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Sarnath: UNESCO World Heritage Site



- Sarnath, an ancient Buddhist site in Uttar Pradesh, was added to the UNESCO World Heritage List on July 25, 2026, during the 48th Session of the World Heritage Committee held in Busan, South Korea.
- This makes Sarnath India's 45th UNESCO World Heritage Site, highlighting its historical, religious and cultural significance. Sarnath is renowned as the place where Gautama Buddha delivered his first sermon after attaining enlightenment.
- For over 2,500 years, it has stood as a symbol of peace, wisdom and spirituality. This recognition adds to India's rich heritage and supports global efforts to preserve one of the world's most sacred Buddhist pilgrimage sites.

UNESCO recognised Sarnath for the following reasons:

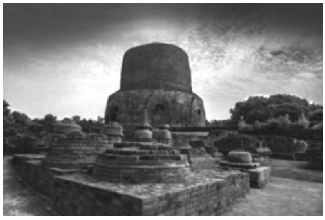
- It represents the origin and spread of Buddhism.
- It contains significant archaeological remains from the Maurya, Kushan, Gupta, and later periods.
- It has significant religious, historical, artistic and archaeological value.
- It remains an important pilgrimage site for Buddhists from all over the world.

About Sarnath

- Sarnath is located about 10 kilometres northeast of Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh.
- It is where Gautama Buddha delivered his first sermon after attaining enlightenment at Bodh Gaya.
- This sermon is known as the Dhammacakkappavattana Sutta, which means "Setting the Wheel of Dharma in Motion". This event marked the beginning of the Buddhist Sangha, or monastic community.

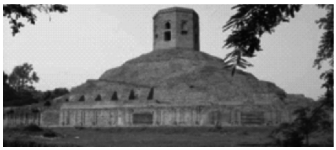
Major monuments at Sarnath include:

Dhamek Stupa:



- Built to commemorate Buddha's first sermon.
- It was originally commissioned by Emperor Ashoka and later expanded.

Chaukhandi Stupa:



- Marks the place where Buddha met his first five disciples.

Ashoka Pillar:



- Constructed by Emperor Ashoka in the 3rd century BCE.
- The Lion Capital of this pillar is the National Emblem of India.

Mulagandha Kuti Vihara:

- A modern Buddhist temple established by the Mahabodhi Society.

Archaeological Ruins:

- These include monasteries, stupas, temples and inscriptions dating to different historical periods.

FIFA World Cup 2026

- Spain won the FIFA World Cup 2026 after defeating Argentina (1-0) in a thrilling final that went into extra time at MetLife Stadium in East Rutherford, New Jersey.



- The decisive moment came in the 106th minute when substitute Ferran Torres scored the winning goal, ending Argentina's title defence and stopping Lionel Messi from winning his second consecutive World Cup.
- This win gives Spain its second FIFA Men's World Cup title and reinforced its strong position in international football at the end of the tournament, through disciplined defence, effective teamwork and strong attacking play.
- Spain won its second FIFA World Cup title following a hard-fought victory against Argentina in the highly anticipated final.
- The victory made Spain a two-time FIFA World Cup champion.
- Their first World Cup win was back in 2010, when they defeated the Netherlands 1–0 in the final, marking the beginning of a golden era in Spanish football.
- Spain's women's team also recently won the FIFA Women's World Cup, making Spain the first country to hold both the men's and women's FIFA World Cup titles simultaneously.
- The defeat ended Argentina's hopes of defending the title they won in Qatar in 2022.

Key Highlights

- The 2026 FIFA World Cup is the 23rd edition of the FIFA Men's World Cup and is the largest tournament in the World Cup history.

- **Hosts:** United States, Canada and Mexico (the first FIFA World Cup to be hosted by three countries).
- **Tournament Duration:** June 11 to July 19, 2026.
- **Teams:** 48 teams (increased from 32 for the first time).
- **Matches:** 104 matches (the highest in FIFA World Cup history).
- **Host Cities:** 16
  - United States: 11
  - Canada: 2
  - Mexico: 3
- **Opening Match:** Mexico City Stadium (Estadio Azteca), Mexico City, on June 11, 2026.
- **Final:** New York New Jersey Stadium (MetLife Stadium), United States, on July 19, 2026.
- **Defending Champions:** Argentina (2022 FIFA World Cup winners).
- **2026 Champions:** Spain, who defeated defending champions Argentina 1–0 after extra time in the final to win their second FIFA World Cup title. Ferran Torres scored the winning goal in the 106th minute.
- **Tournament Format:**
  - 48 teams were divided into 12 groups of four.
  - The top two teams from each group plus the eight best third-placed teams advanced to the newly introduced Round of 32, followed by the Round of 16, quarter-finals, semi-finals and final.

Historic Firsts of the FIFA World Cup 2026

- First FIFA World Cup to feature 48 teams.
- First FIFA World Cup to be jointly hosted by three countries.
- Mexico became the first country to host the Men's FIFA World Cup three times (1970, 1986 and 2026).
- Canada hosted the Men's FIFA World Cup for the first time.

National News

- On July 04, 2026, Delhi Government approves ₹8,300-crore 'Clean Air, Healthy Delhi' Project with the World Bank Support.
- On July 06, 2026, MoSPI's Expert Committee releases Roadmap to Modernise India's Energy Statistics Framework.
- On July 07, 2026, DGCA Certifies Embraer's Larger E-Jets for Commercial Operations in India.
- On July 07, 2026, IIM Bangalore to Establish its First Overseas Campus in Indonesia.
- On July 06, 2026, Sikkim Mountaineer Tshering Choden Climbs Mount Elbrus, Advances Towards Seven Summits Goal.
- On July 07, 2026, PM Narendra Modi becomes the First Indian Prime Minister to Address Indonesia's Parliament.

