other Backward Classes (OBC), Economically Backward Classes (EBC), and Denotified, Nomadic, and Semi-Nomadic Tribes (DNT) studying in top schools and colleges across India.

Category 6: MoUs & Institutional Partnerships

Q17. ISRO's Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) signed an MoU with which CSIR institute in July 2026 to develop eco-friendly blowing agent technology?

- (A) CSIR-National Chemical Laboratory (NCL)
- (B) CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT)
- (C) CSIR-Central Electrochemical Research Institute (CECRI)
- (D) CSIR-National Physical Laboratory (NPL)

- **Answer:** (B) CSIR-Indian Institute of Chemical Technology (IICT)
- **Detailed Explanation:**

ISRO's VSSC signed a Memorandum of Understanding with CSIR-IICT (Hyderabad) to develop next-generation, eco-friendly blowing agents. These specialized chemical blowing agents are critical for preparing lightweight thermal insulation foams used in space launch vehicles and advanced aerospace applications.

Q18. The Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA) signed an MoU with which professional body in July 2026 to strengthen municipal accounting and financial governance?

- (A) Institute of Cost Accountants of India (ICMAI)

(B) Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)

(C) Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI)

(D) NITI Aayog Governance Division

- **Answer:** (B) Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI)

- **Detailed Explanation:**

The Centre for Urban Studies at IIPA signed an MoU with ICAI for a 3-year term to overhaul financial accounting across Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) in India. The collaboration focuses on double-entry accrual accounting, municipal financial audits, capacity building, and advisory support for urban governance reform.

Q19. IIT Kanpur announced the setting up of 'ECOGEN' in July 2026 under which state policy initiative?

- (A) UP Green Hydrogen Policy 2024
- (B) National Biofuel Mission Phase II
- (C) Gujarat Clean Energy Framework
- (D) Maharashtra EV & Hydrogen Grid Policy

- **Answer:** (A) UP Green Hydrogen Policy 2024

- **Detailed Explanation:**

IIT Kanpur established the Centre of Excellence on Innovative and Integrated Ecosystem for Green Hydrogen (ECOGEN) supported under Uttar Pradesh's Green Hydrogen Policy 2024. The center will focus on water electrolysis efficiency, hydrogen storage materials, and industrial decarbonization pathways.

Category 7: Important Days, Anniversaries & Culture

Q20. National Broadcasting Day is celebrated annually in India on July 23 to commemorate which event?

- (A) Establishment of Prasar Bharati
- (B) First radio broadcast by Indian Broadcasting Company (IBC) in 1927
- (C) Nationalization of All India Radio
- (D) Launch of Doordarshan's national channel
- **Answer:** (B) First radio broadcast by Indian Broadcasting Company (IBC) in 1927

• **Detailed Explanation:**

July 23 is observed as National Broadcasting Day to commemorate the first radio broadcast in India, which aired on 23 July 1927 from the Bombay Station of the private firm Indian Broadcasting Company (IBC). IBC was later taken over by the government and renamed All India Radio (Akashvani) in 1936.

Q21. July 23 marks the birth anniversary of which freedom fighter who gave the slogan "Swaraj is my birthright and I shall have it"?

- (A) Chandra Shekhar Azad
- (B) Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak
- (C) Lala Lajpat Rai
- (D) Bipin Chandra Pal
- **Answer:** (B) Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak

• **Detailed Explanation:**

Bal Gangadhar Tilak (born 23 July 1856 in Ratnagiri, Maharashtra) was remembered on his birth anniversary. Known as 'Lokmanya' ("accepted by the people"), he co-founded the Deccan Education Society, published the newspapers *Kesari* (Marathi) and *Mahratta* (English), and popularized the Sarvajanik Ganeshotsav festival to unite people during the freedom struggle. Note: July 23 is also the birth anniversary of revolutionary martyr Chandra Shekhar Azad (born 1906).

Q22. Which state won the 'Best Wedding Destination' award at a major national tourism event in July 2026?

- (A) Rajasthan
- (B) Goa
- (C) Andhra Pradesh
- (D) Kerala

• **Answer:** (C) Andhra Pradesh

• **Detailed Explanation:**

Andhra Pradesh was conferred the 'Best Wedding Destination' award. The state's promotion of coastal beach destinations in Visakhapatnam and temple heritage locations like Tirupati and Amaravati helped boost its standing in the destination wedding sector.

Category 8: Sports News

Q23. Who won the Women's Singles title at the BWF Super 750 Japan Open in July 2026 by defeating Akane Yamaguchi in the final?

