



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS July 22

TAMIL NADU

- **Chennai – to host the country’s first-ever surfing nationals in Mahabalipuram on August 1 and 2**
- ✓ The event will be called ‘Point break Challenge’ and 80 participants from across the country are expected to participate in it.
- ✓ After a break of two years, the surf festival returns to Chennai from August 5 to 7 with over 100 surfers expected from India and overseas to participate
- ✓ The Covelong Point Surf Competition will be held at Kovalam, one of the top destinations on India’s surfing circuit
- ✓ It is a three-day festival of food, sport, and music, hosted by the Covelong Point Social Surf School and the TT Group in association with the SFI.
- ✓ The Covelong Point Festival began in 2013 and has become a regular fixture on the surfing community’s map.

NATIONAL

- **On July 21, ruling NDA’s presidential nominee Droupadi Murmu - became the first tribal woman to be elected as President of India**
- ✓ Murmu defeated her rival, opposition candidate Yashwant Sinha, by a margin of 947 votes
- ✓ Murmu secured 64.03% of the electoral college votes against Sinha’s share of 35.97%.
- ✓ Murmu is only the second former member of BJP after President Ram Nath Kovind to be elected President and the first ever from eastern part of the country.
- ✓ Of the 4,754 votes that were polled in the presidential election held on July 18, 4,701 were declared valid and 53 invalid
- ✓ Murmu secured 2,824 first preference votes with a value of 6,76,803 while Yashwant Sinha got 1,877 first preference votes with value 3,80,177
- ✓ A value of 5,43,000 is required for a candidate to emerge victorious in the elections.

- ✓ Murmu will be the youngest President aged 64 years, 1 month and 6 days and India's first president to be born after Independence
- ✓ Murmu's first preference vote share — 64.03% — is the lowest since President V V Giri's 48. 01% in the 1969 presidential polls.

HOW THE STATES VOTED

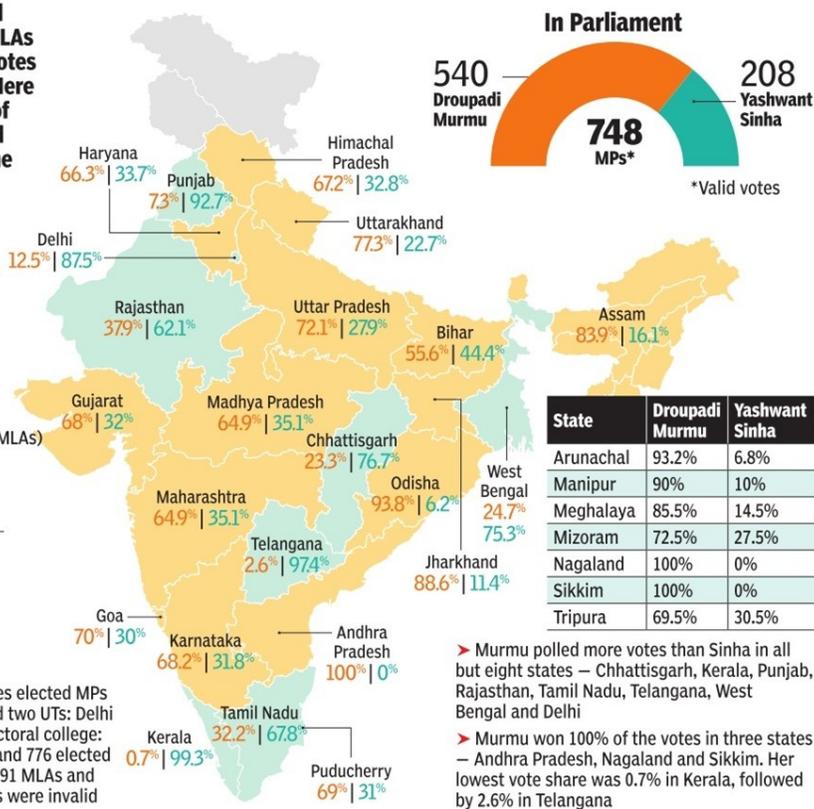
The 16th presidential election saw 4,754 MLAs and MPs cast their votes out of a total 4,809. Here are the vote shares of Droupadi Murmu and Yashwant Sinha in the state assemblies

