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Current Affairs Related to 22 July 2026

- ◆ **Indian Railways has announced eight new structural reforms under the 'Reform Express' initiative**, aiming to make the freight transportation system more modern, transparent, and efficient. With these reforms, 17 out of the targeted 52 reforms to be implemented over 52 weeks have been completed so far.
- ◆ **The Election Commission of India has approved a one-time honorarium of 6,000 for Booth Level Officers (BLOs) and Booth Level Supervisors engaged in the special intensive electoral roll revision exercise.** This amount will be provided in addition to their annual remuneration. The decision acknowledges the additional workload borne by officials conducting door-to-door voter verification and enumeration across 22 states and Union Territories. BLOs are field-level officials responsible for verifying voters at the polling station level, collecting information through door-to-door visits, and assisting in the preparation and updating of electoral rolls.
- ◆ **The Government of India, through the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT), has issued a significant notification banning the import of products manufactured wholly or partially using forced labor.** This provision has been implemented by adding a new paragraph (2.20B) to the Foreign Trade Policy 2023. This marks India's first import ban specifically aimed at curbing products linked to forced labor. The DGFT is a key body under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry that administers India's import-export regulations and notifications related to foreign trade.
- ◆ **'Manohari Gold Tea' is an extremely rare and premium specialty tea produced at the Manohari Tea Estate in Assam, India.** It enjoys a distinct reputation both domestically and internationally due to its limited production, traditional manufacturing process, and exquisite flavor. In recent years, this tea has set several national auction records. Its global reputation was further enhanced after Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented it as a gift to Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto in July 2026. Manohari Gold Tea is produced exclusively from the tender buds of the P-126 tea clone.
- ◆ **The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation released India's first experimental Service Production Index.** This experimental index, released for April 2026, was designed to assess monthly changes in output within the country's formal service sector. Covering 19 formal service sub-sectors with 2024-25 as the base year, the index is considered a significant step towards developing a comprehensive Service Production Index in the future.
- ◆ **A proposal to implement a new agricultural marketing law for the state was approved during an Odisha Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi.** The new law aims to repeal the Odisha Agricultural Produce Markets Act of 1956, which has been in force since 1957. The proposed legislation marks a significant step towards making the trade of agricultural produce and livestock in the state more modern, transparent, and competitive.
- ◆ **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 Processes," the program aimed to honor the contributions of women in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) and to review their research work. The event 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.
- ◆ **Amidst the ongoing border tensions between India and China and calls within the country to boycott Chinese goods, an economic reality has emerged that might come as a surprise to many.** In the first half of 2026, India's imports from China reached record levels. According to the data, India purchased goods worth approximately \$80 billion from China during the first six months of the year. This represents a massive increase of 21.8 percent compared to the previous year. While the Indian government is actively promoting domestic manufacturing through initiatives like 'Make in India' and 'Atmanirbhar Bharat' (Self-Reliant India), our dependence on the neighboring country is actually increasing rather than decreasing.



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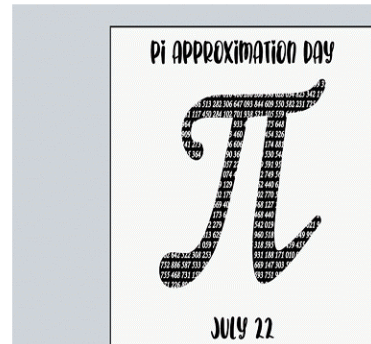
1. When is National Flag Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 20 July (B) 21 July
(C) 22 July (D) 23 July
(C) The Indian national flag symbolizes India's rich cultural heritage, the arduous struggle for independence, and the unity of its people in a united and prosperous nation. National Flag Day is observed annually on July 22, marking the day the tricolour—designed by Pingali Venkayya—was adopted as India's flag.