- On July 08, 2026, PM Modi and Indonesian President Prabowo inaugurated an India-Supported Restoration Project at Prambanan Temple.
- On July 07, 2026, Kamarajar Port becomes India's Second Major Port with 18-metre Operational Draft.
- On July 09, 2026, NCW Constitutes Expert Committee to Review Regulations Governing IVF Clinics and ART Centres.
- On July 05, 2026, Sirsa Kinnow receives GI Tag, becomes Haryana's First Exclusive GI-Tagged Fruit.
- On July 08, 2026, Uttarakhand becomes India's Sixth Fully Literate State under NEP 2020.
- On July 07, 2026, Centre expands PM-SETU Scheme to 200 ITI Clusters, Approves ₹1,237.58 crore Investment Plans.
- On July 07, 2026, Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan launches 'Pragati' Project to Empower 20,000 Agricultural Entrepreneurs and 20 Lakh Farmers.
- On July 07, 2026, Union Minister Jual Oram launches TribeX Digital Learning Platform to Preserve India's Tribal Heritage.
- On July 09, 2026, Novo Nordisk launches Once-Weekly Insulin 'Awiqli'.
- On July 07, 2026, Tripura makes Full Version of Vande Mataram and National Anthem Mandatory in All Schools.
- On July 10, 2026, Bhupender Yadav inaugurates Centre of Excellence on Human-Wildlife Conflict and Launches National Conflict Portal.
- On July 10, 2026, CSIR and IP Australia signed an Agreement to Expand Access to the Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL).
- On July 09, 2026, the World Bank approved $890 million to boost the PM Surya Ghar Rooftop Solar Programme in India.
- On July 09, 2026, the BRICS Women Ministerial Meeting Concludes in Kochi, Kerala.
- On July 11, 2026, MoHFW launches Monthly NHM Webinar Series to Promote Healthcare Innovation and Best Practices.
- On July 10, 2026, India Successfully Concludes 'Operation Amistad' Humanitarian Mission in Earthquake-Hit Venezuela.
- On July 10, 2026, Delhi Government announces making Pink Saheli Smart Card Mandatory for Free Bus Travel from August 1, 2026
- On July 10, 2026, ONGC has announced building a 75 MMT Strategic Petroleum Reserve in Mangalore to strengthen India's Energy Security.
- Aero India 2027 to Showcase India's Defence Strength at Bengaluru's Yelahanka Air Force Station from February 8 to 12, 2027.

- Rajasthan has become the First Indian State to sign a Clean Energy Framework with the International Solar Alliance on July 8-9, 2026.
- On July 16, 2026, Assam CM Himanta Biswa Sarma announced the launch of India's First State-owned Earth Observation Satellite System 'AssamSAT'.
- On July 16, 2026, the Harela Festival was celebrated in Uttarakhand to Mark the Beginning of the Holy Month of Sawan.
- On July 09, 2026, ICMR is going to establish a High-Altitude Medicine Research Centre in Himachal Pradesh's Keylong.
- On July 09, 2026, AustralianSuper has committed AU$500 million to India's NIIF, boosting Infrastructure Investment.
- On July 10, 2026, Lakhanpur, Jammu and Kashmir, has been selected for the PM SVANidhi Street Food Hub Initiative.
- On July 10, 2026, the Department of Posts and TRAI have signed a Memorandum of Understanding for India's Largest Village–level Telecom Network Survey.
- On July 14, 2026, Gujarat's Unjha Cumin and Unjha Fennel Received Geographical Indication Tags.
- On July 13, 2026, the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development has launched the 'Gramodyam' Programme to Promote Rural Entrepreneurship.
- On July 19, 2026, in the presence of both prime ministers, India and New Zealand have elevated their ties to a Strategic Partnership.
- On July 11, 2026, Andhra Pradesh CM Chandrababu Naidu has launched the 'Pillale Sampada' Initiative.
- On July 11, 2026, India and Poland held bilateral talks to strengthen MSME Cooperation.
- World–famous Lord Jagannath Rath Yatra Begins in Puri, Odisha, on July 16, 2026.
- On July 14, 2026, Thailand reduced the visa-free stay for Indian travellers from 60 to 30 days. (Thai government revision was officially publicised on July 15.)
- On July 14, 2026, PM Narendra Modi presented a Dhokra Tree of Life sculpture and an Uttarakhandi cap to New Zealand PM Christopher Luxon.
- On July 09, 2026, India and Australia have finalised an Administrative Arrangement for Civil Nuclear Cooperation.
- On July 08, 2026, Telecommunication Engineering Centre (TEC) and Broadcast Engineering Consultants India Limited (BECIL) have signed an MoU to Boost Research and Innovation in Broadcasting Technologies.

