

Highlights of 24 July 2026 Current Affairs

- The **Mee Bhoomi–Blockchain Pilot Project** launched by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu on **23 July 2026** is a major initiative aimed at creating a tamper-proof digital land registry to make Andhra Pradesh a land-litigation-free state.
- The signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the **Jharkhand Film Development Corporation Limited (JFDCL)** and Kolkata's premier **Satyajit Ray Film and Television Institute (SRFTI)** on **22 July 2026** marks the establishment of the **Jharkhand Film and Television Institute (JFTI)** in Ranchi.
- Chief Minister Bhajan Lal Sharma launched the **Mukhyamantri Yuva Suyog Platform** from Jaipur to promote youth leadership, sports, skill development, and employment across Rajasthan.
- The Punjab School Education Board (PSEB) has launched the **Sarbat.AI initiative**, making Punjab the first state in India to introduce Artificial Intelligence (AI) as a core, mainstream subject for students from **Class 1 to Class 12**.
- The research published in ***Sustainable Cities and Society*** by researchers at the University of Oxford introduces a heat-risk framework evaluating 205 major cities worldwide with populations exceeding 1 million. Rather than relying solely on peak temperatures, the study incorporates social vulnerabilities, urban microclimates, and infrastructural coping capacities to identify urban centers most at risk from extreme heat.
- The **U.S.–Saudi Arabia Civil Nuclear Cooperation Agreement** (commonly referred to as a **123 Agreement**) represents a major geopolitical shift in Middle Eastern energy policy and nuclear diplomacy. Signed on **July 22, 2026** by U.S. Secretary of Energy Chris Wright and Saudi Minister of Energy Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman, the 30-year pact sets the legal and commercial foundation for a multi-billion-dollar partnership.
- The Reserve Bank of India has revived plans to introduce durable, **counterfeit-resistant polymer ₹10 and ₹20** banknotes through a global Expression of Interest. Meanwhile, India's UPI recorded historic growth in FY26, processing over 24,100 crore transactions worth ₹314.23 lakh crore while continuing to expand its global reach and security features.
- According to RBI data, Non-Resident Indian (NRI) deposit inflows fell **29.25% to \$1.33 billion** during April–May FY27, down from \$1.88 billion in the corresponding period of the previous year. Despite the initial slowdown, the overall outstanding NRI deposit base remained high at **\$165.96 billion** as of May 2026.
- The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), through its **Centre for Air Borne Systems (CABS)**, signed two contracts worth **₹19,000 crore** to advance India's **Airborne Early Warning & Control (AEW&C) Mk-II** programme (also known as *Netra Mk-II*).
- Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and Safran Aircraft Engines signed a long-term agreement on **22 July 2026** at the **Farnborough International Airshow** in the United Kingdom to manufacture superalloy turbine ring forgings for the **CFM LEAP** engine programme.
- The **3rd Digital India RISC-V (DIR-V) Symposium 2026** is hosted by IIT Madras at the IIT Madras Research Park in Chennai on 1–2 August 2026. Organized in partnership with the **Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY)** and **RISC-V**

International, the symposium centers on the theme "**Empowering Bharat's Semiconductor Future**".

- Infosys has officially announced a planned top-level succession: **Ashiss Kumar Dash** has been appointed **CEO-Designate** and will succeed **Salil Parekh** as Managing Director and CEO starting **April 1, 2027**.
- Income Tax Day in India, also known as **Aaykar Diwas**, is celebrated every year on **July 24**. Organized under the auspices of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT), the observance commemorates the history of direct taxation in India while honoring the role of taxpayers in building the nation's infrastructure, economy, and social services.
- On **23 July 2026**, the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) achieved a major strategic milestone by conducting the **maiden flight test of the indigenous 'Kusha' Long-Range Surface-to-Air Missile (LR-SAM)** from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha. During the trial, the interceptor missile successfully engaged and destroyed a simulated high-speed, high-altitude electronic target.
- Olympic bronze medalist and World Champion **Lovlina Borgohain** secured India's first guaranteed medal at the **2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow** before the opening ceremony commenced.
- Inaugurated at Navi Mumbai International Airport, **Bharat Taxi** introduces a driver-owned cooperative mobility platform in Maharashtra under the vision of "*Sahakar Se Samriddhi*". The initiative eliminates surge pricing and aggregator commissions for passengers while empowering drivers (*Sarathis*) as shareholder-members who receive direct earnings, transparent fares, and annual profit dividends.
- At just **15 years and 118 days**, Indian batting sensation **Vaibhav Sooryavanshi** created international cricket history on **July 23, 2026**. Playing against Zimbabwe at the Harare Sports Club in the 1st T20I, the left-handed opener smashed a blistering **50 off 19 balls** (featuring 4 fours and 4 sixes at a 263.16 strike rate) to power India to a seven-wicket victory.

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Entity	Details
Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister	N. Chandrababu Naidu
Andhra Pradesh Governor	S. Abdul Nazeer
Andhra Pradesh Capital	Amaravati

Entity	Details
Jharkhand Chief Minister	Hemant Soren
Jharkhand Governor	Santosh Kumar Gangwar
Jharkhand Capital	Ranchi
Rajasthan Chief Minister	Bhajan Lal Sharma
Rajasthan Governor	Haribhau Kisanrao Bagade
Rajasthan Capital	Jaipur
Punjab Chief Minister	Bhagwant Singh Mann
Punjab Governor	Gulab Chand Kataria
Punjab Capital	Chandigarh
USA Capital	Washington D.C.
USA Currency	U.S. Dollar
USA President	Donald Trump

Entity	Details
Saudi Arabia Capital	Riyadh
Saudi Arabia Currency	Riyal
Saudi Arabia King	King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud
RBI Current Governor	Sanjay Malhotra (26 th Governor)
RBI First Governor	Sir Osborne Smith