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International Events

The North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) is a group of countries that work together for peace and security. The 36th NATO Summit was held in Ankara, Türkiye, on 7–8 July 2026. Leaders of the 32 member countries discussed ways to strengthen security and cooperation. They agreed to increase defence spending and improve military industries. The leaders also repeated



their support for Ukraine and promised continued help. The summit ended with a joint declaration highlighting unity and shared responsibility among NATO members



France has introduced a rule to restrict social media use for children below the age of 15. The step aims to protect young users from online risks and promote safer digital habits. Under the new rule, social media platforms will need to take measures to verify users' ages. The decision focuses on improving

children's online safety and reducing the harmful effects of excessive social media use.

Art and Culture



Sarnath, Uttar Pradesh, one of the most important Buddhist pilgrimage sites, has been added to the UNESCO World Heritage List. It is the place where Lord Buddha gave his first sermon after attaining enlightenment. The announcement was made during the 48th Session of the World Heritage Committee

in Busan, South Korea, on 25 July 2026. With this recognition, Sarnath becomes India's 45th UNESCO World Heritage Site. This honour recognises its cultural, historical, and spiritual importance and will help protect the site for future generations.

National news



Ajit Doval, India's National Security Advisor (NSA), has received the 44th Lokmanya Tilak National Award. He was honoured for his outstanding contribution to India's national security. The award was presented on 1 August 2026 in Pune, Maharashtra, by Union Home Minister Amit Shah. It is given every year to people who have made important contributions to the nation. The award is named after Lokmanya Bal Gangadhar Tilak, a great freedom fighter and leader.



NITI Aayog is the Government of India's main policy think tank that works on development planning and provides ideas for economic growth and better governance. Anurag Jain, a senior 1989-batch IAS officer of the Madhya Pradesh cadre, has been appointed as the new Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of NITI Aayog. He succeeds Nidhi Chhibber, who was holding the post as an additional charge. Before this appointment, he served as

Secretary in the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways.

Green hydrogen is a clean fuel that helps reduce pollution and supports a greener future. In July 2026, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated India's first green hydrogen-powered train, "Namo Green Rail". The train uses hydrogen technology, which produces fewer harmful emissions compared to traditional fuels. This initiative is a major step towards promoting clean energy in the railway sector. It reflects India's efforts to develop eco-friendly transport and reduce carbon emissions.



Geothermal energy is a clean source of energy that uses heat from inside the Earth to produce power. In July 2026, India commissioned its first and deepest geothermal well in Ladakh. The project aims to explore underground heat resources and promote clean energy development. It is an important step towards reducing dependence on traditional energy sources. The initiative will help India understand the potential of geothermal energy for the future.

Sports

Wimbledon, one of the oldest and most famous tennis tournaments in the world, is a prestigious Grand Slam championship held every year in London. In the 2026 Wimbledon Men's Singles Final, Italy's Jannik Sinner defeated Germany's Alexander Zverev to win the title. Sinner won the exciting match in four sets with a score of 6–7, 7–6, 6–3, 6–4. This was his second Wimbledon title and fifth Grand Slam victory. His remarkable performance made him one of the leading players in world tennis.



The **FIFA World Cup** is the biggest international football tournament, held every four years by **FIFA**. In the **2026 Men's FIFA World Cup**, **Spain** won the championship and became the winners of the tournament. This victory added another proud moment to Spain's football history. Spain had earlier won the World Cup title in **2010**.

The **Women's T20 World Cup** is an international cricket tournament organised by the **International Cricket Council (ICC)**. In the latest edition of the tournament, **Australia** won the championship and lifted the Women's T20 World Cup trophy. This victory highlighted Australia's strong performance, teamwork, and experience in women's cricket. Australia has been one of the most successful teams in the history of the tournament.