64% Vote Share
President-elect Murmu defeated the Opposition's nominee, former Union minister Yashwant Sinha, by garnering 64% of the votes of the electoral college

Droupadi Murmu
2,824 Votes (MPs and MLAs)
Value
6,76,803
(64%)

Yashwant Sinha
1,877 Votes
Value
3,80,177
(36%)

Electoral college comprises elected MPs and MLAs of all states and two UTs: Delhi and Puducherry. Total electoral college: 4,809 voters (4,033 MLAs and 776 elected MPs) of whom 4,754 – 3,991 MLAs and 763 MPs – voted; 53 votes were invalid



- > Murmu polled more votes than Sinha in all but eight states – Chhattisgarh, Kerala, Punjab, Rajasthan, Tamil Nadu, Telangana, West Bengal and Delhi
- > Murmu won 100% of the votes in three states – Andhra Pradesh, Nagaland and Sikkim. Her lowest vote share was 0.7% in Kerala, followed by 2.6% in Telangana

- ✓ Murmu is the second woman to become the nation's First Citizen and the Supreme Commander of India's Armed Forces, after former President Pratibha Patil
- ✓ Murmu, got the maximum votes from Uttar Pradesh, Maharashtra and Andhra Pradesh, while Sinha's tally was the highest in West Bengal and Tamil Nadu.
- ✓ Her winning margin —28% — is the third lowest, after Zakir Hussain (12.8%, in 1967) and VV Giri (10.5%, 1969)
- ✓ Among MPs, Murmu received 72.2% of the votes (540 votes) while Sinha polled 27.8% (208 votes)
- ✓ Among states, Murmu received 100% of the votes from Andhra Pradesh, Nagaland & Sikkim and just 0.7% from Kerala (where Sinha bagged 99.3%)
- ✓ The Election Commission is likely to issue 'certificate of election' to the winning candidate on July 22.
- ✓ Murmu will be sworn in as India's 15th President on July 25 in the Central Hall of Parliament.
- ✓ Chief Justice of India NV Ramana will administer the oath of office to Murmu.
- ✓ The term of President Ram Nath Kovind comes to an end on July 24

RAY OF HOPE FOR POOR & MARGINALISED: PM

PICTURE: ANI

- > **Droupadi Murmu got 64% of the total vote** value (MPs + MLAs) after three rounds of counting. Yashwant Sinha got 36%
- > That makes her winning margin—**28%**—the **third lowest**, after Zakir Hussain (12.8%, in 1967) and VV Giri (10.5%, 1969)
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- > Sinha got votes of only 9 MLAs out of 81 in his home state Jharkhand, while **Murmu got votes of 137 MLAs out of 147 in her home state of Odisha**



PM Modi congratulates Droupadi Murmu on being elected 15th President of India

“ At a time when 1.3 billion Indians are marking Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav, a daughter hailing from a tribal community born in a remote part of eastern India has been elected our President! Smt Droupadi Murmu Ji's life, her early struggles, her rich service and exemplary success motivates each and every Indian. She has emerged as a ray of hope for our citizens, especially the poor, marginalised and the downtrodden
—PM Modi, on Twitter

THE 15TH PRESIDENT

June 20, 1958 Droupadi Murmu was born

1971 Completed **primary schooling (up to Class VII)** from Uparbeda UPME School, Mayurbhanj

1974 Completed **high school education** from Capital Girls' High School, Unit-II, Bhubaneswar

1979 Completed her **graduation** from Rama Devi Women's College

1979 Started working as **junior assistant** in the department of irrigation and power, Odisha government

1981 Got married to **Shyam Charan Murmu**, a banker

1994 Started **teaching at the Sri Aurobindo Integral Education and Research Centre**, Rairangpur

1997 **Joined BJP.** The same year she became councillor of Rairangpur NAC

2000 She was elected to the assembly on a **BJP ticket from Rairangpur constituency**

2000-2004 She served as **commerce and transport minister** and later as **fisheries and animal resources development**

minister in Naveen Patnaik's first term as chief minister

2004 She was re-elected as **Rairangpur MLA**

2007 Received the **Best MLA of the Year** award

2006-2009 Served as **Odisha BJP ST Morcha president**

2013-2015 She was the **Mayurbhanj district president** of BJP

2015-2021 She served as **governor of Jharkhand**



3RD LOWEST MARGIN

President-elect Droupadi Murmu defeated Yashwant Sinha by a 28% margin, the third lowest margin recorded