2. When is Pi Approximation Day celebrated annually?

- (A) 21 July (B) 22 July
(C) 23 July (D) 24 July
(B) Pi Approximation Day is celebrated annually on July 22 because the value of Pi is 22/7. In contrast, Pi Day is celebrated on March 14, corresponding to the approximate value of 3.14, which also coincides with Albert Einstein's birthday. Pi is an irrational number with an infinite decimal representation; while 22/7 is not as precise, it is widely used for the sake of simplicity in calculations.



3. A mega EPC tender worth how many crore rupees is being issued recently for the Mahi Banswara Nuclear Power Project in Rajasthan?

- (A) 14000 (B) 22,000
(C) 24,000 (D) 28,000
(D) Taking a major step in India's nuclear energy sector, Anushakti Vidyut Nigam is soon issuing an Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) tender worth approximately 28,000 crore for the Mahi Banswara Rajasthan Nuclear Power Project, located in the Banswara district of Rajasthan. This tender will be known as the 'Nuclear Island Mega EPC Package' and involves the construction of four indigenous Pressurized Heavy Water Reactors (PHWRs), each with a capacity of 700 MW.



4. Which country's government has recently launched the Services Production Index?

- (A) USA (B) India
(C) China (D) Pakistan
(B) The Government of India has launched the Services Production Index. It is the country's first high-frequency macroeconomic index measuring the performance of the services sector, reflecting the real output of the formal services sector relative to a base year. The services sector constitutes the largest share of the Indian economy.



5. How many traditional products from Jharkhand have recently received the GI tag?

- (A) 2 (B) 3
(C) 4 (D) 5
(C) Jharkhand's rich tribal culture and traditional craftsmanship gained significant recognition in June 2026, when four distinct products from the state—Bhagaiya Silk, Munda jewelry, and Jharkhand bamboo craft—were awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag. This recognition provides legal protection for the geographical uniqueness, traditional manufacturing techniques, and cultural significance of these products.





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6. Where was the 'My Bharat' National Youth Volunteer Conference recently organized?

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

(B) The 'My Bharat' National Youth Volunteer Conference was recently organized by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports in Lucknow, the capital of Uttar Pradesh. More than 1,500 volunteers from across the state participated in this event held at the Indira Gandhi Pratishthan. The objective of this conference was to connect the youth with nation-building and the resolve to achieve a 'Viksit Bharat' (Developed India) by 2047.

7. Where has Uttarakhand's first GI (Geographical Indication) product gallery recently opened?

- (A) Haldwani (B) Haridwar
(C) Nainital (D) None of these

(A) Uttarakhand's first Geographical Indication (GI) product gallery was recently opened at the Uttarakhand Forest Training Academy in Haldwani. The aim of this unique gallery is to promote local farmers, artisans, and traditional products. More than 30 GI-tagged products from the state are displayed here under one roof.

8. Who has recently been appointed as the new Police Commissioner of Delhi?

- (A) Vijay Sinha (B) Kartik Patel
(C) Anurag Kumar (D) Krishnakant Das

(C) The Central Government has recently appointed Anurag Kumar, a 1994-batch IPS officer, as the new Police Commissioner of Delhi. He is a former Special Director of the Intelligence Bureau and has succeeded the incumbent Police Commissioner, Satish Golcha.

9. Which country has recently been inducted as the 111th member of the International Cricket Council?

- (A) Zambia (B) Mauritius
(C) Timor-Leste (D) None of these

(B) The International Cricket Council recently approved the official induction of Mauritius as the 111th member of the Council during its annual meeting held in Edinburgh. Mauritius has been recognized by the Council as an associate member.

10. Who has recently been appointed as the Global Head of WhatsApp under Meta Platforms?

- (A) Tushar Mehta (B) Kunal Singh
(C) Vivek Agarwal (D) None of these

(B) Meta has recently appointed Kunal Shah, the founder of an Indian fintech startup, as the new Global Head of WhatsApp under Meta Platforms. He has succeeded Will Cathcart. Along with this appointment, Meta Platforms has also made a massive investment of \$900 million in Kunal Singh's company, CRED.

