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Weekly Current Affairs - 29th July- 04th Aug' 2025

National affairs

- India's first Hydrogen-Oxygen Propulsion Engine train coach successfully tested in Chennai. Stardour successfully conducted this test in Bengaluru.
- 2. India's first Al-based Road Safety Pilot Project launched in Uttar Pradesh.
- 3. India's first Hindi-medium MBBS college to open in Jabalpur, Madhya Pradesh.
- 4. Sikkim becomes first state in India to launch Sabbatical Leave Scheme for government employees. Although announced in August 2023, the scheme was launched in 2025. It is applicable to state government employees who have served in continuous service for at least five years. Under this policy, employees can take leave from 365 days to a maximum of 1,080 days.
- 5. 4th World Food India 2025 to be held in New Delhi; 2025 theme is "Processing for Prosperity".
- 6. Rajasthan Assembly to establish a Kargil Shaurya Vatika to honour soldiers killed in Kargil war.
- 7. Indian government extends President's rule in Manipur. President's rule will continue till February 2026.
- 8. Union Minister Nirmala Sitharaman presided over the 166th Income Tax Day celebrations in New Delhi.
- 9. India forms COP-33 Cell to host UN Climate Summit in 2028.
- 10. India signs 6 MoUs with Maldives to enhance cooperation in multiple areas.
- 11. India and Singapore conduct joint military exercise 'Bold Kurukshetra 2025' in Jodhpur, Rajasthan.
- 12. 11th Malabar River Festival held in Kozhikode district of Kerala.
- 13. Kaziranga in Assam becomes world's third highest tiger density sanctuary.
- 14. Punjab government recently lifted ban on heritage sports.
- 15. Divyanshi Bhowmik becomes first Indian to win U15 Girls' Singles title at Asian Youth Championships.
- 16. India finished 20th in the FISU World University Games 2025 with 12 medals.
- 17. Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched the National Cooperative Policy 2025 in New Delhi.
- 18. Narendra Modi became India's second longest-serving Prime Minister, breaking Indira Gandhi's record.

International affairs

- 1. India reintroduces tourist visas for Chinese citizens after 5 years.
- 2. Justin Nsengiyumva appointed as new Prime Minister of Rwanda. (Rwanda's capital is Kigali).
- 3. India signs maritime safety and security cooperation agreement with UAE.
- 4. Sri Lanka to provide free visas to citizens of 40 countries to boost tourism.

Appointment

- 1. Former Finance and Economic Affairs Secretary Ajay Seth has been appointed as the Chairman of Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) for the next 3 years.
- 2. Anuradha Thakur has been nominated as the Director of the Central Board of Reserve Bank of India (RBI).
- 3. Utpal Kumar Singh has taken charge as the CEO of Sansad TV.
- 4. IPS officer Sanjay Singhal has been appointed as the Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB).
- 5. Vice Admiral Sanjay Vatsayan has taken charge as the 47th Vice Chief of the Indian Navy.
- 6. Senior scientist A Rajarajan has been appointed as the new Director of Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC).
- 7. IDAS officer Dr. Mayank Sharma has been appointed as the Central Economic Advisor (Defence Services).
- 8. Vice Admiral Manish Chadha has taken charge as the Commandant of the Indian Naval Academy.
- 9. ReNew co-founder Vaishali Nigam Sinha has been elected as the first private sector expert to be elected as the President of the United Nations Global Compact Network India (UNGCNI).

- 10. Dr. Uma Kanjilal has been appointed as the first woman Vice-Chancellor of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU).
- 11. Nirmal K Minda, Executive Chairman of Uno Minda, has been appointed as the Senior Vice President of ASSOCHAM.
- 12. Shailesh Jejurikar has been appointed as the President and CEO of Procter & Gamble. Procter & Gamble is a multinational consumer goods corporation. It was founded in 1837 and is known for its wide range of products including home care, beauty and healthcare.
- 13. IAS Shashi Prakash Goyal has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Uttar Pradesh.
- 14. Indian-origin Nikhil Ravi Shankar has been appointed as the next CEO of Air New Zealand.
- 15. Commodore Varghese Mathew has taken charge as the Naval Officer-in-Charge of Kerala.
- 16. IAFI President Bharat B Bhatia has been appointed as the Vice Chairman and Chair of the Editorial Committee of APG-27.
- 17. Lt Gen Pushpendra Singh has taken charge as the next Vice Chief of the Indian Army.

Award

- 1. Istanbul Airport has been named the world's best airport in Travel + Leisure's 2025 World's Best Awards.
- 2. Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has once again topped the list as the world's most popular democratic leader.
- 3. ISRO Chairman and Space Secretary Dr. V. Narayanan has been awarded the G.P. Birla Memorial Award.
- 4. Eminent Hindi novelist Gitanjali Shree has won the PEN Translates Award 2025 for her book 'Once Elephants Lived Here'.

