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Current Affairs Related to 21 July 2026

- ◆ **Taking a significant step towards boosting self-reliance in the defense sector, India has launched an** airship-based High-Altitude Pseudo-Satellite (HAPS) program. The objective of this ambitious project is to develop indigenous stratospheric airships capable of remaining airborne for extended periods to perform critical tasks such as border surveillance, intelligence gathering, communication, and strategic monitoring. With an estimated cost of approximately 15,000 crore, this program is expected to significantly strengthen India's defense and aerospace capabilities.
- ◆ **The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) organized the 'CSIR-SHAKTI' program** at its headquarters, Anusandhan Bhawan, in New Delhi. Held under the theme "Celebrating Women in STEM – Initiating Review Sessions," the event aimed to honor the contributions of women in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and to review their research work. The program was organized by the CSIR Human Resource Development Group and presided over by Dr. N. Kalaiselvi, Secretary of the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) and Director General of CSIR.
- ◆ **India is set to acquire nine retired SEPECAT Jaguar fighter aircraft from the United Kingdom** in 2026. These aircraft will not be used for active flight operations; instead, their components and subsystems will be salvaged to support the maintenance of the Indian Air Force's existing Jaguar fleet. In the aviation sector, this process is known as "cannibalization." This move is expected to help extend the service life of the Indian Air Force's aging yet vital Jaguar fighter aircraft.
- ◆ **With the aim of accelerating Odisha's development, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Droupadi Murmu** jointly inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for various development projects worth over 47,600 crore. The event was held in Rairangpur, Mayurbhanj district, where several key projects related to energy, transport, health, irrigation, education, tourism, and industrial infrastructure were launched. This event is considered a significant step towards the state's economic growth and the expansion of its infrastructure.
- ◆ **The Delhi government unveiled 'Mayur' as the official mascot for the 2026 Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships.** Inspired by India's national bird, the peacock, the mascot symbolizes energy, hospitality, and unity. The 22nd edition of the championships will be held at the Thyagaraj Stadium in New Delhi from July 27 to August 2, 2026. This international competition is being organized under the joint aegis of the Delhi government and the Table Tennis Federation of India. The Commonwealth Table Tennis Championships is a major international table tennis event held among Commonwealth nations.
- ◆ **Nine European countries and Ukraine established an integrated anti-ballistic missile coalition in Paris, France.** The coalition aims to develop a shared anti-ballistic missile capability for Europe and create an integrated missile defense framework. Its founding members are Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, the United Kingdom, and Ukraine. This initiative has been described as a purely defensive arrangement aimed at strengthening Europe's security against potential ballistic missile threats.
- ◆ **The Central Consumer Protection Authority (CCPA) imposed a fine of 1 lakh each on two major food companies for misleading advertisements and false product claims.** This action was taken against Storia Foods & Beverages Pvt. Ltd. and Mrs. Bectors Food Specialities Ltd. The authority found that certain claims made by both companies regarding their products were misleading to consumers.
- ◆ **India's Department of Telecommunications has released the draft Telecommunications Rules, 2026.** These proposed rules aim to clarify the spectrum allocation process for satellite communication services and strengthen provisions related to national security. According to the draft, satcom companies must obtain security clearance from the Central Government in addition to spectrum allocation before launching services in India. The draft rules will apply to satellite communication services such as satellite phones, broadband, and other communication services.



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1. In which state will India's first indoor botanical garden be established?

- (A) Odisha (B) Bihar
(C) Kerala (D) Rajasthan

(B) India's first indoor botanical garden is currently being built in Patna, Bihar. This modern garden will be constructed near the JP Ganga Path in Patna. It will be developed on 5 acres of land, modeled after Singapore's famous gardens. It will feature a glass roof, and the temperature and lighting inside will be constantly controlled.

