

Highlights of 29 July 2026 Current Affairs

- The **Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Jan Arogya Yojana (MJPJAY)** is Maharashtra's flagship government-funded health insurance scheme aimed at providing cashless medical care to residents across the state.
- The **Majhi Kanya Bhagyashree Yojana (MKBY)** is a flagship welfare initiative implemented by the Department of Women and Child Development, Government of Maharashtra. Revised from the earlier *Sukanya Yojana*, it promotes the birth, survival, education, and financial security of girl children across the state.
- Indian weightlifter **Raja Muthupandi** clinched the **silver medal** in the men's 65kg category at the **2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow**, marking a major comeback after years of injury setbacks. His performance contributed to India's strong campaign in weightlifting alongside podium finishes by **Mirabai Chanu** (Gold).
- Indian weightlifter **Chanambam Rishikanta Singh** secured **India's first silver medal** (and second medal overall) at the 2026 Commonwealth Games in Glasgow, competing in the men's 60kg weightlifting category. Hailing from Imphal West, Manipur, the 27-year-old lifter set a **new Commonwealth Games record in the snatch** during his performance.
- **Nyck de Vries** secured a victory for **Mahindra Racing** in the second race (Round 15) of the Tokyo E-Prix. The win provided a massive boost to the Indian outfit's 2025/26 ABB FIA Formula E World Championship campaign as the season approaches its finale in London.
- The **Himachal Pradesh Government** approved the implementation of the **Market Intervention Scheme (MIS)** for the procurement of processing-grade mangoes, citrus fruits, and C-grade apples for the **2026 season**. The procurement will be handled primarily by the **Himachal Pradesh Horticultural Produce Marketing and Processing Corporation (HPMC)**, with **HIMFED** potentially associated for apple procurement.
- The United States and Sri Lanka launched the **6th iteration of Cooperation Afloat Readiness and Training (CARAT) Sri Lanka 2026**. The bilateral maritime exercise is taking place from **July 27 to July 31, 2026**, primarily centered in **Sampoor, Trincomalee, and Colombo**.
- The Government of India has approved the manufacture and agricultural use of **Anhydrous Ammonia** as a nitrogenous fertilizer under a 3-year trial framework. This move aims to modernize India's soil nutrient management, lower heavy fiscal subsidies on imported granular urea, and advance the nation's clean energy goals under the **National Green Hydrogen Mission**.
- The **Kosi–Mechi Intra-State Link Project** in Bihar has been formally included under the **Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayi Yojana – Accelerated Irrigation Benefit Programme (PMKSY-AIBP)**. The project aims to transfer surplus water from the Kosi River to the Mahananda basin via the Mechi River, mitigating flood risks in the Seemanchal region while expanding irrigation coverage across northern Bihar.
- The **National e-Vidhan Application (NeVA)** is a flagship Mission Mode Project under the **Digital India Programme** that seeks to digitize and streamline the functioning of India's State and Union Territory Legislatures under the motto **“One Nation, One Application**.

- The citizens and environmental activists of Madurai gathered near the Sellur–Kulamangalam Road to celebrate the **107th birthday** of a historic banyan tree (*Ficus benghalensis*). Recognized as the last remaining centenarian tree in the Meenakshipuram locality, the event highlighted the importance of preserving ancient trees amidst rapid urban expansion.
- The **National Institute of Sowa-Rigpa (NISR)** in Leh, in collaboration with the **Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY)**, New Delhi, launched Ladakh's first official **3-month, 400-hour Yoga Wellness Instructor Certificate Course**. The program aims to promote yoga education, traditional healing integration, and professional skill development for wellness instructors in the high-altitude region.
- **SBI Life Insurance Company Limited** has strengthened its association with the **Paralympic Committee of India (PCI)** by becoming the **Principal Partner** of the Indian Contingent for the **2026 Para Sports Season**. This agreement builds on SBI Life's earlier support during the Paris 2024 Paralympic Games, where Indian para-athletes delivered a historic performance of 29 medals.
- **Prem K. Vora**, President of the Electric Merchants Association (EMA), Mumbai (for 2025–26), was honored with the **Rashtriya Ashok Samman (Bharat Samman)** at the **National Leadership Conclave** in New Delhi in July 2026.
- India has announced that all future space launch vehicles and satellite systems will transition to domestically designed and manufactured **space-grade semiconductor chips**. Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw highlighted the milestone following Skyroot Aerospace's **Vikram-1** orbital test flight, underlining the integration of India's semiconductor mission with its rapidly growing commercial space ecosystem.
- Scientists at the **Zoological Survey of India (ZSI)** have officially documented two newly discovered spider species from distinct ecosystems in Meghalaya and Andhra Pradesh. Published in international peer-reviewed journals including *Zootaxa* and *Records of the Zoological Survey of India*, these discoveries highlight India's rich, unexplored micro-biodiversity across cave systems and canopy habitats.

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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