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A roundup of the key current affairs for July 25, 2026, covering the items not taken up as separate deep-dive articles.

WORLD DROWNING PREVENTION DAY AND THE JULY 25 OATH TRADITION

July 25 is observed as World Drowning Prevention Day and is also the traditional date for the Indian President's oath.

Key Points

- **World Drowning Prevention Day** is observed every **July 25**, declared by the **UN General Assembly** (Resolution A/RES/75/273, adopted April 2021) and led by the **World Health Organization (WHO)**; drowning is a major, preventable cause of injury-related death worldwide, especially among children.
- By convention, a regularly elected **President of India** takes the oath on **July 25**, a tradition since the sixth President **Neelam Sanjiva Reddy** (1977), because the previous term ends on July 24; the oath is administered by the **Chief Justice of India** under **Article 60**.

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World Drowning Prevention Day: July 25 (UN-declared, WHO-led).

Presidential oath: taken on July 25 by convention since 1977; administered by the CJI under Article 60.

Current President: Droupadi Murmu, the 15th President of India.

PRESIDENT MURMU'S STATE VISIT TO ROMANIA

President Droupadi Murmu paid a state visit to Romania, the final leg of a three-nation Europe tour.

Key Points

- President **Droupadi Murmu** visited **Bucharest** on **July 23, 2026**, the first visit by an Indian President to **Romania** in nearly three decades; India and Romania signed **three MoUs** covering **science and technology, sports, and a Chair of Indian Studies at the University of Bucharest**.
- The two sides set a target to **double bilateral trade** within three years; Romania is a member of the **European Union and NATO**, and the visit completed Murmu's three-nation tour (Moldova, North Macedonia and Romania).

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Visit: Bucharest, July 23, 2026; first Indian President to Romania in about 30 years.

Agreements: three MoUs (S&T, sports, Chair of Indian Studies).

Romania: EU and NATO member; capital Bucharest.

EU FINES GOOGLE OVER ANTITRUST BREACH

The European Commission imposed a fresh antitrust fine on Google.

Key Points

- The **European Commission** fined **Google around 890 million euros** on **July 23, 2026** for breaching the European Union's online-competition rules, adding to a long line of EU antitrust actions against dominant digital platforms.
- The action underscores the global move toward **ex-ante regulation of Big Tech**; in India, the **Competition Commission of India (CCI)** and the proposed **Digital Competition Bill** (with its Systemically Significant Digital Enterprises concept) reflect a similar direction.

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Fine: about 890 million euros on Google (European Commission, July 23, 2026).

EU tool: the Digital Markets Act regulates "gatekeeper" platforms.

India: CCI and the proposed Digital Competition Bill.

SAMUDRA PRADAKSHINA: ALL-WOMEN CIRCUMNAVIGATION

A tri-service all-women team completed a global circumnavigation under Samudra Pradakshina.

Key Points

- The **Samudra Pradakshina** expedition, a first **tri-service (Army, Navy, Air Force) all-women** ocean circumnavigation, was completed after a voyage of about **25,500 nautical miles** over roughly **314 days**, having been flagged off in September 2025.
- The crew rounded **Cape Horn** and crossed the treacherous **Drake Passage**, earning “Cape Horners” distinction; the feat showcases the expanding role of women in India’s armed forces.

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Expedition: Samudra Pradakshina, first tri-service all-women circumnavigation.

Voyage: about 25,500 nautical miles over roughly 314 days.

Milestone: rounded Cape Horn via the Drake Passage.

ELECTRIC BOATS LAUNCHED ON THE GANGA AT VARANASI

New electric passenger boats were flagged off on the Ganga at Varanasi.

Key Points

- **Five electric passenger boats** were flagged off on the **Ganga at Varanasi (Namo Ghat)**, supporting clean-river and decarbonised **inland waterways** goals under the broader **Namami Gange** and e-mobility push.
- Electric boats cut local air and water pollution and noise, and align with India’s inland-waterways development under the **Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI)**.

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Boats: five electric passenger boats flagged off on the Ganga at Varanasi (Namo Ghat).

Frameworks: Namami Gange; inland waterways under IWAI.

Benefit: lower pollution and noise on the river.

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These items span GS Paper 2 (polity, international relations, regulation) and GS Paper 3 (environment, security, science). Revise them as quick prelims pointers alongside the day’s deep-dive articles.

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President Murmu: state visit to Romania (Bucharest), July 23, 2026; three MoUs.

Google: fined about 890 million euros by the European Commission.

Samudra Pradakshina: first tri-service all-women circumnavigation, about 25,500 nautical miles.

Ganga: five electric passenger boats flagged off at Varanasi (Namami Gange, IWAI).

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