- On July 11, 2026, Madhya Pradesh has declared 2027 as the 'Year of Youth'.
- Bharat Tex 2026 has showcased India's Textile Strength with Global Participation from July 14-17, 2026.
- On July 14, 2026, India Post reported record revenue of ₹4,009 crore in Q1 of FY 2026–27." Source: PIB, 14 July 2026.
- On July 14, 2026, Mangaluru International Airport has received ACI Level 5 Customer Experience Accreditation.
- On July 17, 2026, PM Narendra Modi flagged off India's First Hydrogen-Powered Train, setting a Global Benchmark.
- On July 17, 2026, the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs has approved operational guidelines for ₹9,585 Crore Parivartan Scheme to Replace Polluting Vehicles in NCR.
- Union government is going to invest ₹200 Crore in Ather Energy through the India-Japan Fund.
- On July 17, 2026, Navi Mumbai International Airport has launched its first international flight to Abu Dhabi.
- On July 14, 2026, Virendra Kumar has inaugurated the 31st Divya Kala Mela in Kolkata to promote Divyang Entrepreneurs.
- On July 17, 2026, NITI Aayog released the Investment Friendliness Index; Gujarat Tops Rankings with Four Other States.
- On July 18, 2026, GAIL has signed an MoU with Khanij Bidesh India Limited (KABIL) to strengthen India's Critical Minerals Security.
- On July 22, 2026, the Union Cabinet has approved two Electronics Manufacturing Clusters in Tamil Nadu Worth ₹1,012 crore.
- India has become the World's 2nd Most Electrified Major Railway Network with 99.6% Broad Gauge Electrification.
- On July 24, 2026, the Union Cabinet has approved the ₹3,030 crore BHAVYA Rasayan Scheme for Three Chemical Parks.
- On July 23, 2026, Andhra Pradesh has approved the State's First Private Women's University.
- On July 24, 2026, HCLTech announced plans to set up its first AI data centre in the Odisha Sovereign AI Park, with a planned capital outlay of ₹14,257 crore.
- Killai has become the First Fully Operational Climate-Resilient Village of Tamil Nadu.
- On July 27, 2026, National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) Invited Entries for the 57th International Film Festival of India (IFFI) 2026.
- On July 26, 2026, PM Narendra Modi Constituted a High-Powered Task Force on examination reforms under the leadership of Infosys co-founder Nandan Nilekani.

- On July 26, 2026, AI the Holobox of Atal Bihari Vajpayee was inaugurated at Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya.
- On July 25, 2026, Union Minister J.P. Nadda Inaugurated the Laghu Udyog Bharati Pharma Conclave 2026.
- On July 24, 2026, President Droupadi Murmu has been Conferred Honorary Doctorate by Romania's Bucharest University of Economic Studies.
- On July 25, 2026, UNESCO has officially inscribed the Ancient Buddhist Site of Sarnath to the World Heritage List; India's Total Rises to 45.
- National Green Tribunal has sought a response from the Centre and the Bihar Government's Response Over Deteriorating Condition of Kanwar Lake.
- On July 26, 2026, the Union Finance Minister has inaugurated 'Aayakar Sindhu' Income Tax Office in Mumbai.
- On July 23, 2026, BNP Paribas Cardif has agreed to Acquire a 26% Stake in IndiaFirst Life Insurance from Warburg Pincus.
- On July 23, 2026, India and Romania have signed three agreements; also Target to Double Bilateral Trade in Three Years.
- On July 27, 2026, the Ministry of Tourism has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Air India to Boost the Global Promotion of Incredible India.
- On July 24, 2026, India has developed the first indigenous 350-kg Thrust Expendable Turbo Jet Engine.
- On July 23, 2026, the Union Cabinet has approved the DISHA 2.0 Scheme to Expand Technology-driven Access to Justice.
- On July 28, 2026, the Government has approved the RBI Proposal for Field Trials of ₹10 and ₹20 Polymer Banknotes.
- India's Industrial Output has surged 3% in June, recording the highest growth in the last 23 Months.
- On July 28, 2026, Amritsar became the second spoke airport under India's International Aviation Hub Strategy.
- On July 26, 2026, Himachal Pradesh has launched 'Mukhyamantri Machhuara Samman Nidhi Yojana' for Fishermen.
- On July 29, 2026, the Delhi Government has approved the 'Delhi Lakshmi Yojana' with ₹2,500 Monthly Assistance for Women.
- On July 28, 2026, the Union Government allocated a record ₹95,692 Crore for the VB-G RAM G Rural Employment Scheme in FY 2026–27. Centre also notified minimum wage ₹300/day under VB-G RAM G.
- On July 29, 2026, the Ministry of Panchayati Raj has launched the 'DAANVEER' Initiative to Digitally Empower Gram Panchayats.