Highest Margins

Rajendra Prasad | 1957
98.8%
Defeated Nagendra Das

S Radhakrishnan | 1962
97.1%
Defeated Chowdhry Hari Ram

KR Narayanan | 1997
89.9%
Defeated TN Seshan

Lowest Margins

VV Giri | 1969
10.5%
Defeated N Sanjiva Reddy

Zakir Hussain | 1967
12.8%
Defeated Kota Subbarao

Droupadi Murmu | 2022
28.1%
Defeated Yashwant Sinha

Ram Nath Kovind | 2017
31.3%
Defeated Meira Kumar

- ✓ Droupadi Murmu was the first woman governor of Jharkhand having served in the post from 2015 to 2021.
- ✓ Born on June 20, 1958 to a Santhal family in Uperbeda village in Odisha's Mayurbhanj district, Murmu was the first girl in her village to go to college.
- ✓ Before beginning her career in politics, Murmu worked as a teacher at the Sri Aurobindo Integral Education Centre in Rairangpur in Mayurbhanj
- ✓ She later joined as a junior assistant in the irrigation and power department of the Odisha government.
- ✓ Murmu won an election to the Rairangpur Nagar Panchayat in 1997, and served as councillor.
- ✓ She was elected to two terms in the Odisha Assembly in 2000 and 2004, and served as a Minister from 2000 to 2004 in Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik's BJD-BJP coalition government.
- ✓ She held the portfolio of Commerce and Transport and, subsequently, Fisheries and Animal Husbandry in the state government.
- ✓ As Transport Minister of Odisha, she was credited with having set up transport offices in all 58 subdivisions of the state
- ✓ Murmu is a keen practitioner of the meditation techniques of the Brahma Kumaris, a movement she embraced after she lost her husband, two sons, mother and brother between 2009-2015
- ✓ Murmu also served as vice-president of the BJP's Scheduled Tribes Morcha.

SUPREME COURT VERDICT

- **On July 21, the Supreme Court - allowed an unmarried single woman to abort her pregnancy of 24-weeks arising out of a live-in relationship**
- ✓ The order would be subject to the final decision of a medical board constituted by the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi that the foetus can be aborted without any risk to the life of the woman.
- ✓ A bench of Justices DY Chandrachud, Surya Kant, and AS Bopanna emphasised that a woman's right to reproductive choice is an inseparable part of her personal liberty under Article 21 of the Constitution
- ✓ The order is significant because it fills in a legislative gap in the Medical Termination of Pregnancy (MTP) Act on an unmarried woman's right to terminate a 20-24 week pregnancy arising out of a consensual relationship.
- ✓ The 25-year-old woman, a permanent resident of Manipur who currently resides in Delhi, moved the top court after the Delhi High Court declined her plea on July 15
- ✓ The woman was denied permission by the Delhi high court to terminate the pregnancy, on the ground that unmarried girls were not included in the provisions under the MTP Act.
- ✓ The Central law on abortion, The Medical Termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971 (MTP Act), allows termination of pregnancy for all women in the first 20 weeks on the opinion of a registered medical practitioner.

- ✓ However, only certain categories of women are allowed termination between 20-24 weeks under certain circumstances, which includes survivors of rape and other vulnerable women such as the differently-abled and minors

INDIA AND OTHER COUNTRIES

- **On July 21, India and the UK - agreed on mutual recognition of educational qualifications of students from both countries**

