



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JULY 3, 2026

INTERNATIONAL

AI Global Commission formed for responsible inclusive AI governance.

- Commission announced on 3 July 2026.
- Joint initiative by ITU and Salesforce.
- Promotes responsible and inclusive AI governance.
- Includes over 40 global leaders.
- Four Indian business leaders are founding members.
- Paul Kagame serves as Co-Chair.
- Doreen Bogdan-Martin is Vice-Chair.
- Focuses on reducing the digital divide.
- First meeting scheduled in Geneva.
- Recommendations will guide global AI cooperation.

NATIONAL

MANAS helpline

- MANAS is India's National Narcotics Helpline.
- Launched on 18 July 2024 by the Ministry of Home Affairs.
- Developed under the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) with Digital India Corporation.
- Citizens can anonymously report drug trafficking and illegal cultivation.
- Accessible through 1933 helpline, UMANG app, web portal and email.

- Provides counselling and rehabilitation support via 14446 de-addiction helpline.
- Features Smart IVRS, chatbot, multilingual support and digital ticketing.
- Connected with 30 NCB Zonal Units and 36 State/UT Anti-Narcotics Task Forces.
- Encourages public participation in anti-drug campaigns.
- Strengthens technology-driven governance against drug abuse.

‘Viksit Bharat – G-Ram G Act’

- Scheme launched from Mukkavaripalli, Andhra Pradesh.
- Guarantees 125 days of wage employment per rural household.
- Replaces the previous 100-day MGNREGA guarantee.
- Unemployment allowance provided if work is not offered on time.
- Centre will spend over ₹95,000 crore in the first year.
- Total first-year expenditure estimated at ₹1.51 lakh crore.
- Long-term investment planned at ₹7.5 lakh crore.
- Gram Sabhas will prepare local development plans.
- Andhra Pradesh received ₹7,707 crore under the programme.
- PMAY-G houses and PMGSY-IV road projects were also announced.

STATE

Assam Wild Rice Site Declared Biodiversity Heritage Area

- Borjuli site in Assam declared a Biodiversity Heritage Site.
- Site is located in Sonitpur district.
- It conserves wild rice (*Oryza rufipogon*).
- Project is funded by the National Rainfed Area Authority (NRAA).
- Conservation is being carried out in natural habitats.
- ICAR-NBPGR is implementing the project.
- Assam State Biodiversity Board is the collaborating agency.
- Wild rice is a valuable genetic resource.
- It helps develop climate-resilient rice varieties.
- It also improves crop productivity and nutrition.
- Initiative supports sustainable agriculture and food security.

APPOINTMENTS

Centre Extends Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri's Tenure by One Year

- The Centre extended Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri's tenure by one year.
- The extension became effective from 1 July 2026.
- He is a 1989-batch Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer.
- Vikram Misri became Foreign Secretary on 15 July 2024.
- He succeeded Vinay Mohan Kwatra.
- He has over three decades of diplomatic experience.
- He has served in the PMO and Ministry of External Affairs.
- He has represented India in several important countries.
- He has served as Ambassador to Spain, Myanmar and China.
- He also served as Deputy National Security Adviser.
- The extension ensures continuity in India's foreign policy.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Skyroot prepares Vikram-1 Mission Aagaman India's private orbital rocket.

- Skyroot will launch Vikram-1 between 12 July-4 August 2026.
- Mission named Aagaman.
- India's first privately built orbital rocket.
- Launch site is Sriharikota.
- Carries 350 kg to Low Earth Orbit.
- Uses carbon composite structure.
- Features indigenous 3D-printed engines.
- Will launch Indian and international satellites.
- Collects vital flight performance data.
- Strengthens India's private space industry.

