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Social Issues

Important Days

World Youth Skills Day 2026

NEWS ITEM

On **World Youth Skills Day**, Lok Sabha Speaker **Om Birla** described India's youth power, talent and innovation as essential foundations for achieving the vision of **Viksit Bharat**. He urged young people to adopt modern skills, technology and innovation to promote self-reliance and national development.

PRELIMS FACTS

- World Youth Skills Day is observed annually on **15 July**.
- It was designated by the **United Nations General Assembly** in 2014.
- The first World Youth Skills Day was observed in 2015.
- The 2026 theme was **"Skills for a Shared Future"**.
- The day highlights skills required for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship.

July 11, 2026

Social Issues

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International Organisations

World Population Day 2026

NEWS ITEM

Observed globally on July 11, World Population Day highlights the urgency of addressing population-related challenges. The 2026 observance focuses on empowering the youth to ensure sustainable development and a dignified future for all.

PRELIMS FACTS

- World Population Day: Observed annually on July 11.
- Theme 2026: "Realizing the hopes and aspirations of young people – today and for the future."
- Origin: Inspired by the "Day of Five Billion" (July 11, 1987).
- Established by: UNDP Governing Council in 1989.
- Lead Agency: United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA).

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History, Art and Culture

Important Days

Personalities in News

Nation Pays Homage to Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee

NEWS ITEM

The nation paid homage to **Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee** on his birth anniversary. The **Ministry of Culture**, in association with the **West Bengal Government**, organised a programme in **Kolkata** as part of the two-year official commemoration of his **125th birth anniversary**.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerjee** was born on **6 July 1901** in Kolkata.
- His death anniversary is observed on **23 June**.
- He founded the **Bharatiya Jana Sangh** in **1951**.
- He served as India's first **Minister for Industry and Supply**.
- He was associated with **Calcutta University** and served as its Vice-Chancellor.
- The Ministry of Culture is observing his **125th birth anniversary** through a two-year commemoration from **2025 to 2027**.
- A programme was organised in **Kolkata** as part of the commemoration.
- A groundbreaking ceremony was planned for a **125-foot statue** of Syama Prasad Mookerjee at **Eco Park, New Town, Kolkata**.

July 6, 2026

Health

Important Days

World Zoonoses Day 2026

NEWS ITEM

World Zoonoses Day 2026 was observed globally on **6 July** to raise awareness about **zoonotic diseases**, which spread between animals and humans. Union Health Minister **J.P. Nadda** highlighted India's **One Health approach** and the role of the **Centre for One Health under NCDC** in strengthening surveillance, prevention, early detection and response against such diseases.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **World Zoonoses Day** is observed every year on **6 July**.
- It commemorates the first successful **rabies vaccination by Louis Pasteur in 1885**.
- **Zoonotic diseases** spread between animals and humans.
- **One Health** links human, animal, plant and environmental health.
- **Centre for One Health** works under the **National Centre for Disease Control (NCDC)**.

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Economy

Important Days

Government Initiative

International Day of Cooperatives 2026

NEWS ITEM

Vice President **C. P. Radhakrishnan** and Union Minister of Cooperation **Amit Shah** extended greetings on the **International Day of Cooperatives**. They highlighted the role of cooperatives in empowering farmers, women, small entrepreneurs and workers, and linked the sector with **Sahakar Se Samridhhi** and **Viksit Bharat @ 2047**.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **International Day of Cooperatives** is observed on the **first Saturday of July**.
- In **2026**, it was observed on **04 July**.
- Vice President **C. P. Radhakrishnan** and Union Minister of Cooperation **Amit Shah** extended greetings on the occasion.
- The 2026 UN theme is **"Cooperatives for a Peaceful World."**
- The cooperative sector was linked with **Sahakar Se Samridhhi** and **Viksit Bharat @ 2047**.
- Initiatives mentioned include **Cooperative University**, modern training centres and empowerment of cooperative institutions in emerging sectors.