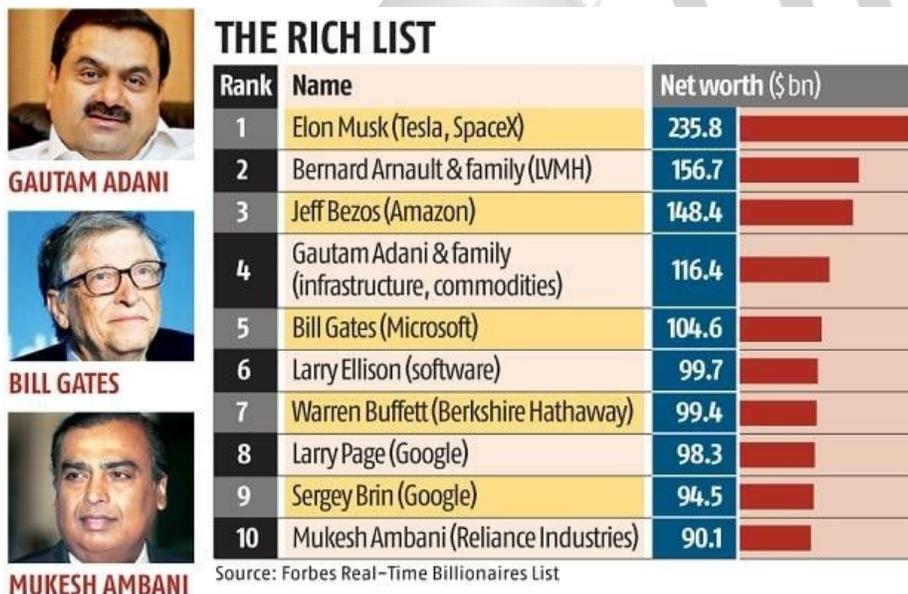


- ✓ The MoU was signed by the Commerce Secretary of the Government of India, B V R Subrahmanyam and the Permanent Secretary of the Department of International Trade in the United Kingdom, James Bowler.
- ✓ The agreement will cover courses at the undergraduate and postgraduate levels as well as maritime education, but will exclude professional degrees in engineering, medicine, architecture and pharmacy.
- ✓ The memorandum of understanding will include online courses and facilitate courses which offer students the option to partly study in India and also in the UK.
- ✓ Besides, the MoU will benefit those who complete a postgraduate programme from the UK, which is for one year.
- ✓ On a reciprocal basis, Indian Senior Secondary School/Pre-University Certificates will be considered suitable for entry into UK higher education institutions.
- ✓ Similarly, the bachelor's degree, master's degree and doctoral degree of India and the UK will also be considered equivalent to each other
- ✓ The MoU on Education was signed by Secretary of the Department of Higher Education, K Sanjay Murthy, while the MOU on maritime education qualification was signed by Director General of Shipping, Amitabh Kumar on behalf of the Government of India
- ✓ Further, a framework agreement on healthcare workforce was also agreed by the two countries
- ✓ The framework agreement on healthcare workforce, include cooperation on nursing and an Allied Health Professionals (AHPs), training of healthcare professionals and measures to bridge the skill gap
- ✓ The agreement will facilitate the recruitment and training of nurses and AHPs from India by the UK in a streamlined manner.

- ✓ The Framework Agreement on Healthcare Workforce was signed by the Joint Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, V Hekali Zhimomi from the Indian side
- ✓ These agreements are part of the commitments made between India and the UK under the Enhanced Trade Partnership' (ETP) launched by the Prime Ministers of the two nations on May 4, 2021
- ✓ The ETP seeks to unleash the trade potential of the partnership by doubling trade by 2030 and reducing market barriers to trade in key sectors.
- ✓ Following the launch of ETP, both sides had also launched negotiations for a free trade agreement on January 13, 2022

PERSONALITIES

- Adani Group chairman **Gautam Adani** - overtook Microsoft co-founder **Bill Gates** to be the 4th richest person in the world on July 20, according to Forbes Real-Time Billionaires list.



- ✓ With a net worth of \$116.3 billion, Adani was at the 4th position, while Gates, with a net worth of \$105.1 billion, stood at the 5th position, as of July 21.
- ✓ Only three people were richer than Adani - Tesla chief Elon Musk (\$252. 2 billion net worth), Louis Vuitton CEO Bernard Arnault (\$156. 5 billion), and Amazon founder Jeff Bezos (\$149. 9 billion).
- ✓ Adani, who entered the \$100-billion wealth club in April, is still the richest Asian on the list with Reliance chairman Mukesh Ambani ranking 10th with about \$90 billion wealth.
- ✓ Adani added the most wealth in 2021, about \$49 billion, at the rate of Rs 6,000 crore per week, according to Hurun rich list.

