

- Supreme Court has clarified that its nationwide ban on sale of liquor within a distance of 500 metres along National and State Highways does not extend to municipal areas. The court, in an order dated July 11 which was uploaded on the Supreme Court website, clarified that the 500- metre ban does not prohibit licensed establishments within municipal areas.
- Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu offered his resignation owning “full moral responsibility” for recent train accidents, even as Air India Chairman and Managing Director (CMD) Ashwani Lohani became the new Railway Board Chairman in place of A.K. Mital.
- The Cabinet increased the “creamy layer” ceiling for the Other Backward Classes to ₹8 lakh per annum from the existing ₹6 lakh for Central government jobs. This means that the umbrella of reservation is widened and those earning up to ₹8 lakh per annum would now get the benefits.

- Odisha Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik launched a grid-connected rooftop solar programme through net-metering system at the State Secretariat. These centralised systems have the ability to strengthen the grid. He also launched a web portal of the programme created by the Odisha Renewable Energy Development Agency (OREDA).
- The Indian Coast Guard Ship Varuna, which was part of the First Training Squadron of the Navy, was decommissioned with full Armed Forces honours at a ceremony held at the south jetty of the Southern Naval Command. The ship had an illustrious service spanning about 30 years.
- Karnataka Agriculture Department has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Microsoft India to develop a unique “farm price forecasting model.” The proposed initiative is said to be the first-of-its-kind in the country as it is a “multi-variate” one that takes into consideration various factors beyond the conventional supply-demand equation while forecasting the prices for crops.
- Ten coaches of Delhi-bound Kaifiyat Express derailed in Auraiya district of Uttar Pradesh, leaving around 100 passengers injured. A dumper truck hit the locomotive of the Kaifiyat Express, resulting in derailment of coaches,” Railway Minister Suresh Prabhu said.

- In a move that will improve liquidity and facilitate easier transactions, a ₹200 banknote will come into circulation soon.
- Nepal Prime Minister Sher Bahadur Deuba, who arrived, asserted Kathmandu’s role in regional affairs, and committed himself to the new democratic Constitution of his country. Prime Minister Narendra Modi broke protocol and held a formal meeting with Mr. Deuba in the evening.
- Qatar has approved a law limiting domestic staff to a maximum of 10 hours’ work a day, the first such protection for thousands of household maids, nannies and cooks in the emirate.
- Paving the way for quicker consolidation among public sector banks, the Cabinet approved ‘in-principle’ the constitution of an alternative mechanism, likely to be a ministerial group, that will oversee the proposals for mergers among banks. “Now, if the board of any other public sector bank proposes a consolidation, this mechanism will oversee that process,” Mr. Jaitley said.
- Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs approved the closure of Bharat Wagon and Engineering Company Limited (BWEL), a central PSU under the Railways Ministry, that had been sick since 2002.
- Former England captain Wayne Rooney announced his retirement from international football, ending a 14-year career in which he became the country’s top goalscorer with 53 goals.
- After over five hours of drama and suspense, a determined Deepan Chakkravarthy landed a crushing blow to overnight leader Swapnil Dhopade’s title-aspirations and claimed the honours in the National Challengers chess championship.
- Actor Mark Wahlberg has outmuscled Dwayne Johnson to become Hollywood’s highest-paid actor in the past year, according to Forbes magazine.