



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JULY 13, 2026

INTERNATIONAL

Washington DC to get first Indian museum with 10 big galleries

- From the Indus Valley Civilisation to a nation on the rise, the India story may soon come alive at a museum here -- a first-of-its-kind project aimed at the younger generations of the Indian diaspora.
- The India Heritage Centre is scouting for a suitable location in the American capital to house the brick-and-mortar museum that would use immersive technology, virtual reality, interactive exhibits and multimedia displays to present India's contributions over the years to a global audience.
- "The aim is to propagate awareness on India's age-old rich civilisational strength, educating the diaspora, especially younger generations, instilling pride, dispelling ignorance and perhaps sensitising the global multiethnic community," Indian-American educationist Amitabh Sharma told PTI.
- The museum is proposed to have 10 galleries mapping the Indus Valley Civilisation, the Vedic Foundation, contributions of Indian innovations, spiritual prowess, Bharat's valiant protectors, India's cultural finesse, colonial invasions and resistance, Independence icons, India's inclusive economic growth story, and futuristic global leadership vision.

STATE

CM Vijay to launch ration card rollout from Perambur today

- Chief Minister C Joseph Vijay will launch the TVK-led government's much-awaited ration card distribution programme from Perambur on Monday.
- He is scheduled to unveil a dedicated mobile application for the constituency aimed at improving public grievance redressal and service delivery.
- The Greater Chennai Corporation has already begun work on several projects, including a Rs 25 crore integrated sports complex, upgraded healthcare facilities, housing for the urban poor, improved schools, and waterbody restoration works.

GCC's Cool Goal

- The Greater Chennai Corporation (GCC) aims to plant 12 lakh trees in a year to combat rising temperatures and boost urban greening. Moving toward the target, the civic body has already planted 86,000 saplings across the city since World Environment Day on June 5, said a senior civic official in the GCC. Additionally, the Corporation is working on growing native tree species across 15 zones at designated locations.
- Since June 5, the civic body has planted 86,000 saplings across the city. It received 25,647 tree saplings from the Forest department, which were planted in 1,000 spots.

Kerala govt to launch 'Pink Chitty'

- Kerala Chief Minister V D Satheesan on Sunday said his government would launch a 'Pink Chitty' scheme through the KSFE to encourage women to save the money they benefit from free travel initiatives.
- "The money women save through free travel should be set aside as their own savings. Women must have their own independent savings, which will help them live with dignity and self-confidence. That is why the government will take the initiative to introduce a 'Pink Chitty' through Kerala State Financial Enterprises (KSFE)" he said.

- Satheesan said the launch of the third Ro-Ro vessel would further strengthen Kochi's water transport network and improve connectivity between Fort Kochi, Vypeen and the Kochi city.

DEFENSE

INS Mahendragiri joins Navy duty at Vizag

- Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday commissioned Mahendragiri, the sixth Project 17A indigenous stealth frigate, into the Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet here, marking another milestone in India's journey towards defence self-reliance and indigenous warship construction.
- INS Mahendragiri can effectively counter threats from the air, enemy vessels on the surface and submarines beneath the sea. As a blue-water warship, it can protect India's maritime interests not only near the coast but also in distant and deep oceans for weeks at a time.
- The warship reflects India's growing defence manufacturing capability and commitment to Aatmanirbhar Bharat (self-reliant India).
- With a full-load displacement of about 6,670 tonnes and a top speed of 28 knots, INS Mahendragiri is a multi-mission stealth frigate capable of undertaking the full spectrum of maritime operations. It incorporates advanced stealth features, enhanced survivability, reduced radar signature and a high degree of automation.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

India's First Hydrogen Train

- PM Modi will flag off India's first hydrogen-powered train in Jind, Haryana, on July 17, 2026.
- With this, India joins an elite group of countries, including Japan, South Korea, the US, and Canada, that operate hydrogen trains ("H-trains"), marking a major milestone in green transportation technology.
- India's hydrogen train is among the world's longest and most powerful hydrogen trainsets, with the following specifications:

- Configuration: Eight passenger cars and two driving power cars (10 coaches total)
- Power: 2400 kilowatts (3200 hp)
- Capacity: 682 seats, with a total passenger capacity of 2,600
- Route: 89-km Jind-Sonipat section via 12 stations, with a 2-hour travel time
- Speed: Operational speed of 75 km/h, maximum speed of 120 km/h
- Operations: Two round trips daily, covering 356 km and consuming about 300 kg of hydrogen
- Emissions: Zero CO2 emissions; the only by-product is harmless water vapour.

SPORTS

Anand Singh wins men's javelin title; India secures three golds

- India Wins Gold & Bronze in the Men's Javelin at the Asian U23! India's Anand Singh and Shivam clinched gold and bronze, respectively, in the men's javelin throw at the ongoing Asian U23 Athletics Championships 2026.
- 🥇 Anand Singh IN – 80.57m (PB)
- 🥈 Wang Xiaobo CN – 79.41m
- 🥉 Shivam IN – 77.70m
- With his championship-winning throw of 80.57m, Anand Singh crossed the 80m mark for the first time, becoming India's newest member of the 80m club.