- On July 28, 2026, India emerged as the world's second-largest supplier of seafarers, according to the BIMCO-ICS Seafarer Workforce Report 2026.
- On July 23, 2026, New Delhi hosted the 2nd Bharat Green Hydrogen Summit 2026 to boost the Clean Energy Transition.
- India's Core Infrastructure Output has risen 5% in June 2026.
- On July 18, 2026, PM Modi has inaugurated 75 redeveloped railway stations across the country under the Amrit Bharat Scheme.
- On July 16, 2026, NITI Aayog unveiled a roadmap to Make India a Global BioEconomy Powerhouse by 2035.
- The Indian Army launched Operation Jal Rahat in Assam on July 20, 2026, deploying four Flood Relief Columns of the Red Shield Division under the Spear Corps following a requisition from the civil administration.
- On July 16, 2026, NHAI has expanded the RajmargYatra App with Digital Local Pass and MargMitra Help Centre.
- On July 21, 2026, the I&B Ministry has launched the 'Gems of India Challenge' to Promote Grassroots Digital Creators.
- On July 16, 2026, PFRDA has opened a continuous 'On-Tap' Registration Window for New NPS Pension Fund Managers.
- On July 22, 2026, President Droupadi Murmu has unveiled a bust of Mahatma Gandhi in the North Macedonian capital.
- India has hosted the 16th BRICS Health Ministers' Meeting in Chandigarh from July 22-24, 2026.
- On July 22, 2026, the Union govt has launched the ₹ 175-crore Lakadong Turmeric Mission 'Golden Spice' to boost the Northeast Economy. (Lakadong Turmeric is a GI-tagged spice exclusive to Meghalaya (Jaintia Hills))
- On July 21, 2026, Rajasthan has launched the 'Mukhyamantri Yuva Suyog' Platform to Promote Youth Development and Sports.
- On July 21, 2026, Tamil Nadu has renamed and expanded the Breakfast Scheme as Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Breakfast Scheme.
- On July 06, 2026, SBI Raises $300 Million Through 3-Year Floating Rate Notes.
- On July 01, 2026, Eight Traditional Products of Himachal Pradesh Receive GI Tags.
- On July 09, 2026, Odisha launches 'Gyanodaya–Shiksharu Samruddhi' Scheme to Promote Free Education.
- On July 02, 2026, Maruti Suzuki inaugurates a Mega Vehicle Manufacturing Plant at IMT Kharkhoda, Haryana.
- On July 01, 2026, Digital India Programme Completes 11 Years with Focus on AI and Semiconductor Manufacturing.

- On July 01, 2026, Odisha Cabinet Approves the Deep Sea Fishing Mission.
- On July 02, 2026, India approves the First PINS Instrument Approach Procedure for Safer Helicopter Operations.
- On July 04, 2026, PM Narendra Modi inaugurates India's First Greenfield Refinery in a Decade at Rajasthan's Pachpadra.
- On July 06-07, 2026, India Hosts BRICS Women Working Group Meeting in Kochi, Kerala.
- On July 04-05, 2026, the Ministry of Law and Justice Concludes 'Reforms Utsav & Chintan Shivir 2026'.
- On July 03, 2026, Mukesh Ambani, Lakshmi Mittal and Sunil Bharti Mittal Join the AI for Good Global Commission.
- Kirti Vardhan Singh to Represent India at the Inaugural UN Global Dialogue on AI Governance from July 06-07, 2026.
- On July 04, 2026, PM Narendra Modi launches the Viksit UDAN Scheme Inaugurates New Terminal at Jodhpur Airport.
- On July 05, 2026, ₹2,500-crore Defence Manufacturing Plant to be set up in Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh.
- On July 03, 2026, Project SAMARTH was launched at IIT Gandhinagar to Boost India's Semiconductor Talent and R&D.
- On July 08, 2026, Tamil Nadu becomes India's Fastest-Growing Merchandise-exporting State in FY26.
- Prayagraj (23.8%) and Patna (20.9%) recorded the highest unemployment rates among India's 46 million-plus cities, while Ahmedabad (2.3%) and Kolkata (2.4%) were among the cities with the lowest unemployment rates, according to MoSPI's Labour Market Dynamics in Million-plus Cities report released on 29 June 2026. The average unemployment rate across all 46 cities was 6.8%.
- Indian Railways has introduced a new service that allows passengers to book their personal luggage online after booking their train tickets. This service starts on July 31, 2026.
- On July 31, 2026, the Lok Sabha passes the Prevention of Insults to National Honour (Amendment) Bill, 2026. This law is intended to protect India's National Song, Vande Mataram, by making it an offence to intentionally disrespect or disrupt its singing. The Rajya Sabha had already approved this bill, and it is now waiting for the President's assent.
- On July 31, 2026, Parliament passes the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026. This bill was first approved by the Rajya Sabha after being passed by the Lok Sabha. Its objective is to prevent examination malpractice and paper leaks by introducing strict penalties, expedited investigations and designated special courts to handle these cases.

- On July 25, 2026, Ravneet Singh Bittu, the Union Minister of State for Railways and Food Processing Industries, resigned from the Union Council of Ministers. The resignation marks a significant political development as Punjab prepares for its Assembly elections in 2027.
- On July 8, 2026, Kamarajar Port became India's second major port that can handle ships with an 18-metre draft. This was made possible by completing the Capital Dredging Phase VI project, which cost ₹440 crores. The project enables the port to accommodate larger ships like Capesize vessels.
- The VB-G RAM G Act, 2025, came into force on July 1, 2026. This law increases the guaranteed number of rural wage employment days from 100 to 125.
- On July 28, 2026, Gujarat launches the e-Zero FIR system for cyber financial fraud cases. This allows people to report such cases through the 1930 helpline.
- On July 24, 2026, Bharat Taxi launched in Maharashtra. The service aims to promote shared mobility, generate employment, ensure fair pricing, and give taxi drivers ownership of their vehicles.
- On July 15, 2026, the Uttar Pradesh Government launched the Kaushal Setu and Kaushal Sarathi digital platforms during World Youth Skills Day. These platforms are designed to simplify vocational training, increase transparency in skill development, and improve collaboration between the industry and job seekers.
- On July 16, 2026, Kolkata Metro is set to begin operating driverless trains on the Green Line and Purple Line. After successful evaluation by the Commissioner of Railway Safety, Kolkata Metro is set to become one of India's leading public transport systems.
- On July 7, 2026, the Uttar Pradesh Cabinet approved the Data Centre Policy 2026. This policy aims to attract investments exceeding ₹2 lakh crore, build AI-ready infrastructure, and create thousands of jobs across the state.
- On July 7, 2026, Haryana's Sirsa Kinnow became the first fruit from Haryana to receive a Geographical Indication (GI) status. This was confirmed by the Geographical Indications Registry in Chennai, recognising the unique quality and origin of Kinnow grown in Sirsa.

