

Highlights of 23 July 2026 Current Affairs

- **National Broadcasting Day** is observed annually in India on **23 July** to commemorate the country's first official radio transmission made in 1927 by the Indian Broadcasting Company (IBC) from its Bombay (Mumbai) station.
- **Lokmanya Tilak Jayanti** is commemorated annually across India on **23 July** to mark the birth anniversary of **Bal Gangadhar Tilak** (born 23 July 1856 in Ratnagiri, Maharashtra). Observed as his **170th birth anniversary**, the day honors the pioneer who transformed the Indian national movement into a mass freedom struggle.
- The Central Government has appointed senior IAS officer **Anurag Jain** (1989-batch, Madhya Pradesh cadre) as the new **Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NITI Aayog**.
- The **Mini Nandi Farmer Prosperity Scheme** (officially known in Uttar Pradesh under the *Nand Baba Milk Mission* as the **Mini Nandini Krishak Samriddhi Yojana**) is designed to scale up dairy entrepreneurship using high-yielding indigenous cattle.
- Establishing a **Common Service Centre (CSC)** under the **CSC 4.0 (Digital India Mission)** initiative provides a sustainable self-employment opportunity. Operating as a **Village Level Entrepreneur (VLE)**, you serve as a digital bridge between government services and citizens, earning commission per transaction.
- National Security Advisor (NSA) **Ajit Doval** has been selected for the **Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2026** by the Tilak Smarak Trust in recognition of his contributions to national security, counter-terrorism, and strategic intelligence.
- **Killai**, located in Cuddalore district, has been recognized as **Tamil Nadu's first Climate-Resilient Village**. Situated adjacent to the world-renowned **Pichavaram Mangrove Forest**, the village serves as a benchmark model for coastal adaptation and community-led disaster preparedness.
- The Ministry of Railways has entrusted **Rahul Himalian** with the additional charge of **Chairman & Managing Director (CMD)** of the Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC), effective **20 July 2026**.
- Indian Railways has achieved a historic infrastructure milestone by electrifying **99.6% of its broad gauge (BG) network**.
According to data presented by Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw in the Lok Sabha (referencing the International Union of Railways/UIC report), India now possesses the **second-most electrified railway network in the world**, behind only Switzerland.
- **Samudra Pradakshina** marks a watershed moment in India's maritime history. On **July 22, 2026**, Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh flagged in the historic voyage, welcoming back a nine-member all-women crew representing the Indian Army, Indian Navy, and Indian Air Force.
- The Indian Navy has commissioned **INS Malvan**, its second indigenous Mahe-class Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC), at the Karwar Naval Base. Constructed by Cochin Shipyard Limited with over 80% local content, the vessel is specially engineered to bolster coastal surveillance, mine warfare, and shallow-water anti-submarine operations under the Aatmanirbhar Bharat initiative.
- The **Campus Biodiversity Register (CBR) Initiative** launched by the Nature Conservation Foundation (NCF) and the National Biodiversity Authority (NBA) is a major step toward involving academia in ecological documentation.

- The **2026 Commonwealth Games** officially kicked off in Glasgow, Scotland. Featuring a streamlined 10-sport program across four central venues, the games showcase a blend of Scottish cultural heritage and international athletic excellence.
- President Droupadi Murmu and North Macedonian President Gordana Siljanovska-Davkova jointly unveiled a bust of Mahatma Gandhi at the **Museum of the City of Skopje**. The ceremony took place during the first-ever state visit by an Indian Head of State to the Balkan nation.
- The Chhattisgarh cabinet, led by Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai, officially approved a **10% reservation for Agniveers** in direct recruitment for select Class-III (Group C) state government posts under the newly framed **Chhattisgarh Reservation of Vacancies in Class-III Civil Services for Agniveer Soldiers Rules, 2026**.

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Entity	Details
NITI Aayog Full Form	National Institution for Transforming India
NITI Aayog Chairperson	Prime Minister of India
NITI Aayog Vice President	Ashok Kumar Lahiri
Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister	Yogi Adityanath
Uttar Pradesh Governor	Anandiben Patel
Uttar Pradesh Capital	Lucknow
First National Security Advisor	Brajesh Mishra
Tamil Nadu Chief Minister	C. Joseph Vijay

Entity	Details
Tamil Nadu Governor	Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar
Tamil Nadu Capital	Chennai
IRCTC Full Form	Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation
IRCTC Founded Year	1999
Switzerland Capital	Bern
Switzerland Currency	Franc
Father of Indian Naval History	Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj
First Commonwealth Games Location	Canada
First Commonwealth Games Year	1930
North Macedonia Capital	Skopje
North Macedonia Currency	Denar
Chhattisgarh Chief Minister	Vishnu Deo Sai

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Chhattisgarh Governor	Ramen Deka
Chhattisgarh Capital	Raipur