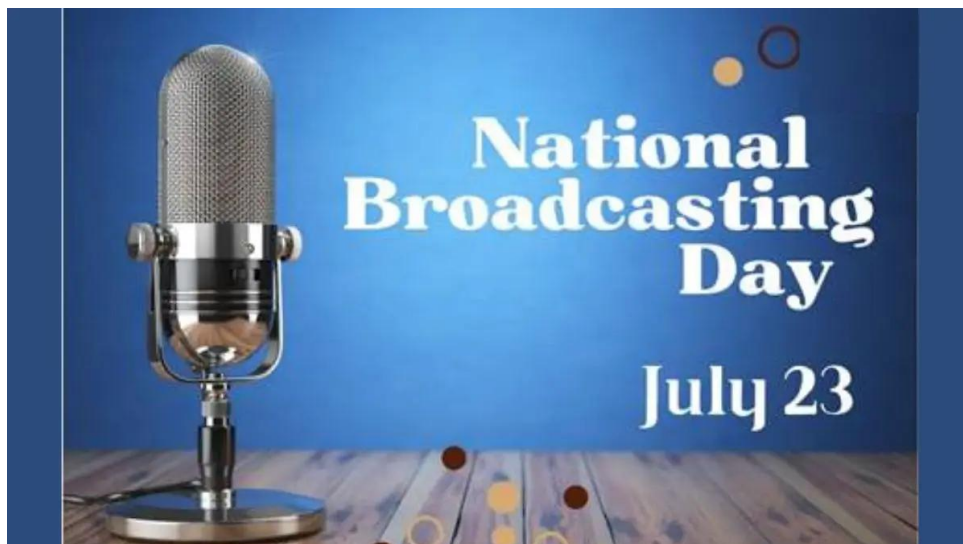


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National Broadcasting Day 2026

- Every year, **23 July** is observed as **National Broadcasting Day** in India. The day commemorates the country's first-ever radio broadcast, made on **23 July 1927** by the **Indian Broadcasting Company** in Bombay (now Mumbai).
- **Key Highlights**
- The day marks the evolution of broadcasting in India from radio to the digital era.
- India's first official radio broadcast took place on **23 July 1927**.
- **All India Radio (AIR)** was established on **8 June 1936**.
- AIR was renamed **Akashvani** in **1957**.
- Official **FM broadcasting** began on **23 July 1977** in Chennai.
- AIR currently broadcasts programmes in **23 languages** and numerous dialects.
- India has one of the world's largest public broadcasting networks.



NSA Ajit Doval to Receive Prestigious Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2026

- National Security Advisor **Ajit Doval** has been selected for the **Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2026** in recognition of his outstanding contribution to strengthening India's national security framework.
- **Key Highlights**
- The announcement was made on **21 July 2026** by the **Tilak Smarak Trust**.
- The award ceremony will be held on **1 August 2026** in **Pune**.
- The award will be presented by **Union Home Minister Amit Shah**.
- The Trust recognised Ajit Doval for:
 - Strengthening India's national security framework.
 - Leading strategic security initiatives.
 - Improving coordination among intelligence agencies.
 - Contributions to counterterrorism.
 - Protecting India's strategic interests.



Indian Railways Becomes World's Second-Most Electrified Network

Indian Railways has achieved **99.6% electrification** of its broad-gauge railway network as of **22 July 2026**, making it the **second-most electrified large railway network in the world**, behind Switzerland.

Key Highlights

- Railway electrification uses electric traction through overhead equipment and other power systems.
- Between **2014 and 2026**, Indian Railways electrified **48,072 route kilometres**.
- Before 2014, only **21,801 route kilometres** had been electrified over six decades.
- Diesel consumption reduced from **293 crore litres (2015–16)** to **108 crore litres (2024–25)**.
- This reduction lowered dependence on imported fuel.
- By **June 2026**, Indian Railways had commissioned:
 - **1,161 MW Solar Power**
 - **103 MW Wind Power**
- All new railway projects now include integrated electrification infrastructure.



