

EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JULY 26, 2025

DEFENCE

➤ Exercise Bold Kurukshetra 2025

- ✓ India and Singapore launched the joint military exercise 'Bold Kurukshetra 2025' in Jodhpur, focusing on urban warfare, counter-terrorism, and interoperability.



- ✓ The drill uses modern weaponry, real-time simulations, and advanced communication systems, reinforcing defence cooperation under India's Act East Policy.
- ✓ This exercise showcases growing regional strategic synergy and highlights the importance of coordinated action in complex battlefield scenarios.

AWARDS

➤ GP Birla Memorial Award

- ✓ Dr. V. Narayanan, ISRO Chairman, was awarded the GP Birla Memorial Award 2025 for his pivotal role in advancing India's space programme, especially in cryogenic propulsion and strategic missions.



- ✓ The award, previously called the Lifetime Achievement Award, has been conferred on Nobel Laureates and iconic scientists like Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam and Dr. Venkataraman Ramakrishnan, showcasing its prestige and global relevance.

IMPORTANT DAYS

➤ **World Mangrove Day – July 26**

- ✓ World Mangrove Day is celebrated every year on July 26, established by UNESCO in 2015. Mangrove forests, found in tropical coastal areas, are known for their salt-tolerant roots, biodiversity, and carbon sequestration abilities.



- ✓ They act as natural barriers against tsunamis and storms.
- ✓ Major threats include shrimp farming, logging, and urban development.

