



CURRENT AFFAIRS OF JULY 2026

Awards

The renowned Tamil poet, lyricist, and writer who has been awarded with Jnanpith award in the year 2025 – **Shri R. Vairamuthu**

The country which has conferred its highest civilian award Bintang Adipurna on the Indian Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi – **Indonesia**

The international award for literary writing which has been renamed as Bukhman International Booker Prize after a funding agreement with Bukhman Philanthropies – **International Booker Prize**

Sports

The 38-year old Indian cricketer who has announced retirement from all forms of international cricket – **Ajinkya Rahane**

The Indian badminton player who has won the 2026 Japan Open tournament defeating Japan's Akane Yamaguchi in the finals – **PV Sindhu**

The former Indian cricketer and cricket administrator who has been inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame, becoming the 12th Indian to be so inducted – **Sourav Ganguly**

Persons

The new Union Education Minister of India who has taken over following the resignation of Shri Dharmendra Pradhan – **Shri Prahlad Joshi**

The leader of the Bhartiya Janata Party who has taken over as the Chairman of National Commission for Minorities, a position which was vacant since April 2025 – **Shri Harjit Singh Grewal**

The leader of Labour Party who has taken over as the Prime Minister of United Kingdom succeeding Mr. Keir Starmer who resigned due to low public popularity – **Mr. Andy Burnham**

The veteran playback singer, referred to as the Nightingale of South India, winner of several awards including four National Film Awards, who passed away on 11 July 2026 – **Smt. S. Janaki**

The first female artist of Pandwani folk song and drama in the state of Chhattisgarh, recipient of Padma Shri, Padma Bhushan and Sangeet Natak Akademi Award, who passed away on 05 July 2026 – **Smt Teejan Bai**

Places

The ancient Buddhist site near Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh which has been inscribed as India's 45th World Heritage Site by the UNESCO – **Sarnath**

The place in Sikkim where an under-construction NHPC tunnel collapse due to an explosion caused a loss of lives of more than 15 people – **Samardung in Namchi district**

Defence

The multinational air combat exercise hosted by Australia at Darwin air base from July 20 to August 7, with participation of India, USA, France, Japan and several other countries is named – **Exercise Pitch Black**

The multinational military exercise held at the Five Hills Training Area in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, from 20 June to 03 July with participation from 18 countries including India was named – **Exercise Khaan Quest 2026**

Miscellaneous

The rank of India in the Global Passport Index 2026, Singapore ranked at the topmost position – **125**

Wimbledon 2026

Title	Winner	Runner-up
Gentlemen's Singles	Jannik Sinner (Italy)	Alexander Zverev (Germany)
Ladies' Singles	Linda Noskova (Czechia)	Karolina Muchova (Czechia)
Gentlemen's Doubles	Harri Heliövaara (Finland) and Henry Patten (United Kingdom)	Marcelo Arevalo (El Salvador) and Mate Pavić (Croatia)
Ladies' Doubles	Guo Hanyu (China) and Kristina Mladenovic (France)	Gabriela Dabrowski (Canada) and Luisa Stefani (Brazil)
Mixed Doubles	Marcelo Arevalo (El Salvador) and Jelena Ostapenko (Latvia)	Marc Polmans (Australia) and Storm Hunter (Australia)

2026 FIFA World Cup

- Held from 11.06.2026 to 19.07.2026
- Host: Canada, Mexico and United States
- No of teams: 48
- Opening ceremony and first match: Mexico City Stadium (Estadio Azteca) in Mexico City, featuring Mexico vs. South Africa
- Final match and closing ceremony: Metlife Stadium (New Jersey)
- Prize money: \$50 million for winners
- Mascot: **Maple, Zayu and Clutch**. Maple is a moose, Zayu is a jaguar, and Clutch is a bald eagle, representing Canada, Mexico, and the United States, respectively
- Official match ball named: **Adidas Trionda**
- Official match ball for final: **Adidas Trionda Final**
- Winners: **Spain** (2nd title)
- Runners-up: **Argentina**
- Final score in the final match: 1 - 0
- 3rd and 4th Position: **England and France**

