

GK & Current Affairs Capsule — July 2025

MONTHLY CAPSULE

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One-page-per-theme revision for **July 2025**. Read on Sunday, then attempt the quiz without looking. Focus: awards, summits, sports.

How to use (SNIPP): for each item note the **Number/date**, **Institution**, **Place** (mark it on the map) and **Person**. Link every fact to a likely exam question.

Polity & governance

- **Vice-President resigns:** Jagdeep Dhankhar resigned as Vice-President of India on **21 July 2025**, citing health reasons (resignation under Article 67(a), addressed to the President).
- **Khelo Bharat Niti:** the Union Cabinet approved the **National Sports Policy 2025** on **1 July 2025**, replacing the 2001 policy; it aims to make India a top sporting nation and supports the 2036 Olympic bid.
- **Parliament:** the Monsoon Session began on 21 July 2025; the National Sports Governance Bill was introduced in the Lok Sabha on 23 July.

Economy & international

- **India-UK CETA:** the Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement was signed in London on **24 July 2025** during PM Modi's visit.
- **Five-nation tour (2-9 July):** Ghana, Trinidad & Tobago, Argentina, Brazil and Namibia.
- **17th BRICS Summit:** held at **Rio de Janeiro, Brazil** on 6-7 July 2025. Brazil held the BRICS chair for 2025; India holds it in 2026.

Defence

- **INS Tamal:** stealth multi-role frigate built in Russia, commissioned at **Kaliningrad** on 1 July 2025 — described as the last major warship India will import.
- **INS Nistar:** India's first indigenously designed **diving support vessel** (built by Hindustan Shipyard Ltd) commissioned at Visakhapatnam on **18 July 2025**; mothership for submarine rescue (DSRV).
- **Talisman Sabre 2025:** India took part for the **first time** in this large Australia-US military exercise held in Australia.

Science & space

- **Axiom-4:** Group Captain **Shubhanshu Shukla** became the first Indian to visit the International Space Station (docked 26 June). The crew splashed down off California on **15 July 2025**. He is the second Indian in space after Rakesh Sharma (1984).
- **NISAR:** the NASA-ISRO Synthetic Aperture Radar satellite was launched on **30 July 2025** by **GSLV-F16** from Sriharikota — the first dual-frequency (L- and S-band) radar imaging satellite, to monitor land, ice and disasters.

Culture, sports & awards

- **UNESCO: Maratha Military Landscapes of India** – 12 forts (11 in Maharashtra, Gingee in Tamil Nadu) – inscribed on the World Heritage List on **11 July 2025**; India's **44th** World Heritage Site.
- The 12 forts: Salher, Shivneri, Lohagad, Khanderi, Raigad, Rajgad, Pratapgad, Suvarnadurg, Panhala, Vijaydurg, Sindhudurg and Gingee.
- **Chess: Divya Deshmukh** (19) won the **FIDE Women's World Cup** at Batumi, Georgia, beating Koneru Humpy in the final tie-break (28 July) and became India's **88th Grandmaster**.
- **Wimbledon 2025**: men – Jannik Sinner (first Italian champion); women – Iga Świątek.

Map-5 (mark these on a blank map)

1. Rio de Janeiro (Brazil) – BRICS
2. Kaliningrad (Russia) – INS Tamal
3. Batumi (Georgia) – Women's World Cup
4. Raigad & Gingee forts
5. Sriharikota (Andhra Pradesh) – NISAR launch

Quick quiz — 15 questions

1. Who resigned as Vice-President of India on 21 July 2025?
(A) Venkaiah Naidu (B) Jagdeep Dhankhar
(C) Om Birla (D) C. P. Radhakrishnan
2. The National Sports Policy 2025 is also called
(A) Khelo India Abhiyan (B) Khelo Bharat Niti
(C) Fit India Niti (D) Rashtriya Khel Neeti 2001
3. The 17th BRICS Summit (July 2025) was held at
(A) Kazan (B) Johannesburg
(C) Rio de Janeiro (D) New Delhi
4. India signed a Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement in July 2025 with
(A) the UK (B) the EU
(C) Australia (D) Oman
5. Which country was NOT part of PM Modi's five-nation tour in July 2025?
(A) Ghana (B) Namibia
(C) Argentina (D) Kenya
6. INS Tamal was commissioned at
(A) Mumbai (B) Kaliningrad
(C) Kochi (D) Visakhapatnam
7. INS Nistar is a
(A) stealth destroyer (B) diving support vessel
(C) aircraft carrier (D) nuclear submarine
8. Talisman Sabre is a military exercise led by
(A) India and France (B) Australia and the USA
(C) Japan and the USA (D) UK and Australia
9. Shubhanshu Shukla flew to the ISS on the mission
(A) Gaganyaan-1 (B) Axiom-4
(C) Crew-9 (D) Soyuz MS-27
10. NISAR was launched by
(A) PSLV-C61 (B) GSLV-F16
(C) LVM3-M5 (D) SSLV-D3
11. Maratha Military Landscapes became India's _____ World Heritage Site.
(A) 42nd (B) 43rd
(C) 44th (D) 45th
12. Which fort in the Maratha Military Landscapes is in Tamil Nadu?
(A) Panhala (B) Gingee
(C) Shivneri (D) Raigad

13. Divya Deshmukh won the FIDE Women's World Cup 2025 by defeating
(A) R. Vaishali (B) Koneru Humpy
(C) Harika Dronavalli (D) Ju Wenjun
14. Divya Deshmukh became India's Grandmaster number
(A) 85 (B) 86
(C) 87 (D) 88
15. Wimbledon 2025 men's singles champion:
(A) Carlos Alcaraz (B) Novak Djokovic
(C) Jannik Sinner (D) Alexander Zverev

Answer key

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B	B	C	A	D	B	B	B	B	B
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C	B	B	D	C					

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