

Highlights of 28 July 2026 Current Affairs

- **Anahat Singh** made history, by becoming the **first Indian player ever to win the World Junior Squash Championships title**. Currently ranked World No. 20 on the senior PSA Tour, the 18-year-old top seed clinched the girls' singles crown at Niagara-on-the-Lake, Canada, by defeating second seed Ruqayya Salem of Egypt 3-0 in the final.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced the formation of a high-powered **Exam Reform Task Force** to overhaul India's examination system and build a leak-proof, tech-driven framework.
 - The six-member Exam Reform Task Force, chaired by **Nandan Nilekani** (Infosys co-founder and tech expert), includes:
 - **Dr. S. Somanath** (Former ISRO Chairman)
 - **Tapan Deka** (Former Intelligence Bureau Director)
 - **Prof. V. Kamakoti** (Director, IIT Madras)
 - **Anita Karwal** (Former Union Education Secretary)
 - **Amrit Lal Meena** (Former Union Coal Secretary & logistics expert)
- The **University of Leeds** and the **Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Kharagpur** signed a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), establishing a framework for global research, academic mobility, and technological innovation.
- The 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, represents a landmark milestone for India's global cultural footprint. With this designation, Sarnath becomes **India's 45th UNESCO World Heritage Site**, reinforcing India's rank as 6th globally and 2nd in the Asia-Pacific region for total World Heritage properties.
- During her state visit to Romania, President Droupadi Murmu was conferred the **Doctor Honoris Causa** by the **Bucharest University of Economic Studies (ASE)** on **July 24, 2026**. The distinction—the university's highest academic honor—was awarded in recognition of her public service, commitment to education, efforts toward social inclusion, and contributions to strengthening India–Romania relations.
- An AI-powered **Holobox of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee** was inaugurated, at the **Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya** in New Delhi. The inauguration coincided with **Kargil Vijay Diwas**, honoring Vajpayee's leadership during the 1999 conflict.
- The Uttarakhand Forest Department, in collaboration with the Wildlife Institute of India (WII), has initiated a initiative to fit **radio collars on herd-leading elephants** across the Rajaji–Corbett landscape ahead of the **Haridwar Kumbh Mela 2027**. This move aims to establish an **early-warning shield** to safeguard millions of incoming pilgrims while mitigating human-elephant conflicts in Haridwar's urban-forest fringe.
- The Rajasthan Government launched the **Bharat Taxi** cooperative mobility service in Jaipur under the national vision of "*Sahakar Se Samriddhi*" (Prosperity through Cooperation). Inaugurated by Chief Minister **Bhajanlal Sharma**, the initiative aims to transform the ride-hailing industry by replacing traditional private aggregator commissions with a cooperative, driver-owned platform.
- During the **48th Session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee** held in **Busan, South Korea** (July 2026), two landmark global sites—**Mount Olympus** in Greece and

the **D-Day Landing Beaches** in France—were officially inscribed onto the UNESCO World Heritage List.

- India's rapid adoption of open-source software and enterprise technology has elevated the nation into one of the **top five global growth markets** for Red Hat and its parent company, IBM. Navtej Singh Bal, Vice President and General Manager for India and South Asia at Red Hat, highlighted that India has transitioned from a developing market into a critical hub for both global strategy and engineering excellence.
- Former DRDO Chairman and current National Security Advisory Board member **Dr. G. Satheesh Reddy** was presented with the **EMESCO–Dr. B.V. Pattabhiram Changemaker-2026 Award** at a function in Hyderabad. The award was presented by actor-politician **Chiranjeevi** and organized by EMESCO Books to recognize individuals driving transformative societal change.
- Shri **Keshav Chandra**, a 1995-batch Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officer of the AGMUT cadre, officially assumed charge as the **Secretary, Ministry of Mines**, Government of India. He succeeds **V. L. Kantha Rao** (or Piyush Goyal, who transitioned to Secretary General of the NHRC), having previously served as the Chairperson of the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC).
- The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) appointed **Dr. K. Srikar Reddy** (a 2001-batch IFS officer) as India's next **Ambassador to the State of Qatar**. He transitions from his role as Consul General of India in San Francisco to succeed Ambassador Vipul.
- The **Bhargavastra** represents a technological milestone in India's air defense capabilities, specifically engineered by **Solar Defence and Aerospace Ltd. (SDAL)** / Economic Explosives Limited (a subsidiary of the Solar Group) to address modern battlefield threats like loitering munitions and coordinated drone swarms.
- The Himachal Pradesh Government launched the **Mukhyamantri Machhuara Samman Nidhi Yojana** to extend direct financial assistance and social security to reservoir fishermen during the mandatory annual fishing ban (closed breeding season). Announced by Chief Minister **Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu**, the welfare scheme aims to mitigate income loss while promoting sustainable fisheries management across the state's major aquatic reservoirs.
- **CRPF Foundation Day** (also observed as **CRPF Raising Day**) is celebrated annually on **27 July** to honor the history, operational excellence, and sacrifices of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). On **27 July 2026**, the force observed its **88th Raising Day**.

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Entity	Details
Canada Prime Minister	Mark Carney
Canada Currency	Canadian Dollar
Canada Capital	Ottawa
Egypt President	Abdel Fattah El-Sisi
Egypt Capital	Cairo
Egypt Currency	Egyptian Pound
Romania President	Nicușor Dan
Romania Capital	Bucharest
Romania Currency	Romanian Leu
Rajasthan Chief Minister	Bhajan Lal Sharma
Rajasthan Capital	Jaipur
Rajasthan Governor	Haribhau Kisanrao Bagade

Entity	Details
Uttarakhand Chief Minister	Pushkar Singh Dhami
Uttarakhand Governor	Gurmit Singh
Uttarakhand Capital	Dehradun (Winter), Gairsain (Summer)
DRDO Full Form	Defence Research and Development Organisation
DRDO Established	1958
DRDO Chairman	Rajesh Kumar Singh
Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister	Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu
Himachal Pradesh Governor	Kavinder Gupta
Himachal Pradesh Capital	Shimla
CRPF Full Form	Central Reserve Police Force
CRPF Director General	Shri G. P. Singh