71st National Film Awards

- 1. Best Feature Film award- 12th Fail.
- 2. Best Actor Shah Rukh Khan (Jawan) and Vikrant Massey (12th Fail).
- 3. Best Actress Rani Mukherjee (Mrs Chatterjee vs Norway).
- 4. Best Supporting Actor Vijay Raghavan and Somu Bhaskar.
- 5. Best Supporting Actress Urvashi and Janaki Bodywala.
- 6. Best Bengali Film Deep Freeze.
- 7. Best Hindi Film Kanthal.
- 8. Best Popular Film 'Rocky Aur Rani Ki Prem Kahani' (Hindi).
- 9. Best Short Film Gidh: The Scavenger (Hindi).
- 10. Best Documentary God, Vulture and Hanuman.
- 11. Best Full-Length Film Sam Bahadur (Hindi).
- 12. Best Music Direction G.V. Prakash Kumar [Wathi (Tamil)]
- 13. Best Playback Singer (Male) PVNS Rohit.
- 14. Best Playback Singer (Female) Shilpa Rao.
- 15. Best Director Sudipta Sen (The Kerala Story).
- 16. Best Director in a Devview Film Asis Bende.

Day/Theme

- 1. World Tiger Day is celebrated every year on 29 July. 2025 Theme "Securing the future of Tigers with Indigenous Peoples and Local Communities at the heart."
- 2. National Watermelon Day is observed on 3 August.
- 3. Maharashtra has declared 7 August as Sustainable Agriculture Day to mark the birth centenary of Dr. M.S. Swaminathan, the father of India's Green Revolution.

- 4. Ladakh has declared 12 August as Safai Andolon Diwas.
- 5. When is World Breastfeeding Week observed? 1-7 August; 2025 theme is "Prioritise Breastfeeding: Create Sustainable Support Systems".

Sports

- 1. Riley Powell won the IBSF World 6-Red Snooker Championship. She won the championship by defeating Indian player Pankaj Advani.
- 2. Parneet Kaur and Kushal Dalal won the first gold medal for India in the mixed team archery event at the World University Games 2025.
- 3. Australian moto racing car driver Oscar Piastri won the 2025 Belgian Grand Prix.
- 4. Divya Deshmukh became the first Indian woman to win the FIDE Women's World Cup title and India's 88th Grandmaster is Divya Deshmukh, a 19-year-old female chess player from Maharashtra. She has won two gold medals and a bronze medal at the Women's Chess Olympiad. In 2025, she won the Women's Chess World Cup and qualified for the 2026 Women's World Cup tournament. She has also won gold medals at the Asian Championship, World Junior Championship and World Youth Championship.
- 5. England beat Spain to win Women's Euro 2025.
- 6. New Zealand's Ish Sodhi becomes third bowler to reach 150 wickets in T20 cricket.
- 7. Indian women's team player Ved Krishnamurthy recently announced his retirement from international cricket.
- 8. Abhishek Nair has been appointed as the head coach of UP Warriorz. (UP Warriorz is an Indian professional franchise women's cricket team, competing in the Women's Premier League. The team is owned by Capri Global. The team is captained by Alyssa Healy).
- 9. India's Anahat Singh won bronze at the World Junior Squash Championships 2025.
- 10. Asia Cup 2025 will be held in the United Arab Emirates. The tournament will run from September 14-28. The opening match will be played between Afghanistan and Hong Kong in Abu Dhabi.
- 11. England's Joe Root is the second highest run-scorer in Test cricket.
- 12. 8th Commonwealth Youth Games will be held in Malta.
- 13. Khalid Jamil appointed as head coach of Indian senior men's football team.
- 14. Magnus Carlsen wins Chess eSports World Cup in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia.
- 15. Lando Norris wins 2025 Hungarian Grand Prix at Hungaroring, Budapest.
- 16. South Africa wins 2025 World Championship of Legends (WCL) by defeating Pakistan by 9 wickets in final at Edgbaston, Birmingham.

Project/ Services

- 1. Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the 'Gyan Bharatam Mission' for digitization of ancient manuscripts.
- 2. The Pradhan Mantri National Dialysis Programme (PMNDP) has been expanded to 751 districts of India. The scheme, launched on April 7, 2016 under the National Health Mission (NHM), aims to provide free dialysis services to needy patients, especially from Below Poverty Line (BPL) families.

Trade & Finance

- 1. Federal Bank launches India's first biometric authentication for Ecom Card Transactions.
- 2. Global payments giant MasterCard partners with Andhra Pradesh government to enhance tourism experience.
- 3. M.S. Dhoni joins ACKO as investor and brand ambassador.
- 4. Reliance Industries Limited (RIL) ranked 88th in 2025 Fortune Global 500 list; Walmart tops list.
- 5. India Post Payments Bank (IPPB) launches Aadhaar-based face authentication for banking.

Book & Author

- 1. Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami released a book titled "Sustainable Wellness of Students: A Collective Responsibility in Higher Education".
- 2. The biographical book titled "A Treatise for the Remarkable Rohit" is written by R. Kaushik. The book highlights the cricketing achievements, struggles and personal development of cricketer Rohit Sharma.

Miscellaneous

- 1. Mangaluru student Remna Pereira sets world record by performing Bharatanatyam for 170 hours.
- 2. India ranks 77th in Henley Passport Index 2025; Singapore tops the list.

Obituary

- 1. Padma Bhushan awardee and renowned economist Meghnad Desai passed away recently at the age of 85.
- 2. Padma Shri awardee and former IDBI chairman T. N. Manoharan passed away recently at the age of 69.
- 3. Educationist and former Vice Chancellor of Manomanyam Sundarbans University V. Vasanthi Devi passed away recently at the age of 87.
- 4. Former Jammu and Kashmir Governor Satyapal Malik passed away recently at the age of 79. He was suffering from kidney problems. He also served as the Governor of Meghalaya, Bihar and Goa.