- (A) An Se-young
- (B) P.V. Sindhu
- (C) Chen Yufei
- (D) Tai Tzu-ying

• **Answer:** (B) P.V. Sindhu

• **Detailed Explanation:**

P.V. Sindhu secured a victory at the BWF Super 750 Japan Open by defeating Japan's Akane Yamaguchi in straight games in the Women's Singles final. This marked Sindhu's first Japan Open singles title.

Q24. Whom did the Indian Olympic Association (IOA) name as India's flag bearer and baton bearer respectively for the Glasgow Commonwealth Games (CWG) 2026 opening ceremony?

- (A) Neeraj Chopra & Nikhat Zareen

- (B) Mirabai Chanu & Lovlina Borgohain
(C) Sharath Kamal & Harmanpreet Singh
(D) Vinesh Phogat & Chirag Shetty

- **Answer:** (B) Mirabai Chanu & Lovlina Borgohain
- **Detailed Explanation:**

The IOA officially selected Olympic weightlifting medalist Mirabai Chanu as the flag bearer and Olympic boxing medalist Lovlina Borgohain as the baton bearer for India at the Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games opening ceremony.

Q25. Sangram Singh won which international title in July 2026?

- (A) Asian MMA (Mixed Martial Arts) Championship Title
(B) World Heavyweight Wrestling Gold
(C) Commonwealth Boxing Championship
(D) International Kickboxing League Trophy

- **Answer:** (A) Asian MMA (Mixed Martial Arts) Championship Title
- **Detailed Explanation:**

Indian professional wrestler Sangram Singh won the Asian MMA (Mixed Martial Arts) Title in his division. This victory established him among the few professional Indian wrestlers to make a successful transition into international MMA competitions.

Category 9: Appointments & Key Positions

Q26. Who was appointed as the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NITI Aayog in July 2026?

- (A) B.V.R. Subrahmanyam
(B) Anurag Jain
(C) Parameswaran Iyer
(D) Amitabh Kant

- **Answer:** (B) Anurag Jain
- **Detailed Explanation:**

Senior bureaucrat Anurag Jain was appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NITI Aayog. Prior to this appointment, Jain served as Secretary in key Union Ministries, including Road Transport and Highways.

Q27. Eight-year-old Iya Krish created a record in July 2026 by becoming the youngest Asian to climb which peak?

- (A) Mount Kilimanjaro
(B) Mount Toubkal
(C) Mount Elbrus
(D) Mount Kosciuszko

- **Answer:** (B) Mount Toubkal
- **Detailed Explanation:**

Eight-year-old Indian-origin climber Iya Krish became the youngest Asian to successfully summit Mount Toubkal (4,167 meters) located in the Atlas Mountains of Morocco, North Africa.

Category 10: Books, Science & Environment

Q28. What astronomical entity is recognized as the "coldest natural place in the universe" with a temperature of 1 Kelvin (-272°C)?

- (A) Orion Nebula
(B) Boomerang Nebula
(C) Crab Nebula
(D) Tarantula Nebula

- **Answer:** (B) Boomerang Nebula
- **Detailed Explanation:**

The Boomerang Nebula (located 5,000 light-years away in the constellation Centaurus) was featured in scientific releases as the coldest known natural place in the universe. Its

expansion causes the gas to cool down to 1 Kelvin, colder even than the cosmic microwave background radiation (2.7 Kelvin).

Q29. Maharashtra announced plans in July 2026 to set up India's first AI-powered Bird Sanctuary at which site?

- (A) Karnala Bird Sanctuary
- (B) Bhandup Pumping Station / Wetlands, Mumbai
- (C) Great Indian Bustard Sanctuary, Solapur
- (D) Jayakwadi Bird Sanctuary

• **Answer:** (B) Bhandup Pumping Station / Wetlands, Mumbai

• **Detailed Explanation:**

The Maharashtra State Forest Department launched India's first AI-powered Bird Sanctuary initiative at the Bhandup wetland complex in Mumbai. AI bio-acoustic sensors, automated image recognition cameras, and drone surveillance will track migratory avian species and monitor eco-vulnerability.

Q30. What is the title of the book authored on traditional Indian heritage and published in July 2026?

- (A) The Golden Thread of History
- (B) The Limitless Tradition
- (C) Heritage Unbound
- (D) Sanskriti: The Continuum

• **Answer:** (B) *The Limitless Tradition*

• **Detailed Explanation:**

The Limitless Tradition was released in July 2026. The book focuses on civilizational ethos, classical performing arts, and indigenous knowledge systems passed down across generations in Indian society.