

Highlights of 27 July 2026 Current Affairs

- Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister **Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu** officially launched the ambitious **Thematic Garden Project** to be established at the **Durgesh Aranya International Zoo** in Dehra, Kangra district. To kickstart the project, the Chief Minister released **₹4 crore** through the Himachal Pradesh State Biodiversity Board (HPSBB) to the state's Chief Wildlife Warden.
- Students from **Laureate Public School** (Bharari, Shimla) emerged victorious in the inter-school environment quiz competition held in Shimla.
- The **Shree Jagannath Temple Administration (SJTA)** in Puri has made history by securing Intellectual Property (IP) and trademark protections for sacred terms, symbols, and identifiers associated with the 12th-century shrine. This trademark drive marks the first time an ancient religious institution in India has used statutory intellectual property laws under the *Trade Marks Act, 1999* to protect its cultural heritage and spiritual identity.
- The **International Medieval Combat Federation (IMCF) World Championship** is the premier global tournament for full-contact, armored medieval combat (commonly known as *buhurt*). Founded in 2013, the IMCF brings together national teams from across the world to compete at historic castles and fortress sites using authentic medieval armor and blunted weapons.
- During the World Heritage Committee session held in **Busan, South Korea**, UNESCO inscribed a major archaeological site in the West Bank and a group of historic castles in southern Lebanon onto both the **World Heritage List** and the **List of World Heritage in Danger** using an emergency procedure.
- **Mohammed Shahabuddin**, the 22nd President of Bangladesh, tendered his resignation, nearly two years ahead of his full term expiration in April 2028. He was the last remaining high-ranking official closely associated with former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's Awami League government holding a key constitutional office following the 2024 political transition.
- The rollout of the **Central Know-Your-Customer (CKYC) 2.0 framework**—jointly coordinated by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI)—establishes a common customer identification system across the financial sector. This initiative allows individuals to access products from banks and insurance companies using a single, unified verification record without repeatedly submitting physical identity documents.
- SpaceX's **Starship Flight 13** test mission, marked a critical milestone as the second flight of the upgraded **Starship Version 3** design.
- During President Droupadi Murmu's state visit to Bucharest on **July 23, 2026**—marking the first visit by an Indian Head of State to Romania in over three decades—India and Romania signed three key agreements to deepen their bilateral partnership. The agreements were finalized following delegation-level discussions between President Murmu and Romanian President Nicușor Dan at Cotroceni Palace.
- The allocation of the **Union Ministry of Education** portfolio to senior BJP leader **Pralhad Joshi** comes at a critical juncture following the resignation of **Dharmendra Pradhan** on **July 25, 2026**.

- **Saikhom Mirabai Chanu** added another historic chapter to Indian sports by winning the gold medal in the **women's 48kg weightlifting** event at the **Glasgow 2026 Commonwealth Games** on **July 26, 2026**. This win secured India's first gold medal of the 2026 Games and completed a **hat-trick of consecutive Commonwealth Games gold medals** for Chanu.
- The official inscription of the **Ancient Buddhist Site of Sarnath** on the UNESCO World Heritage List on **July 25, 2026**, during the 48th Session of the World Heritage Committee in Busan, South Korea, marks a historic milestone. Sarnath becomes **India's 45th World Heritage Site** and Uttar Pradesh's 4th (joining the Taj Mahal, Agra Fort, and Fatehpur Sikri).

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Entity	Details
Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister	Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu
Himachal Pradesh Governor	Kavinder Gupta
Himachal Pradesh Capital	Shimla
Odisha Chief Minister	Mohan Charan Majhi
Odisha Governor	Hari Babu Kambhampati
Odisha Capital	Bhubaneswar
South Korea President	Lee Jae-myung
South Korea Capital	Seoul

Entity	Details
South Korea Currency	Won
Bangladesh Prime Minister	Tarique Rahman
Bangladesh Capital	Dhaka
Bangladesh Currency	Taka
Romania President	Nicușor Dan
Romania Capital	Bucharest
Romania Currency	Romanian Leu