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A roundup of the key current affairs for July 23, 2026, covering the items not taken up as separate deep-dive articles.

NATIONAL BROADCASTING DAY AND CHANDRASHEKHAR AZAD'S ANNIVERSARY

July 23 is National Broadcasting Day and the birth anniversary of Chandrashekhhar Azad.

Key Points

- **National Broadcasting Day** is observed on **July 23**, marking the first radio broadcast in India by the **Indian Broadcasting Company** from **Bombay in 1927**; broadcasting later became **All India Radio (AIR)**, now part of **Prasar Bharati**.
- **July 23** is also the birth anniversary of the revolutionary **Chandrashekhhar Azad** (born 1906), who reorganised the Hindustan Republican Association into the **Hindustan Socialist Republican Association (HSRA)** and vowed never to be captured alive.

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National Broadcasting Day: July 23 (first radio broadcast, Bombay, 1927).

All India Radio: now under Prasar Bharati.

Chandrashekhhar Azad: born July 23, 1906; reorganised the HRA into the HSRA.

NET FDI TURNS NEGATIVE IN MAY

The RBI Bulletin reported net foreign direct investment turning marginally negative in May.

Key Points

- Per the **Reserve Bank of India's** monthly Bulletin, **net foreign direct investment (FDI)** slipped to a marginal outflow of about **USD 74 million** in **May 2026**, after about USD 6.58 billion in April, mainly due to higher [repatriation](#) and outward investment.

- However, **net FDI for April to May of FY27** (about USD 6.5 billion) was far above the year-ago figure, and the RBI framed the trend as reflecting confidence in India; net FDI is gross FDI minus repatriation and Indian investment abroad.

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Net FDI May 2026: about a USD 74 million outflow.

Net FDI (April to May FY27): about USD 6.5 billion, up year-on-year.

Source: RBI monthly Bulletin.

PRESIDENT MURMU'S THREE-NATION EUROPE TOUR

President Droupadi Murmu undertook a state visit to three European countries.

Key Points

- President **Droupadi Murmu** made state visits to **Moldova, North Macedonia and Romania**, becoming the **first Indian President to visit Moldova and North Macedonia**, and the first to Romania in about three decades.
- She unveiled a **Mahatma Gandhi bust** in **Skopje** (North Macedonia); India and North Macedonia renewed a health-sector agreement, and Romania signalled interest in cooperation across agriculture, pharma, IT and education.

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Countries: Moldova, North Macedonia and Romania.

Firsts: first Indian President to Moldova and North Macedonia.

Gesture: Mahatma Gandhi bust unveiled in Skopje.

BRAZIL'S AMAZON FIRES AT A FOUR-DECADE LOW

A report found Brazilian Amazon fires fell to their lowest since 1985.

Key Points

- A **MapBiomas** report found the **burned area in the Brazilian Amazon** fell to about **3.1 million hectares in 2025**, the lowest since 1985, down sharply from a record 15.8 million hectares in 2024.

- The improvement was attributed to reduced deforestation, a shifted burning season from delayed rains, and better local fire control; the **Amazon** is the world's largest rainforest and a major carbon sink.

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Report: MapBiomass; Brazilian Amazon burned area about 3.1 million hectares in 2025.

Trend: lowest since 1985, down from a 2024 record.

Significance: the Amazon is a major global carbon sink.

COMMONWEALTH GAMES 2026 OPEN IN GLASGOW

The 23rd Commonwealth Games opened in Glasgow.

Key Points

- The **23rd Commonwealth Games** opened on **July 23, 2026** in **Glasgow, Scotland**, declared open by **King Charles III**; the flag-bearer was **Mirabai Chanu** and the baton-bearer was **Lovlina Borgohain**.
- Glasgow 2026 is a slimmed-down “reset” edition with fewer sports and venues, held after the original host, Victoria (Australia), withdrew.

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Event: 23rd Commonwealth Games, Glasgow (opened July 23, 2026).

India: flag-bearer Mirabai Chanu, baton-bearer Lovlina Borgohain.

Format: a slimmed-down edition after Victoria's withdrawal.

UPSC RELEVANCE

These items span GS Paper 2 (international relations, institutions) and GS Paper 3 (economy, environment). Revise them as quick prelims pointers alongside the day's deep-dive articles.

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President Murmu: state visits to Moldova, North Macedonia and Romania.

Commonwealth Games 2026: opened in Glasgow; Mirabai Chanu flag-bearer, Lovlina Borgohain baton-bearer.

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