

Highlights of 07 July 2026 Current Affairs

- Acting Chief Justice of the Punjab and Haryana High Court, **Justice Ashwani Kumar Mishra**, administered the oath to two Additional Judges upon their elevation as permanent judges of the court: **Justice Harmeet Singh Grewal** and **Justice Deepinder Singh Nalwa**. The total sanctioned strength of the Punjab and Haryana High Court is **85 judges**, but only **55 judges are presently serving** in the court.
- Every year on **7 July**, the birth anniversary of **Bhai Makhan Singh Labana Ji** is commemorated, honoring his pivotal role in Sikh history. Born on **7 July 1619**, Bhai Makhan Singh is remembered for discovering **Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji** after the passing of **Guru Har Krishan Ji**, when twenty-two impostors in the village of **Bakala** falsely claimed succession. Having vowed to offer **500 gold coins** if his ship survived a catastrophic storm, he traveled to Bakala to fulfill this promise and recognized Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji as the true Guru. His historic proclamation, **“Guru Ladho Re!”** (The Guru has been found), marked a defining moment in Sikh tradition.
- Madhya Pradesh has become the first state in the country to reorganize the **Waqf Board** under the **Waqf (Amendment) Act, 2025**, incorporating two Hindu members into the 10-member Madhya Pradesh Waqf Board. **Manoj Malpani** and **Animesh Bhargava** have been included as Hindu members.
- Every year on **7 July**, the birth anniversary of **Bhai Lakhi Shah Bhanjara Ji** is observed, honoring his extraordinary sacrifice and devotion. Born into the **Vanjara (Labana) community**, he worked as a high-profile contractor supplying saddles, reins, cotton, and lime powder to the Mughal army. Following the public execution of **Guru Tegh Bahadur Ji** at Chandni Chowk, Emperor Aurangzeb warned against recovering the Guru’s body. Undeterred, Bhai Lakhi Shah, along with his son **Nagahiya**, drove a convoy of heavy bullock carts filled with cotton through the guarded area during a dusty storm and successfully smuggled the Guru’s headless body away. To ensure a dignified cremation, Bhai Lakhi Shah placed the sacred remains inside his own home and then set fire to the entire house, making it appear accidental, while in truth performing the final rites with the utmost reverence.
- The Union Government, under the **Ministry of Home Affairs**, led by **Amit Shah**, has announced the establishment of a new **Cooperative Life Insurance firm** to expand the business areas of cooperatives.
- The Government of India has appointed diplomat **Sanjeev Jain** as the new Ambassador to the **Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (North Korea)**, based in the capital city **Pyongyang**.
- Indonesia has posted its first **liaison officer** at the **Maritime Domain Awareness Centre – Information Fusion Centre, Indian Ocean Region (IFC-IOR)**, which is hosted by the **Indian Navy** in Gurugram. So far, **17 countries**, including Australia, France, Germany, Japan, Kenya, Italy, the United States of America, the United Kingdom, Sri Lanka, Singapore, Mauritius, and the Maldives, have posted liaison officers at the centre.
- Home Minister **Amit Shah** has announced that the services of **Bharat Taxi** will be expanded to about **500 cities** across the country within the next two years.
- The **Uttar Pradesh Cabinet Ministry** has approved the **Artificial Intelligence-Ready Data Centre Policy 2026**, which is intended to place Uttar Pradesh on the global data centre map with an investment of **₹2 lakh crore**.

- The **Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)** has successfully completed the first **ground test** of the solid motor for its **Sub-Orbital Launch Vehicle for Experiments (SOLVE)**, developed under the **Gaganyaan human spaceflight programme**.
- Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister **Yogi Adityanath** has renamed the town **Jalalabad**, in the district of **Shahjahanpur**, to **Parashurampuri**, as Jalalabad is recognized as the birthplace of **Lord Parashurama**.
- **Sirsa Kinnow** has received the **Geographical Indication (GI) tag**, becoming the **first fruit from Haryana** to achieve Geographical Indication recognition.
- The **Government of West Bengal** has approved an allocation of **₹313.3 crore** for the **PM Cha Shramik Protsahan Yojana**, a tea garden workers' assistance package aimed at uplifting the living and working conditions of tea garden workers in the **North Bengal region**.
- The **Indian Navy** has commissioned its sixth **Project 17A indigenous stealth frigate**, **INS Mahendragiri (F38)**, named after the **Mahendragiri mountain range** in the **Eastern Ghats**. The warship has been designed by the **Indian Navy's Warship Design Bureau (WDB)** and built by **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL)**, Mumbai.