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History, Art and Culture

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Personalities in News

Tributes Paid to Swami Vivekananda

NEWS ITEM

Vice President **C. P. Radhakrishnan** and Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** paid tributes to **Swami Vivekananda** on his death anniversary. They highlighted his role in spreading India's culture, spirituality, civilisational consciousness and message of service, character and nation-building.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Swami Vivekananda's death anniversary** is observed on **4 July**.
- He was born on **12 January 1863** as **Narendranath Datta**.
- He was a disciple of **Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa**.
- He represented India at the **World's Parliament of Religions, Chicago, 1893**.
- He founded the **Ramakrishna Mission** in **1897**.
- His birth anniversary, **12 January**, is observed as **National Youth Day** in India.
- Prime Minister Modi said Vivekananda's ideas continue to guide youth and support the vision of **Viksit Bharat**.

July 4, 2026

International Relations

Important Days

Places in News

PM Modi Greets U.S. on 250th Independence Anniversary

NEWS ITEM

Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** congratulated U.S. President **Donald J. Trump** and the people of the **United States** on the historic **250th anniversary of American Independence**. He highlighted that India-U.S. relations are rooted in shared values of democracy, rule of law and faith in the potential of their people.

PRELIMS FACTS

- Prime Minister **Narendra Modi** congratulated President **Donald J. Trump** and the American people on the **250th anniversary of U.S. independence**.
- The United States observes **Independence Day** on **4 July**.
- The **Declaration of Independence** was adopted in **1776**.
- The declaration was adopted by representatives of the original **thirteen American colonies**.
- **Thomas Jefferson** was the principal drafter of the Declaration of Independence.
- The **American Revolution** broadly lasted from **1775 to 1783**.
- The **Treaty of Paris, 1783** ended the American Revolution and recognised U.S. independence.
- The Prime Minister highlighted democracy, rule of law and people's potential as shared foundations of India-U.S. friendship.

July 1, 2026

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Personalities in News

National Doctors' Day 2026: Honouring the Legacy of Dr B.C. Roy

NEWS ITEM

India is proudly celebrating **National Doctors' Day** today, July 1, to honour the relentless service, sacrifices, and healing touch of medical professionals. This special day is dedicated to the memory of **Dr Bidhan Chandra Roy (B.C. Roy)**, a legendary physician, freedom fighter, and visionary leader, marking both his birth and death anniversaries.

PRELIMS FACTS

- National Doctors' Day is celebrated annually on **July 1**.
- The day was instituted in **1991** by the **Indian Medical Association (IMA)**.
- It commemorates both the birth and death anniversary of **Dr B.C. Roy** (July 1, 1882 – July 1, 1962).
- Dr Roy was awarded the **Bharat Ratna** in **1961**.
- The prestigious **B.C. Roy National Award** was instituted by the Medical Council of India in 1976 to recognize outstanding contributions to medicine, science, and the arts.

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History, Art and Culture

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Personalities in News

Prime Minister Pays Tribute on 'Hul Diwas'

NEWS ITEM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi paid homage to tribal heroes including **Sido, Kanhu, Chand, Bhairav**, and **Phulo-Jhano** on the occasion of '**Hul Diwas**'. He stated that their struggle and sacrifice against the injustice of foreign rule to protect tribal dignity will continuously inspire the nation.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Hul Diwas** is celebrated on **June 30th** to mark the beginning of the Santhal Rebellion in 1855.
- The rebellion occurred in the **Damin-i-Koh** region, the forested tracts of Rajmahal Hills where the British had settled the Santhals.
- Outsiders, particularly merchants and moneylenders who exploited the Santhals, were referred to as **Dikus**.
- The rebellion's suppression led to the creation of the **Santhal Parganas** as a non-regulation district to appease the tribal population.

June 30, 2026

International Relations

Important Days

International Organisations

International Day of Parliamentarism Observed on June 30

NEWS ITEM

The **International Day of Parliamentarism** is celebrated globally on June 30 every year. The day highlights the crucial role that parliaments play in shaping policies, representing the voice of the ordinary citizen, and strengthening democratic systems worldwide.

PRELIMS FACTS

- The **International Day of Parliamentarism** is observed annually on **June 30**.
- The date commemorates the foundation of the **Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)** in 1889.
- The IPU was established through the efforts of early peace advocates **Frédéric Passy** and **William Randal Cremer**, both of whom later received the Nobel Peace Prize.
- The headquarters of the IPU is located in **Geneva, Switzerland**.
- The IPU is not a specialized agency of the UN, but rather an independent organization with UN observer status.

