

Highlights of 25 July 2026 Current Affairs

- The **Karnataka Udyogini Scheme** is a key initiative implemented by the **Karnataka State Women Development Corporation (KSWDC)** under the Department of Women and Child Development. It promotes self-employment and financial independence among women by providing collateral-free business loans up to **₹3 lakh** with government subsidies.
- The **Karnataka Thayi Bhagya Scheme** is a healthcare initiative run by the Department of Health and Family Welfare (alongside Women and Child Development) in Karnataka. Its primary goal is to lower maternal and infant mortality rates by offering **100% free and cashless maternity care** to underprivileged mothers, whether they deliver at a government facility or a empanelled private hospital.
- Senior IAS officer **Naresh Pal Gangwar** (1994 batch, Rajasthan Cadre) was appointed **Secretary of the Department of Higher Education** under the Ministry of Education. Approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), he succeeds **Vineet Joshi**, who has been transferred as Secretary in the Department of Panchayati Raj.
- The **International Type 1 Diabetes Summit 2026** takes place in **Jodhpur, Rajasthan**, from **July 30 to August 1, 2026**. Organized through a joint collaboration between **The Friends of Mewar, Breakthrough T1D** (formerly JDRF), and the **William J. Clinton Foundation**, the conference brings together global healthcare experts, policymakers, researchers, and patient advocates from India, the United States, Australia, and other nations.
- On **July 22, 2026**, India reached a major defense tech milestone with the realization and handover of its first **indigenous 350 kg-thrust class expendable turbojet engine**. Designed by DRDO's **Gas Turbine Research Establishment (GTRE)** in Bengaluru and manufactured by Hyderabad-based **Azad Engineering**, the engine was delivered within 24 months of program initiation.
- The **Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana Rasayan (BHAVYA Rasayan)** Scheme is a major industrial initiative approved by the Union Cabinet to modernize and expand India's chemical and petrochemical manufacturing sector. First announced in the Union Budget 2026–27, the scheme focuses on creating centralized **plug-and-play chemical parks** to make Indian chemical production globally competitive, cost-effective, and environmentally sustainable.
- The **Karnataka Prasoothi Araiike Scheme** (part of the *Samagra Mathru Aarogya Palane* initiative) is a flagship maternal welfare program run by the Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Karnataka. First introduced in 2007, the scheme provides financial aid to underprivileged pregnant women to cover antenatal care, ensure proper nutrition, and promote safe institutional delivery in government hospitals.
- The **Prevention of Paper Leak (Amendment) Bill** (also referred to as the Anti-Paper Leak Bill) amends the existing **Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024**. Approved by the Union Cabinet on **July 24, 2026**, the new draft bill significantly escalates legal penalties and establishes tighter administrative controls to target organized paper-leak syndicates, corrupt testing agencies, and tech service providers while safeguarding individual candidates.
- The **Karnataka Krushi Aranya Protsaha Yojane (KAPY)** is an agroforestry flagship scheme initiated by the **Karnataka Forest Department** (launched in 2011–12) to

encourage farmers to cultivate tree saplings alongside traditional agriculture on private farmland.

- The **Indian Cybercrime Coordination Centre (I4C)**, operating under the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), issued a directive on **July 23, 2026**, instructing code-hosting platform **GitHub** to remove and disable access to three repositories associated with **Bitchat**.
- On **July 24, 2026**, a Supreme Court bench comprising **Chief Justice Surya Kant**, **Justice Joymalya Bagchi**, and **Justice V. Mohana** passed a landmark interim order prohibiting the unauthorized extraction, editing, uploading, dissemination, and monetization of live-streamed courtroom audio and video on social media and digital platforms.
- A surge of extreme heat and prolonged drought across Western Europe has triggered unprecedented wildfires, forcing mass evacuations and prompting historic emergency declarations in both Spain and France.
- Union Education Minister **Dharmendra Pradhan** submitted his resignation from the Union Council of Ministers on **July 25, 2026**, citing moral responsibility following weeks of student-led protests over paper leak allegations and irregularities in the **NEET-UG 2026** examination.

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Entity	Details
Karnataka Chief Minister	D. K. Shivakumar
Karnataka Governor	Thawar Chand Gehlot
Karnataka Capital	Bengaluru
Current Chief Justice of India	Justice Surya Kant (53rd CJI)
First Chief Justice of India	Harilal Jekisondas Kania
Spain Capital	Madrid

Entity	Details
Spain Currency	Euro
Spain Prime Minister	Pedro Sánchez
France Capital	Paris
France Currency	Euro
France President	Emmanuel Macron
First Education Minister of India	Maulana Abul Kalam Azad