- ✓ In 2022 so far, Adani's net worth has grown by 45% or over \$34 billion in absolute terms, according to Bloomberg Billionaires Index.
- ✓ In just two years, Adani's personal fortune rose from about \$9 billion in 2020 to \$90 billion in 2022, as per Forbes' data
- ✓ Adani is chairman of chairman and founder of Adani Group, which has businesses in airports and ports, generating and distributing electricity, and coal and gas trading
- ✓ Adani and Ambani are the only Indians in Forbes' top 10 list.

SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY & ENVIRONMENT

- **Italian Samantha Cristoforetti - became the first European woman astronaut to embark on a spacewalk outside the International Space Station on July 21**



- ✓ Cristoforetti was joined by Russian cosmonaut Oleg Artemyev on the spacewalk
- ✓ The pair spent six and half hours over 400km above Earth.
- ✓ On the day, the spacewalkers will continue work on setting up the robotic arm, which was installed a few months ago after being launched into orbit in July 2021.

SPORTS

- **India - will field its third team in the women's team of the 44th chess Olympiad to be held at Mamallapuram from July 28.**
- ✓ The team comprises Eesha Karawade, Sahithi Varshini, Pratyusha Bodda, PV Nandhidhaa and Vishwa Vasawala.
- ✓ The third women's team got an entry after Turkmenistan's women's team pulled out.
- ✓ Woman Grandmaster Nandhidhaa, who hails from Tamil Nadu, will be making her debut at the Olympiad.

RANKINGS

- **The India Innovation Index 2021 report - was released by Niti Aayog in New Delhi on July 21.**
- ✓ The index was released by NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Suman Bery in the presence of Member Dr VK Saraswat, CEO Parameswaran Iyer and Senior Adviser Neeraj Sinha, and Institute for Competitiveness Chairman Dr Amit Kapoor
- ✓ Karnataka, Manipur and Chandigarh have topped in their respective categories in the third edition of NITI Aayog's India Innovation Index

Major States		
States	III 2021	Rank
Karnataka	18.01	1
Telangana	17.66	2
Haryana	16.35	3
Maharashtra	16.06	4
Tamil Nadu	15.69	5
Punjab	15.35	6
Uttar Pradesh	14.22	7
Kerala	13.67	8
Andhra Pradesh	13.32	9
Jharkhand	13.10	10
West Bengal	12.98	11
Rajasthan	12.88	12
Madhya Pradesh	12.74	13
Gujarat	12.41	14
Bihar	11.58	15
Odisha	11.42	16
Chhattisgarh	10.97	17

NE and Hill states			UT and City states		
States	III 2021	Rank	States	III 2021	Rank
Manipur	19.37	1	Chandigarh	27.88	1
Uttarakhand	17.67	2	Delhi	27.00	2
Meghalaya	16.00	3	Andaman and Nicobar Islands	17.29	3
Arunachal Pradesh	15.46	4	Puducherry	15.88	4
Himachal Pradesh	14.62	5	Goa	14.93	5
Sikkim	13.85	6	Jammu and Kashmir	12.83	6
Mizoram	13.41	7	Dadra and Nagar Haveli & Daman and Diu	12.09	7
Tripura	11.43	8	Lakshadweep	7.86	8
Assam	11.29	9	Ladakh	5.91	9
Nagaland	11.00	10			

- ✓ Karnataka has topped again in the 'Major States' category, followed by Telangana and Haryana.
- ✓ Manipur is leading the 'North East and Hill States' category and Chandigarh is the top performer in the 'Union Territories and City States' category.
- ✓ The India Innovation Index is a comprehensive tool for the evaluation and development of the country's innovation ecosystem
- ✓ It ranks the states and the union territories on their innovation performance to build healthy competition amongst them.

- ✓ It was prepared by NITI Aayog and the Institute for Competitiveness
- ✓ The number of indicators has increased from 36 (in the India Innovation Index 2020) to 66 (in the India Innovation Index 2021).
- ✓ The indicators are now distributed across 16 sub-pillars, which, in turn, form seven key pillars

