

The week from 06th July 2026 to 12th July 2026

On 7 July 2026, Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto awarded the Bintang Adipurna, Indonesia's highest civilian honour, to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Jakarta for strengthening bilateral relations. Modi dedicated the award to India's people and highlighted cooperation in trade, digital payments, maritime security and cultural exchanges.

Beginning in 2027, the International Booker Prize will become the Bukhman International Booker Prize under a decade-long partnership with Bukhman Philanthropies. The award fund will rise to £100,000, shared equally by author and translator, while shortlisted entries receive £5,000 each. The 2027 edition will be chaired by Katie Kitamura.

During Prime Minister Narendra Modi's July 2026 visit to Jakarta, IIM Bangalore announced its first overseas campus at Indonesia's Singhasari Special Economic Zone in East Java. Developed with PT Intelgensia Grahatama, the campus will launch in phases, focusing on executive education and later full-fledged management programmes in emerging sectors.

Union Tribal Affairs Minister Jual Oram launched the TribeX digital learning platform in Bhubaneswar on 7 July 2026. Developed with Sampurnanand Sanskrit University, it offers courses and archives aimed at preserving India's tribal arts, languages, culture and traditional knowledge through thousands of multimedia resources.

Brazilian football icon Neymar Jr. retired from international football after Brazil's 2-1 loss to Norway in the Round of 16 of 2026 FIFA World Cup. The 34-year-old finished with 80 goals in 130 appearances, becoming Brazil's leading scorer. His career included Olympic gold and Confederations Cup glory, but not a World Cup triumph.

Seventeen-year-old S. Aswath from Nagercoil became India's 98th chess Grandmaster and Tamil Nadu's 38th on 8 July 2026. He earned his final GM norm by finishing runner-up at the Pune International GM Round Robin Tournament, completing the title requirements after earlier norms in Germany and Hungary and crossing the 2500 FIDE rating mark.

Launched on 3 July 2026, the AI for Good Global Commission aims to promote responsible and inclusive artificial intelligence worldwide. Led by the International Telecommunication Union and Salesforce, and co-chaired by Rwanda's President Paul Kagame, the body focuses on ethical AI governance, digital inclusion and sustainable development.

Former Indian captain Sourav Ganguly was inducted into the prestigious ICC Hall of Fame on 11 July 2026, becoming the 12th Indian to receive the honour. Renowned for his transformative leadership, Ganguly guided India to the 2003 World Cup final and played 113 Tests and 308 ODIs.



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