

Highlights of 15 July 2026 Current Affairs

- A three-day international seminar on “*Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel’s Vision: Integration, Unification, and Federalism*” concluded at the **Indian Institute of Advanced Study (IIAS), Shimla, Himachal Pradesh**.
- **Chirag Veer Singh Sarao** has become the **first Keshdhari Sikh** man to join the American Air Force Academy on In-Processing Day.
- The Ministry of Home Affairs has released a report on **cyber frauds**, revealing that **Uttar Pradesh** recorded the **highest number of complaints** in India — 1.85 lakh cases in the first six months of the year. These include online financial fraud, investment scams, OTP scams, impersonation fraud, and digital arrest scams.
- India has shown **strong** growth in net direct tax collections, **rising** 16.4% to Rs 6.51 lakh crore as of July 13, according to data released by the **Income Tax Department**.
- The Gujarat Gir Forest Department has successfully rehabilitated the Indian **Grey Hornbill**, which had been missing from the region for over sixty years.
- India is set to host the **12th BRICS Labour and Employment Ministers’ Meeting in Hyderabad** under its presidency.
- 15 July every year is celebrated as **World Youth Skills Day**, with the 2026 theme “Skills for a Shared Future.”
- **EaseMyTrip**, an online travel technology platform, has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the **Jharkhand** Government’s Department of Tourism to strengthen the state’s tourism sector through digital promotion and nationwide marketing campaigns.
- The Vice President of India, **C.P. Radhakrishnan**, has released the book titled ***The Voice of Justice: Justice Gavai Speaks***, which highlights constitutional values and access to justice, at the Uparashtrapati Bhavan.
- **India Post** has reported first-quarter revenue of ₹4,009 crore for the financial year 2026-27, marking a 22% year-on-year growth.
- **R. Vairamuthu**, a Tamil poet and lyricist, has been conferred with the **60th Jnanpith Award**.
- Delhi has unveiled the mascot **Mayur** for the **22nd Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship 2026**, which will be held from 27 July to 2 August 2026 at the Thyagaraj Stadium in New Delhi.
- In the latest *Finance India 100 – 2026* report, **Madras Rubber Factory (MRF) Ltd.** has been ranked as **India’s most valuable and strongest tyre brand**, and also recognized as the third-strongest tyre brand worldwide.
- **Swiggy Instamart** and **Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPCL)** have launched India’s **first on-demand LPG cylinder** delivery service with the debut of *HP Navya*, HPCL’s next-generation 10-kg composite LPG cylinder.

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Topic	Details
Himachal Pradesh	Chief Minister – Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu Governor – Kavinder Gupta Capitals – Shimla (Summer), Dharamshala (Winter)
United States of America	Capital – Washington D.C. President – Donald Trump Currency – US Dollar
Uttar Pradesh	Capital – Lucknow Chief Minister – Yogi Adityanath Governor – Anandiben Patel
CBDT (Central Board of Direct Taxes)	Chairman – Ravi Agrawal
Gujarat	Capital – Gandhinagar Chief Minister – Bhupendra Patel Governor – Acharya Devrat
BRICS	Full form – Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa Members – 11 (Brazil, China, Egypt, Ethiopia, India, Indonesia, Iran, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, UAE) HQ – Shanghai, China Established – 2006
Jharkhand	Capital – Ranchi Chief Minister – Hemant Soren

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	Governor – Santosh Gangwar
Vice President of India	1 st – Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan Current (15 th) – C.P. Radhakrishnan
Chief Justice of India	1 st – Justice Harilal Jekisundas Kania Current (53 rd) – Justice Surya Kant
Jnanpith Award	Established – 1961 Given for lifetime contribution to literature First Punjabi recipient – Amrita Pritam (1982, <i>Kagaz Te Canvas</i>)