International News

- On July 21, 2026, the French Parliament approved a law banning social-media access for children under 15, making France the first EU country to approve such a blanket ban.
- On July 24, 2026, Venezuela has announced its Withdrawal from the International Criminal Court (ICC).

- On July 29, 2026, UPI acceptance was enabled for online bookings at At the Top, Burj Khalifa, making it the first UAE tourist attraction to accept UPI for e-commerce bookings.
- 36th NATO Summit 2026 held in Ankara, Türkiye on July 7-8, 2026.
- On July 7, 2026, the Global Passport Index 2026 placed Sweden first and India 125th.
- New Delhi has ranked 120th in the EIU Global Liveability Index 2026, whereas Copenhagen tops the global list.
- On July 31, 2026, US President Donald Trump said the Peace Board reached an agreement for full disarmament of Hamas and other militant groups in Gaza. A top leader from Hamas confirmed that the group had agreed to the proposal and said they will make an official announcement later.
- On July 29, 2026, India reached a big milestone in regional connections and trade with Nepal as its first direct commercial container freight train arrived in Nepal, carrying canola. This historic trip was done under the revised India-Nepal Rail Transit Protocol, which allows containerised cargo to move smoothly from Kolkata Port to Biratnagar without requiring cargo to be transferred at the border.
- On July 25, 2026, India invited Bangladesh Prime Minister Tarique Rahman to the BRICS summit in New Delhi. Bangladesh is not yet a member of BRICS, but it has shown interest in joining before. This invitation is regarded as an important step by India to strengthen regional cooperation.
- On July 25, 2026, Spain declared a national emergency due to severe wildfires. France asked the EU for help as extreme heat caused fires, leading to thousands of people being evacuated across Europe.
- On July 20, 2026, Kanishka Narayan was appointed the UK's Minister of State (Minister for Artificial Intelligence), a new Cabinet role focused on formulating AI policies, driving technological innovation, and managing technology governance.
- On July 25, 2026, India confirmed its support for Palestine's request to join the United Nations as a full member and also said a new package of humanitarian and development assistance is on the way for Palestine.
- On July 09, 2026, Switzerland announced the Geneva AI Summit will be held on June 21st and 22nd, 2027, at Palexpo in Geneva.

  The summit is a major international event for discussing the future of AI governance and innovation.
- On June 19, 2026, the inaugural India–Mali Forum for the Promotion of Exports was held in Bamako. This two-day event marks the first formal step towards strengthening bilateral

trade cooperation. Trade between the two countries reached US$326.61 million in the financial year 2025-26, representing a 55% increase compared to the previous year.

Banking and Financial

- On July 23, 2026, PNB partnered with the Andhra Pradesh Government to set up India's first Quantum Finance Innovation Hub.
- On July 7, 2026, UN Trade and Development (UNCTAD), in its World Investment Report 2026, reported that foreign direct investment (FDI) inflows into India rose by 44% in 2025 to approximately USD 39 billion, helping drive strong FDI growth in South Asia.
- The new RBI Ombudsman Scheme, 2026 (RB-IOS, 2026), came into effect from July 1, 2026.
- On July 07, 2026, IFSCA has approved Punjab & Sind Bank's IFSC Banking Unit at GIFT City.
- On July 08, 2026, the IMF has revised India's FY 2026–27 GDP Growth Forecast to 6.4%.
- SBI will acquire National Housing Bank's 10% Stake in RMBS Development Company.
- On July 09, 2026, State Bank of India sold a 1.42% Stake in SBI Funds Management through a ₹1,655-crore pre-IPO Placement.
- India's wholesale inflation, measured by the Wholesale Price Index (WPI), stood at 9.87% year-on-year in June 2026, while retail inflation measured by the Consumer Price Index (CPI) was 4.38%. The CPI data were released by MoSPI on July 13, 2026, followed by the WPI data from the Ministry of Commerce & Industry on July 14, 2026.
- On July 10, 2026, AU Small Finance Bank and Zaggle have launched a Co-Branded Retail Credit Card on Visa and RuPay Networks.
- Power Finance Corporation Raised USD 300 Million through Floating Rate Bonds.
- On July 23, 2026, Kerala Bank has launched the 'Gen Z Tech Loan' Scheme for Students at 6.99% Interest.
- On July 22, 2026, NABARD and MAHAPREIT have signed an MoU to Promote Green and Climate-resilient Rural Infrastructure.
- On July 24, 2026, Glomo has become India's First Non-Bank Acquirer to Receive Visa Principal Membership.
- On July 21, 2026, EnKash has launched India's First UPI-Enabled Meal Card.
- On July 22, 2026, DBS became the Frst Southeast Asian Bank to be named 'World's Best Corporate Bank' by Global Finance.
- Private Sector Banks have collected ₹4,948.71 crore in Minimum Balance Penalties during FY 2025–26.
- On July 27, 2026, Axis Finance has launched 'Drishti' to strengthen Digital Credit Decision-making.