2. Where will the 16th edition of 'Aero India 2027', Asia's largest airshow, be organized?

- (A) Bengaluru (B) Bhopal
(C) Jaisalmer (D) None of these

(A) The 16th edition of Asia's largest airshow, Aero India 2027, will be held at the Yelahanka Air Force Station in Bengaluru, Karnataka. This grand event will take place from February 8 to February 12, 2027. Aircraft manufacturers, defense firms, and aerospace experts from around the world will participate in this biennial exhibition organized by the Ministry of Defence.

3. Where has Adani Defence and Aerospace recently announced plans to establish South Asia's largest private missile manufacturing ecosystem?

- (A) Bihar (B) Telangana
(C) Madhya Pradesh (D) Uttar Pradesh

(C) Adani Defence and Aerospace has recently announced plans to set up South Asia's largest private missile manufacturing ecosystem in Shivpuri, Madhya Pradesh. A total investment of ₹2,500 crore will be made in this project. The facility is being constructed in the Shivpuri district of Madhya Pradesh.

4. Which state has recently become the first in India to produce Japanese Matcha tea?

- (A) Tamil Nadu (B) Assam
(C) West Bengal (D) None of these

(B) Assam has become the first state in India to produce Japanese Matcha tea on a commercial scale. This first batch of Matcha tea has been produced by the Chota Tingrai Tea Estate located in the Tinsukia district of Assam. This historic achievement is the result of nearly a decade of collaboration and technical partnership between India and Japan.

5. Where was the world's first once-weekly insulin medication, 'Awiqli', recently launched?

- (A) India (B) China
(C) Japan (D) None of these

(A) The world's first once-weekly insulin for diabetes patients has recently been launched in India. This new medication has been named 'Awiqli'. It has been developed by the Danish pharmaceutical company Novo Nordisk.





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6. Which state has recently seen its birth rate drop below 10 per thousand for the first time?

- (A) Goa (B) Kerala
(C) New Delhi (D) Assam

(B) Recently, the crude birth rate of Kerala state fell below 10 per 1,000 population for the first time, reaching 9.64. According to the 'Vital Statistics Report 2024' by the state's Department of Economics and Statistics, this indicates declining fertility rates in the state.



7. Which state has recently topped the rankings for per capita income in India?

- (A) Sikkim (B) Telangana
(C) Bihar (D) Kerala

(A) Recently, Sikkim topped the rankings for per capita income in India. According to the latest data, Sikkim's per capita income exceeded 6 lakh in the 2024-2025 financial year, which is approximately three times the national average.



8. Which state government has recently constituted a 9-member expert committee on the Uniform Civil Code?

- (A) Haryana (B) Rajasthan
(C) Madhya Pradesh (D) West Bengal

(D) Recently, West Bengal constituted a 9-member committee to examine and review the draft of the Uniform Civil Code. This committee will conduct an in-depth examination of the 'UCC West Bengal 2026' draft bill. Retired Supreme Court Justice Ranjana Prakash Desai [is associated with this initiative. Tribal communities may be excluded from the ambit of this law.



9. Which bank has recently issued revised guidelines for the Lead Bank Scheme?

- (A) SBI (B) ICICI Bank
(C) RBI (D) Axis Bank

(C) Recently, the Reserve Bank of India issued revised guidelines for the Lead Bank Scheme via press release 2026-2027/502. The new instructions have superseded all previous guidelines related to this scheme. The revised framework focuses on enhancing the effectiveness of credit planning, banking coordination, financial inclusion, and the functioning of various committees at the district level.



10. Recently, what record dividend amount (in lakh crore rupees) did the Reserve Bank of India approve for transfer to the Central Government for the financial year 2025-26?

- (A) 2.51 (B) 2.61
(C) 2.87 (D) 2.91

(C) In its 623rd Central Board meeting, the Reserve Bank of India approved the transfer of a record surplus dividend of 2.86 lakh crore to the Central Government for the financial year 2025-26. This is the largest dividend transfer in the history of the central bank.

