

Highlights of 20 July 2026 Current Affairs

- **FIFA World Cup 2026:** Spain defeated defending champions Argentina 1–0 in extra time at MetLife Stadium through a 106th minute goal by substitute Ferran Torres, securing their second men's title (after 2010), setting an all-time World Cup record by conceding only 1 goal throughout the tournament, and extending their world-record international unbeaten streak to 38 matches under head coach Luis de la Fuente.
- **FIFA World Cup 2026 Awards Summary:** Spain swept the individual honours following their 1-0 extra-time final victory over Argentina, with **Rodri** winning the Golden Ball (Best Player), **Unai Simón** receiving the Golden Glove (Best Goalkeeper with 7 clean sheets), and **Pau Cubarsí** named Best Young Player. France's **Kylian Mbappé** won the Golden Boot with 10 goals—becoming the first player to win back-to-back Golden Boots and reaching a record 22 total World Cup career goals—while the **Netherlands** won the Fair Play Trophy.
- **Rohit Sharma Lord's ODI Century Records:** Indian captain Rohit Sharma became the first Indian men's cricketer to score an ODI century at Lord's, hitting his 34th ODI hundred against England. At 39 years and 80 days, he surpassed Sachin Tendulkar to become the oldest Indian to score an international century, while also setting new records for the most ODI centuries by a visiting batter in a single foreign country (8 in England) and most international centuries as an opener for India (46).
- Two-time Olympic medalist **PV Sindhu** became the first Indian shuttler to win the Japan Open and her maiden BWF Super 750 title by defeating world No. 3 Akane Yamaguchi 21-17, 21-17. This victory ended a two-year title drought and made her the oldest woman (31) to win a Super 750 tournament.
- **37th International Biology Olympiad (IBO 2026):** All four members of the Indian contingent won medals (1 Gold, 3 Silver) in Vilnius, Lithuania, led by **Bhavyaa Gunwal** (Haryana) who secured Gold. Organised by the Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (HBCSE-TIFR), this marked India's 26th appearance at the IBO.
- **58th International Chemistry Olympiad (IChO 2026):** India recorded its best-ever performance by winning four Gold Medals in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, achieving an all-gold sweep for the first time in its 27 appearances. The four-member team—Debadatta Priyadarshi (Odisha), Harshit Singla (Punjab), Kabeer Chhillar (Delhi), and Sandeep Kuchi (Telangana)—secured joint-first place overall alongside China, Vietnam, and Russia. Organized by the Homi Bhabha Centre for Science Education (HBCSE-TIFR), this edition was the largest IChO to date, featuring 363 participants from 93 countries.
- **NSE Electronic Gold Receipts (EGR):** The National Stock Exchange launched the Electronic Gold Receipts segment to formalize and digitize India's gold market under SEBI regulation. EGRs are exchange-traded demat securities backed 1:1 by physical gold kept in SEBI-accredited vaults, offering transparent "one nation, one price" discovery and seamless 3-step functionality (*Deposit/Creation* → *Exchange Trading* → *Physical Conversion*) without incurring capital gains tax upon converting between physical gold and electronic form.
- **Aadhaar App Milestone:** The next-generation Aadhaar App, developed by UIDAI and launched under the Digital India Mission, crossed **4 crore downloads**, serving as a paperless, one-stop platform for smartphone-based identity management.

- **The Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Amendment Bill, 2026** was introduced in the Lok Sabha on July 20, 2026, by Union Law Minister **Arjun Ram Meghwal**. It seeks to replace an ordinance promulgated in May 2026 to amend the Supreme Court (Number of Judges) Act, 1956.
- India's first immersive language museum, **Shabdalog** (also known as the "Museum of Word"), was inaugurated at the historic Belvedere House within the National Library campus in Kolkata by Union Home Minister Amit Shah. Developed by the Ministry of Culture at a cost of ₹41 crore, the project integrates modern technology with cultural history to celebrate the nation's rich linguistic diversity.
- **QDENG A Dengue Vaccine Approval:** The Central Drugs Standard Control Organisation (CDSCO), led by the Drug Controller General of India (DCGI), granted marketing authorization to **QDENG A (TAK-003)**, marking India's first approved dengue vaccine.
- Senior BJP leader Harjit Singh Grewal assumed office as the **Chairman of the National Commission for Minorities (NCM)** on July 21, 2026, succeeding **Iqbal Singh Lalpura**.
- **The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA)**, operating under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry, facilitated the inaugural export shipment of premium Kashmir temperate fruits to Singapore.
- **Amul** launched its 700 crore Bengal Dairy Project at Howrah Food Park in Sankrail, West Bengal, marking a major expansion for India's dairy sector.
- The Central Government granted environmental clearance for the **1,000 MW Naying Hydel Project** in Arunachal Pradesh, advancing India's renewable energy and strategic border infrastructure goals.
- India launched **JAL-YAAN**, the country's first compact, solar-integrated, self-powered multi-source water purification van, designed to provide safe drinking water in off-grid, disaster-affected, and water-scarce regions.

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Entity	Details
FIFA Full Form	Fédération Internationale de Football Association
FIFA Headquarters	Zürich, Switzerland
FIFA President	Gianni Infantino

Entity	Details
Lord's Cricket Ground Opened	1814
Japan Capital	Tokyo
Japan Prime Minister	Sanae Takaichi
Japan Currency	Yen
Lithuania Capital	Vilnius
Lithuania Currency	Euro
Lithuania President	Gitanas Nausėda
Haryana Chief Minister	Nayab Singh Saini
Haryana Governor	Bandaru Dattatreya
Haryana Capital	Chandigarh
NSE Full Form	National Stock Exchange of India
NSE Headquarters	Mumbai

Entity	Details
NSE Founded	1992