- On July 28, 2026, the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India has approved Patanjali-DS Group Acquisition of Magma General Insurance.
- On July 27, 2026, OmniCard has launched India's First Flexi Benefits Basket on UPI.
- On July 27, 2026, LIC has Handed Over a Dividend Cheque of ₹12,207.25 crore to the Central Government.
- UPI User Base has crossed 55.49 crore, while transactions reached ₹314 lakh crore in FY 2025–26.
- On July 17, 2026, India has commissioned its first deep geothermal wells in Ladakh's Puga Valley.
- On July 17, 2026, the Employee Provident Fund Organisation has launched the VISHWAS 2026 Scheme.
- Bank of Maharashtra has launched 'FinSpark'26 National Cybersecurity Hackathon.
- IndusInd Bank has integrated with the Employee Provident Fund Organisation to Enable Seamless Digital PF Contributions.
- On July 13, 2026, the RBI has granted NBFC Registration to Delhivery Financial Services.
- On July 14, 2026, MoSPI has released India's First Trial Index of Services Production (ISP).
- India's Gross GST Collection has risen 13.9% year-on-year to reach ₹1.95 Lakh Crore in June 2026.
- UPI Transactions Moderate to ₹28.9 Lakh Crore in June 2026 with 22.72 billion trades, showing a 20% Annual Growth.
- On July 01, 2026, HiWiPay Receives IFSCA In-Principle Approval to Set Up PSP Subsidiary at GIFT City.
- On July 07, 2026, HDFC Bank Launches In-House AI Platform 'Neev' and Real-Time Fraud Detection System.
- On July 03, 2026, RBI Imposes ₹66 Lakh Penalty on Bank of Baroda and GIC Housing Finance for KYC Violations.
- On July 03, 2026, ADB Approves USD 230 Million Loan to Modernise Chennai's Water Supply and Sanitation System.

Appointment and Resignation

- On July 24, 2026, Viswanathan Anand took charge as the Interim President of FIDE.
- On July 07, 2026, the RBI has approved S. Vishwanathan's Reappointment as Axis Bank Non-Executive Chairman until 2029.
- On July 07, 2026, the RBI has approved Mahesh Muralidhar Pai as Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of South Indian Bank.
- On July 06, 2026, the Ministry of External Affairs has appointed Sanjeev Jain as India's Next Ambassador to North Korea.

- On July 07, 2026, the IMF appointed Silvana Tenreyro as the new Chief Economist and Economic Counsellor.
- On July 06, 2026, Senior IPS officer Amit Garg was appointed Director of the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB).
- On July 7, 2026, InsuranceDekho appointed Sourav Ganguly as its brand ambassador.
- On July 01, 2026, Giles Thomson Assumed Charge as FATF President for the 2026–2028 Term.
- On July 08, 2026, Leander Paes was appointed Player Ambassador of the Asian Tennis Federation.
- Bangladesh President Mohammed Shahabuddin has resigned from his post on July 24, 2026.
- On July 26, 2026, Pralhad Joshi took Charge as Union Education Minister, succeeding Dharmendra Pradhan after his resignation.
- On July 24, 2026, Satya Pal Kumar was appointed Director of the Financial Intelligence Unit in a major bureaucratic reshuffle.
- On July 27, 2026, Keshav Chandra assumed Charge as the new Mines Secretary
- On July 10, 2026, Policybazaar appointed Amitabh Bachchan as its brand ambassador.
- On July 20, 2026, Andy Burnham became Prime Minister of the United Kingdom, succeeding Sir Keir Starmer after accepting King Charles III's invitation to form a government.
- Senegal's President Bassirou Diomaye Faye has been elected ECOWAS Chairman.
- On July 20, 2026, Rahul Himalian assumed additional charge as CMD of IRCTC.
- On July 16, 2026, Srinivasa Kumar Tummala was appointed Secretary of the Ministry of Earth Sciences.
- On July 16, 2026, Harjit Singh Grewal was appointed Chairperson of the National Commission for Minorities.
- The Ukrainian Parliament has approved Serhii Koretskyi as the new Prime Minister.
- On July 01, 2026, Air Marshal Ashutosh Dixit takes charge as the 51st Vice Chief of the Air Staff.
- On July 01, 2026, Anupam Misra Takes Charge as Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) of Hindustan Copper Limited.
- On July 1, 2026, the Government extended Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri's tenure by one year, up to July 14, 2027.
- RBI has appointed Ravi Shankar as Executive Director Effective July 1, 2026.
- On July 01, 2026, Ravi Agrawal was re-appointed as CBDT Chairman.
- On July 01, 2026, Somnath Ghosh was appointed as India's Next High Commissioner to Malaysia.

- On July 28, 2026, Keiko Fujimori is inaugurated as President of Peru.
- On July 08, 2026, NPCI's Dilip Asbe joins Swift's global supervisory board
- On July 02, 2026, Rear Admiral (Retd.) Raghuram was appointed as CMD of Hindustan Shipyard Limited.
- On July 22, 2026, the Union government has appointed Anurag Jain as CEO of NITI Aayog for a Two-Year Term.