Lovlina Borgohain Assures India's First Commonwealth Games 2026 Medal

- Indian boxer **Lovlina Borgohain** has assured India of its **first medal** at the **Commonwealth Games 2026** in Glasgow after receiving a bye into the semifinals of the women's **75 kg** boxing event.

Key Highlights

- Lovlina is guaranteed at least a **bronze medal**.
- The Commonwealth Games opening ceremony is scheduled for **23 July 2026**.
- Boxing awards bronze medals to both losing semifinalists.
- Lovlina competes in the **75 kg women's category**.
- She is scheduled to begin her campaign on **31 July 2026**.

- India has sent a **124-member contingent** to Glasgow.
- The contingent is competing in **10 sports**.
- The Commonwealth Games are a multi-sport event involving nations of the Commonwealth.



Killai Becomes Tamil Nadu's First Climate-Resilient Village

Killai village in **Cuddalore district** became **Tamil Nadu's first fully operational Climate-Resilient Village** on **22 July 2026** under the **Tamil Nadu Climate Change Mission**.

Key Highlights

- The project was implemented by the **Department of Environment and Climate Change**.
- It focuses on:
 - Ecosystem restoration.
 - Renewable energy.
 - Community-led climate action.
- The Climate Resilient Villages Programme was launched during **2022–23**.
- The programme covers **11 districts** and **11 identified villages**.
- It addresses:
 - Cyclones.
 - Sea-level rise.
 - Saline intrusion.
 - Coastal erosion.
 - Biodiversity loss.
- It also promotes sustainable livelihoods for fishing communities.
- Mangroves are used for shoreline protection and ecosystem restoration.

- The project also includes renewable energy installations such as:
 - Solar panels.
 - Solar street lights.
 - Solar-powered storage systems.
- The programme also addresses the management of the invasive plant species **Prosopis juliflora**.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. National Broadcasting Day is observed every year on which date in India?

- A) 21 July
- B) 22 July
- C) 23 July
- D) 24 July

Answer: C) 23 July

2. India's first official radio broadcast was made by the Indian Broadcasting Company in:

- A) 1936
- B) 1947
- C) 1927
- D) 1957

Answer: C) 1927

3. All India Radio (AIR) was renamed as _____ in 1957.

- A) Doordarshan
- B) Akashvani
- C) Bharati Radio
- D) Prasar Bharati

Answer: B) Akashvani

4. National Security Advisor Ajit Doval has been selected to receive which prestigious award in 2026?

- A) Bharat Ratna
- B) Padma Vibhushan
- C) Lokmanya Tilak National Award
- D) Chanakya Award

Answer: C) Lokmanya Tilak National Award

5. The Lokmanya Tilak National Award 2026 will be presented to Ajit Doval in:

- A) Mumbai
- B) New Delhi
- C) Pune
- D) Nagpur

Answer: C) Pune

6. As of 22 July 2026, Indian Railways achieved what percentage of broad-gauge electrification?

- A) 95.5%
- B) 97.8%
- C) 99.6%
- D) 100%

Answer: C) 99.6%

7. Which country ranks ahead of India as the world's most electrified large railway network?

- A) Germany**
- B) Japan**
- C) Switzerland**
- D) France**

Answer: C) Switzerland

8. Lovlina Borgohain is assured of at least which medal at the Commonwealth Games 2026?

- A) Gold**
- B) Silver**
- C) Bronze**
- D) No medal yet**

Answer: C) Bronze

9. Killai became Tamil Nadu's first fully operational _____ on 22 July 2026.

- A) Smart Village**
- B) Solar Village**
- C) Climate-Resilient Village**
- D) Model Village**

Answer: C) Climate-Resilient Village

10. The Climate Resilient Villages Programme of Tamil Nadu was launched during:

- A) 2019–20**
- B) 2020–21**
- C) 2021–22**
- D) 2022–23**

Answer: D) 2022–23