Awards

- Golden Boot: **Kylian Mbappe**
- Golden Ball: **Rodri (Spain)**
- Golden Glove: **Unai Simon (Spain)**
- Young Player Award: **Pau Cubarsi (Spain)**
- Fair Play Award: **Netherlands**

New GI Tags

West Bengal: Chandannagar's Jalbhara Sandesh, Janai's Manohara and Balagarh's Traditional Wooden Boats (Dingi Boats)

Himachal Pradesh: Spiti Seabuckthorn (Chharma), Salooni Safed Makka (White Maize), Chamba Metal Art, Sirmauri Loiya (traditional woollen garment), Kinnauri Topi, Sepuvadi of Mandi, Kinnauri Apple, Kinnauri Jewellery

Haryana: Sirsa Kinnow

Gujarat: Unjha (Mehsana district) cumin and Unjha fennel

Important Days of July 2026

International Day of Co-operatives: 05 July 2026 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 1993 Theme: Cooperatives for a Peaceful World
World Population Day: 11 July 2026 Designated by: United Nations Development Programme First observed: 1989 Theme: Realizing the hopes and aspirations of young people – today and for the future.
Nelson Mandela International Day: 18 July 2026 Designated by: UN General Assembly First observed: 2010 Theme: It's in our hands
International Moon Day: 20 July 2026 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2022
World Chess Day: 20 July 2026 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly First observed: 2020
World Drowning Prevention Day: 25 July 2026 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2021 Theme: Unite to turn the tide
World Hepatitis Day: 28 July 2026 Designated by: World Health Organisation First Observed in: 2008 Theme: Hepatitis - Let's Break it Down
International Tiger Day: 29 July 2026 Designated by: St Petersburg Tiger Summit First Observed in: 2010
World Day against Trafficking in Persons: 30 July 2026 Designated by: UN General Assembly First Observed in: 2014 Theme: Trapped behind the scam

Sir Garfield Sobers

Born: 28 July 1936 – 17 July 2026

Important Points

- He was a Barbadian cricketer who played for West Indies from 1954 to 1974.
- He is widely regarded as cricket's greatest all rounder.
- He scored 8032 runs and took 235 wickets in the 93 matches played by him.
- He was the first batsman to hit six sixes in one over in first-class cricket.
- He was the first player to score a Test triple century for the West Indies.
- He scored 365 not out against Pakistan at Kingston in 1958. The score remained unbeaten till 1994 when Brian Lara scored 375.

72nd National Film Awards

- Best Feature Film: **Article 370** (Hindi) directed by Aditya Suhas Jambhale
- Best Debut Film of a Director: **Swantanrya Veer Savarkar** directed by Randeep Hooda
- Best Direction: **Rajkumar Periasamy** for Amaran (Tamil)
- Best Popular Film Providing Wholesome Entertainment: **Kalki 2898** (Telugu) directed by Nag Ashwin Singireddy
- Best Feature Film Promoting National, Social and Environmental Values: **Captain Miller** (Tamil) directed by Arun Matheswaran
- Best Actor: **Mammootty** for Bramayugam (Malayalam) and Kartik Aaryan for Chandu Champion (Hindi)
- Best Actress: **Yami Gautam** for Article 370
- Best Feature Film in Hindi: **Srikanth** by Tushar Hiranandani

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Important Points

- Vikram-1 is the country's first privately developed orbital launch vehicle with the capability to place up to 350 kilograms into Low Earth Orbit.
- Vikram-1 is a four-stage, expendable orbital small-lift launch vehicle developed by Skyroot Aerospace.
- Skyroot Aerospace Private Limited is an Indian private aerospace manufacturer and commercial launch service provider headquartered in Hyderabad, Telangana.
- The first flight of Vikram-1 was known as Aagaman.
- The launch was conducted on 18 July 2026.
- It was launched from Prof Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota.
- With its launch India became the third country with a private orbital launch capability, after the U.S. and China.