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A roundup of the key current affairs for July 13, 2026, covering the items not taken up as separate deep-dive articles.

INDIA AND CANADA CONCLUDE THIRD ROUND OF CEPA TALKS

India and Canada concluded the third round of negotiations for their Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA).

Key Points

- The third round of the **India-Canada CEPA** negotiations was held in **Ottawa** in July 2026, covering trade in goods and services, intellectual property, rules of origin, sanitary and phytosanitary measures, and technical barriers to trade, with both sides aiming to **conclude the agreement in 2026**.
- The two countries have set a target to raise bilateral (<https://ujjyari.com/vocab/bilateral/>) trade to about **50 billion dollars by 2030**. The talks signal a thaw after a period of strained India-Canada ties.

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Talks: third round of the India-Canada CEPA, held in Ottawa.

Target: conclude the agreement in 2026; bilateral trade of about 50 billion dollars by 2030.

Coverage: goods, services, IP, rules of origin, SPS and TBT.

SINNER AND NOSKOVA WIN WIMBLEDON 2026

The 2026 Wimbledon Championships concluded with new singles champions.

Key Points

- **Jannik Sinner** of Italy beat **Alexander Zverev** of Germany to win the **men's singles** title, retaining his Wimbledon crown.
- In the **women's singles**, **Linda Noskova** of the Czech Republic defeated her compatriot **Karolina Muchova** to win her first Wimbledon title. Wimbledon is the oldest of the four tennis Grand Slams and the only one played on grass.

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Men's champion: Jannik Sinner (Italy), beating Alexander Zverev.

Women's champion: Linda Noskova (Czech Republic), beating Karolina Muchova.

Wimbledon: oldest Grand Slam; the only Major played on grass.

GOVERNMENT ISSUES E20 FUEL FAQ

The government issued a detailed FAQ clarifying concerns about E20 petrol.

Key Points

- The **Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas** issued a set of **Frequently Asked Questions** addressing public concerns about **E20** (petrol blended with 20 per cent ethanol), covering vehicle compatibility, mileage, pricing and the policy rationale.
- From April 2026, petrol sold across the country carries a **20 per cent ethanol blend**, meeting a minimum **Research Octane Number (RON) of 95**, as India reached the E20 target years ahead of schedule under the **Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme**.

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E20: petrol blended with 20 per cent ethanol; minimum RON 95.

Programme: Ethanol Blended Petrol (EBP) Programme; E20 target met ahead of schedule.

Aim: cut crude imports and carbon emissions; the FAQ addresses mileage and vehicle-compatibility concerns.

DRDO LEADERSHIP IN TRANSITION

The DRDO Chairman's post remained in interim charge pending a full-time appointment.

Key Points

- The post of **Chairman, DRDO and Secretary, Department of Defence Research and Development (DDR&D)** has been vacant since **Dr Samir V. Kamat** retired on **May 31, 2026**, with **Defence Secretary Rajesh Kumar Singh** holding additional charge in the interim.
- The recommendation of the Search-cum-Selection Committee was sent to the **Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC)**, chaired by the Prime Minister, for a final decision on a full-time Chairman.

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DRDO: the Defence Research and Development Organisation, under the Ministry of Defence.

Vacancy: Chairman DRDO / Secretary DDR&D vacant since Dr Samir V. Kamat's retirement (May 31, 2026).

Appointments: senior appointments are cleared by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC).

KASHMIR MARTYRS' DAY

July 13 marks the anniversary of the 1931 Srinagar killings.

Key Points

- On **July 13, 1931**, twenty-two people were killed by Dogra state forces outside Srinagar Central Jail during the trial of Abdul Qadeer, an event long remembered in the political history of Jammu and Kashmir.
- Its status as an official holiday in Jammu and Kashmir was **withdrawn in 2019**, following the reorganisation of the State into two Union Territories under the **Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019**.

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Date: July 13, 1931 Srinagar killings (22 people).

Status: official-holiday status withdrawn in 2019.

Context: the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019 created the UTs of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh.

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India-Canada CEPA: third round in Ottawa; target conclusion 2026; trade of about 50 billion dollars by 2030.

Wimbledon 2026: Jannik Sinner (men) and Linda Noskova (women) win the singles titles.

Textile Waste report: Mapping of Textile Waste Value Chain in India; circular economy (<https://ujiyari.com/terms/circular-economy/>).

DRDO: Chairman/Secretary DDR&D post in interim charge since Dr Samir V. Kamat's retirement; ACC to decide.

Kashmir Martyrs' Day: July 13, 1931 Srinagar killings; holiday status withdrawn in 2019.

Sources: Ministry of Commerce and Industry (<https://commerce.gov.in>), *Press Information Bureau* (<https://pib.gov.in>), *Ministry of Defence* (<https://mod.gov.in>)

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