Awards

- On July 20, 2026, the Tilak Smarak Trust announced the selection of National Security Adviser Ajit Doval for the Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2026, recognising his outstanding contribution to India's national security. The award was presented to him by Union Home Minister Amit Shah in Pune on August 1, 2026.
- On July 07, 2026, India's Samriddh Gram Initiative has won the WSIS Prizes in Geneva 2026 for Advancing Rural Digital Transformation.
- On July 16, 2026, FIDE announced the shortlists for the inaugural FIDE Excellence Awards, including Gukesh D, R. Praggnanandhaa and Divya Deshmukh.
- On July 13, 2026, Tamil poet R. Vairamuthu was conferred the 60th Jnanpith Award 2025.
- On July 07, 2026, PM Narendra Modi Conferred Indonesia's Highest Civilian Honour 'Bintang Adipurna ', by Indonesian President.
- On July 4, 2026, Vaibhav Sooryavanshi became the youngest player to make an international debut for India.
- On July 02, 2026, Nepal's Jestha Varna Mahavihar won the UNESCO Heritage Conservation Award.
- On July 10, 2026, Nita Ambani has received the Fortune India Most Powerful Women Honour.
- On July 18, 2026, the political drama 'Article 370' won the Best Feature Film award at the 72nd National Film Awards (2024).
- India has created history with Four Gold Medals at the International Chemistry Olympiad 2026 held from July 10 to July 19, 2026.
- ICMR-MINDS Wins Gold Award at National Awards for e-Governance 2026 for AI-Powered Mental Healthcare on July 18, 2026.
- On July 03, 2026, Nita Ambani was honoured with the AAPI Humanitarian Award in the US for Contributions to Healthcare and Social Impact.

Science

- On July 07, 2026, ISRO successfully conducted the main parachute airdrop test for the Gaganyaan G1 Mission.
- On July 11, 2026, JAXA has successfully conducted the First Test Flight of the Reusable RV-X Rocket.

- On July 13, 2026, Dhruva Space becomes the first recipient of ₹60 Crore Investment from Antariksh Venture Capital Fund.
- On July 10, 2026, China successfully tested a reusable rocket retrieval system with Long March 10B.
- On July 15, 2026, Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) and Dhruva Space announced a strategic partnership through an MoU to co-develop the ASCENT (Advanced Space Capability, Engineering & New-space Technologies) Centre at MAHE's Manipal campus in Karnataka. The Centre will focus on space-systems engineering, applied research, mission development and technology qualification, and is expected to be inaugurated in late 2026.
- On July 07, 2026, Kerala-Based HEX20 has launched its second satellite, 'KOYO', aboard the SpaceX Transporter-17 Mission.
- On July 18, 2026, India has achieved Historic Milestone with the successful launch of the private orbital rocket Vikram-1.
- China has launched the Gravity-1 Y4 Rocket and successfully placed nine Satellites into Orbit.

Defence

- Indian Navy has Hosted Operation Southern Readiness 26-2 Maritime Exercise in Kochi from July 20 to 23, 2026.
- On July 18, 2026, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh felicitated the First-Ever Tri-Services All-Women Global Circumnavigation Expedition 'Samudra Pradakshina'.
- On July 07, 2026, India and Indonesia signed initial agreements for the procurement of BrahMos and Astra missiles.
- On July 1, 2026, the Indian Army issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) to procure 450 Carl-Gustaf Mark IV (M4) 84-mm lightweight rocket launchers, along with accessories and spares, to strengthen infantry firepower. The systems are expected to be manufactured in India at Saab's facility in Jhajjar, Haryana.
- On July 23, 2026, DRDO has Successfully Tested Indigenous Long-Range Surface-to-Air Missile 'Kusha'.
- On July 22, 2026, the Indian Navy has inducted INS Malvan, the second Mahe-class ASW Shallow Water Craft.
- On July 29, 2026, the Indian Navy has launched 'Machilipatnam', the seventh Indigenous Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft.
- On July 01, 2026, Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet Ships Arrive in Singapore to Strengthen Maritime Cooperation.
- On July 11, 2026, Indian Navy to Commission Indigenous Stealth Frigate INS Mahendragiri Under Project 17A.

- On July 11, 2026, India and Japan Sign First-Ever Defence Co-Development Agreement for UNICORN Communication Mast.

Sports

- Telangana to host the 8th Khelo India Youth Games 2026 in November.
- On July 07, 2026, 17-year-old Aswath S has become India's 98th Chess Grandmaster.
- On July 11, 2026, Linda Noskova has won her Maiden Grand Slam Title at Wimbledon 2026.
- On July 11, 2026, Manipur CM Yumnam Khemchand Singh inaugurated the 19th Governor's Taekwondo Cup 2026 in Imphal.
- India has won Five Gold Medals and also Secured Joint Top Rank at the International Physics Olympiad 2026.
- On July 11, 2026, Sourav Ganguly, Anjum Chopra and Kevin Pietersen were inducted into the ICC Hall of Fame.
- On July 11, 2026, England Women's Cricket Legend Heather Knight has announced her retirement from International Cricket.
- On July 12, 2026, Jannik Sinner retained his Wimbledon men's singles title by defeating Alexander Zverev in the final, becoming the first Italian to win back-to-back Wimbledon singles championships.
- On July 18, 2026, S. Rathanvel has become India's 99th Chess Grandmaster.
- On July 23, 2026, 15-year-old Vaibhav Sooryavanshi became the youngest player to score a men's T20I fifty.
- The Oval will host the ICC World Test Championship Final 2027.
- 23rd Commonwealth Games 2026 begins in Glasgow, Scotland, running from July 23 to August 02, 2026.
- Mirabai Chanu won India's first gold at the 23rd Commonwealth Games 2026.
- On July 26, 2026, Anahat Singh created history at the World Squash Junior Championships 2026.
- Jhandu Kumar won Bronze, also opening India's Medal Account at the 23rd Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2026.
- On July 28, 2026, Sharmila Dhankar has created history with Commonwealth Games Gold in Women's Shot Put F57.
- On July 28, 2026, Raja Muthupandi has won Silver in Men's 65 kg Weightlifting at the 23rd Glasgow Commonwealth Games 2026.
- On July 28, 2026, Esha Singh won Gold; Manu Bhaker bagged Bronze at the ISSF World Cup in Hangzhou, China.
- On July 29, 2026, Gulveer Singh has created history; Harjinder Kaur won silver as India shone at the 23rd Commonwealth Games 2026.