June 30, 2026

Science and Technology

Important Days

Science & Technology

International Asteroid Day Observed on June 30

NEWS ITEM

International Asteroid Day is observed globally on June 30 every year to raise public awareness about the asteroid impact hazard. The day emphasizes the need for planetary defense mechanisms and global cooperation to protect Earth from potential Near-Earth Object (NEO) threats.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **International Asteroid Day** is observed every year on **June 30**.
- The date commemorates the 1908 **Tunguska event** in Siberia, the largest recorded asteroid impact on Earth.
- The **Main Asteroid Belt** is located primarily between the orbits of **Mars** and **Jupiter**.
- **OSIRIS-REx** (NASA) and **Hayabusa2** (JAXA) are notable missions that have successfully collected physical samples from asteroids (Bennu and Ryugu, respectively) and returned them to Earth.

June 29, 2026

Economy

Important Days

Indexes & Reports

Government Schemes

MoSPI Releases SDG Progress Reports on 20th National Statistics Day

NEWS ITEM

On the occasion of the 20th National Statistics Day (June 29, 2026), the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) released several key publications tracking India's progress on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), including the **National Indicator Framework (NIF) Progress Report, 2026**.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Total Indicators:** The NIF 2026 consists of 277 national indicators to track all 17 SDGs.
- **Social Protection:** The population covered by social protection systems/safety nets increased from 22.0% in 2016 to 65.3% in 2026.
- **Maternal Health:** The Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) declined from 122 (2015–17) to 87 per 1,00,000 live births (2022–24).
- **Sex Ratio:** Sex ratio at birth improved from 896 to 918 females per 1,000 male births (between 2015-17 and 2022-24).
- **Employment:** The unemployment rate dropped from 6.1% (2017-18) to 3.1% in 2025.
- **Environment:** The proportion of Ramsar sites area in the total wetland area increased from 4.15% (2016) to 8.66% (2026).
- **Energy:** Installed renewable energy capacity tripled from 64.04 Watts per capita (2014-15) to 193.36 Watts per capita (2025-26).

June 27, 2026

History, Art and Culture

Important Days

Personalities in News

Nadaprabhu Kempegowda's 517th Birth Anniversary

NEWS ITEM

Vice-President **C. P. Radhakrishnan** attended the **517th birth anniversary celebrations of Nadaprabhu Sri Kempegowda** in Bengaluru and paid tributes to the founder of Bengaluru. The event highlighted Kempegowda's legacy in planned urban development, water conservation, inclusive governance, social harmony and cultural preservation.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **Nadaprabhu Kempegowda** is associated with the founding and planned development of **Bengaluru**.
- He was linked with the **Vijayanagara Empire** and is remembered for lake-building and civic planning.
- The Vice-President highlighted Kempegowda's contribution to sustainable development, social harmony and inclusive governance.

June 27, 2026

Economy

Important Days

Government Initiative

MSME Day 2026-Udyami Bharat

NEWS ITEM

Vice-President **C. P. Radhakrishnan** presided over the **MSME Day 2026-Udyami Bharat** event in New Delhi and highlighted the MSME sector as a key pillar of **Viksit Bharat by 2047**. He urged universal MSME registration, cost-effective production, quality improvement and adoption of modern technology.

PRELIMS FACTS

- **MSME Day** is observed on **27 June**.
- The Vice-President stated that MSMEs contribute nearly **50% of India's total exports**.
- The event focused on formalisation, digital empowerment, access to finance, market linkages, technology adoption and innovation-led growth.
- Digital initiatives launched included **PMEGP 2.0 Portal**, **SAMADHAAN 2.0 Portal**, **PMS Portal**, **MSME Global Mart 2.0 Portal**, **MSME Testing Portal** and **MSME Idea Hackathon 6.0**.

June 25, 2026

Polity and Governance

Important Days

Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas Observed to Mark 1975 Emergency

NEWS ITEM

Samvidhaan Hatya Diwas was observed on June 25 to pay homage to the citizens who suffered during the 1975 National Emergency. The Ministry of Culture organised exhibitions and programs in New Delhi to mark the 50th anniversary of the Emergency's imposition, highlighting the suspension of democratic rights.

PRELIMS FACTS

- The 1975 National Emergency was proclaimed by the then-President **Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed**.
- The proclamation was made under **Article 352** citing "internal disturbance", a term later replaced with "armed rebellion" by the **44th Constitutional Amendment Act (1978)**.
- During the Emergency, the **Press Council of India**, a statutory body safeguarding press freedom, was temporarily abolished.