- On July 29, 2026, Ladakh Scouts won the 6th Lieutenant Governor's Cup Horse Polo Tournament 2026.
- India has finished the ISSF World Cup 2026 with four medals in Hangzhou, China.
- Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) has become the first IPL Franchise to Cross US$300 Million Brand Value.
- On July 18, 2026, Peacko was unveiled as the official mascot of the BWF World Championships 2026.
- On July 14, 2026, Delhi's Chief Minister, Rekha Gupta, unveiled 'Mayur' as the official mascot for the Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships 2026.
- On July 13, 2026, India has created History with a 270-run victory over England in the first-ever Women's Test at Lord's.
- On July 11, 2026, Animesh Kujur clocks the fastest-ever 100m by an Indian on Foreign Soil.
- On July 19, 2026, Spain defeated Argentina 1–0 after extra time to win the FIFA World Cup 2026 title.
- PV Sindhu has created history by becoming the first Indian to win the Japan Open Title.
- On January 27, 2026, the Pakistan Olympic Association confirmed that Pakistan will host the 14th South Asian Games, scheduled for March 23–31, 2027, following a unanimous decision by the South Asian Olympic Council (SAOC) at its January 26 meeting in Tashkent, Uzbekistan.
- The 135th Durand Cup began on 25 July 2026.
- On July 05, 2026, Australia clinched the record 7th ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2026 Title.
- On July 05, 2026, Charles Leclerc won the 2026 British Grand Prix and secured Ferrari's Historic 250th Formula One Victory.
- On July 06, 2026, Neymar Jr Announces International Retirement After Ending Career as Brazil's All-Time Top Scorer.

Book and Author

- The book 'The Voice of Justice: Justice Gavai Speaks', edited by Dr S. Sivakumar, has been released on July 14, 2026.

Important day

- July 01: National Doctors' Day (Theme 2026: Behind the Mask: Who Heals the Healers)
- July 01: Chartered Accountants' Day
- July 01: National Postal Workers' Day
- July 02: World UFO Day
- July 02: National Anisette Day
- July 02: World Sports Journalists Day (Theme 2026: Championing Fair Play: Reporting with Integrity and Impact)
- July 03: National Fried Clam Day
- July 04: International Day of Cooperatives (Theme 2026: Cooperatives for a peaceful world!)
- July 06: World Zoonoses Day

- July 06: World Rural Development Day
- July 07: World Chocolate Day
- July 07: Global Forgiveness Day
- July 07: World Kiswahili Language Day
- July 10: National Fish Farmers Day
- July 10: Global Energy Independence Day
- July 11: World Population Day (Theme 2026: Realising the hopes and aspirations of young people – today and for the future)
- July 11: World Horse Day
- July 15: World Youth Skills Day (Theme 2026: Skills for a shared future.)
- July 16: World Snake Day (Theme 2026: Respect, Don't Fear: Protecting Nature's Silent Guardians)
- July 17: World Day for International Justice (Theme 2026: Promoting Justice, Accountability, and Human Rights Worldwide)
- July 17: World Emoji Day
- July 18: Nelson Mandela International Day
- July 20: International Chess Day
- July 21: International Moon Day
- July 22: National Flag Adoption Day
- July 22: World Brain Day (Theme 2026 – Brain Health: Access for All.)
- July 22: National Mango Day
- July 24: National Thermal Engineer Day
- July 25: World Drowning Prevention Day
- July 25: International Day on Judicial Well-being
- July 26: Kargil Vijay Diwas
- July 26: International Day for the Conservation of the Mangrove Ecosystem (Theme 2026: Healthy Mangroves for Sustainable Blue Economy and Climate Resilience)
- July 27: World Head and Neck Cancer Day
- July 27: CRPF Foundation Day
- July 27: International Day for Women and Girls of African Descent
- July 29: International Tiger Day
- July 30: World Day Against Trafficking in Persons (2026 Theme: Trapped Behind the Scam)
- July 31: World Ranger Day

Obituary

- On July 12, 2026, Sahitya Akademi Award-winning Tamil Writer Poomani passed away at the age of 79.
- On July 13, 2026, Pulitzer-winning Political Cartoonist Pat Oliphant passed away at the age of 90.
- On July 17, 2026, Cricket Legend Sir Garfield Sobers passed away at the age of 89.
- On July 26, 2026, Veteran Sports Journalist Jaswinder Singh Sidhu has passed away at the age of 56.
- On July 07, 2026, Former Afghanistan Fast Bowler Shapoor Zadran passed away at the age of 38.

- On July 11, 2026, Legendary Playback Singer S. Janaki, the 'Nightingale of South India', passed away at the age of 88.
- On July 12, 2026, Former Emir of Qatar Sheikh Hamad bin Khalifa Al Thani passed away at the age of 74.
- On July 05, 2026, Padma Vibhushan Awardee and Legendary Pandavani Exponent Dr Teejan Bai passed away at the age of 70.