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Current Affairs Related to 26 July 2026

- ◆ **The Andhra Pradesh government has notified the Common Zoning Regulations 2026.** The objective is to establish a uniform regulatory framework for land use and urban development across the state. These regulations will apply to master plans, zonal development plans, and general town planning schemes; however, the state capital region has been excluded from this arrangement. This new policy is considered a significant step towards making urban development more streamlined, transparent, and modern. Land-use regulation is a crucial statutory tool in urban planning, involving the classification of land for purposes such as transportation, agriculture, commerce, and recreation.
- ◆ **The Supreme Court of India has granted final approval for the proposed Kukrail Night Safari and Day Zoo project in Lucknow,** the capital of Uttar Pradesh. This approval paves the way for the development of India's first urban night safari. Upon completion, this project will become the fifth night safari in the world; similar facilities have previously been established in Singapore, Thailand, China, and Indonesia. The project is viewed as a significant initiative to promote wildlife conservation, environmental education, research, and eco-tourism.
- ◆ **Creating history in the space sector, India successfully launched 'Vikram-1', its first** privately developed orbital-class rocket. The rocket was launched at 12:05 PM (IST) from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. Developed by the Hyderabad-based private company Skyroot Aerospace, the rocket successfully deployed several technology demonstration payloads into Low Earth Orbit. This achievement is considered a major milestone for India's private space industry.
- ◆ **The United Kingdom has nationalized British Steel, the country's major steel company,** taking full control from private ownership. This move followed the enactment of the Steel Industry Act, which had received Royal Assent. The new legislation includes provisions for bringing steel companies under government ownership in the public interest. The government states that the objective of this decision is to safeguard the country's steel production capacity, protect strategic industrial assets, and save the jobs of thousands of employees.
- ◆ **Bangladesh and the United States have launched** the annual bilateral military exercise 'Tiger Lightning 2026'. This exercise is considered a significant step towards strengthening coordination, field training, and joint operational capabilities between the armed forces of both nations. Spanning 13 days, the exercise will continue until July 31, 2026, with over 160 soldiers from both countries participating. It is also crucial from the perspective of defense cooperation, as it focuses on capabilities such as jungle warfare, counter-terrorism training, and rapid medical assistance on the battlefield.
- ◆ **OpenAI, a leading company in the field of artificial intelligence, has appointed Uday Ruddaraju,** a technology expert of Indian origin, as its Chief Technology Officer (CTO). He had previously assumed the role of Head of Compute and Infrastructure at OpenAI in July 2025, and a year later, he was entrusted with the key responsibility of leading the company's compute technology. This appointment comes at a time when the global demand for high-capacity compute infrastructure to develop large AI models is rising rapidly. The Chief Technology Officer is one of the most senior technical executives in any technology company.
- ◆ **The Central Government has appointed senior BJP leader Harjit Singh Grewal as the new Chairperson** of the National Commission for Minorities. The Ministry of Minority Affairs issued an official notification regarding this on the same day. The post had been vacant since April 2025, following the completion of the tenure of the then-Chairperson, Iqbal Singh Lalpura. With this new appointment, the Commission has regained active leadership. The National Commission for Minorities is a statutory body established under the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992.
- ◆ **The Bar Council of India has issued a new code of conduct regarding social media usage** for lawyers, law students, and interns. The objective of this circular is to uphold professional conduct, the dignity of the court, confidentiality, and ethical standards across digital platforms. These guidelines will apply to all State Bar Councils and legal education centers. The new system places special emphasis on upholding the dignity of judicial institutions and the credibility of the legal profession.



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National & International Current Affairs

1. When is Kargil Vijay Diwas celebrated every year?

- (A) 24 July (B) 25 July
(C) 26 July (D) 27 July

(C) This day is celebrated in India every year on July 26. The Kargil War between the armies of India and Pakistan took place in 1999; it lasted for approximately 60 days, concluding on July 26 with an Indian victory. Kargil Vijay Diwas is a very significant day for all citizens of independent India.



2. When is National Parents' Day celebrated every year?

- (A) First Sunday of July (B) Second Sunday of July
(C) Third Sunday of July (D) Fourth Sunday of July

(D) National Parents' Day is celebrated on the fourth Sunday of July; in 2025, it will fall on July 26. This day is observed to honor all parents who play a vital role in their children's lives. Their selfless love and sacrifices for their children are immeasurable.



3. Which Indian city will host the inaugural match of Australia's Big Bash League?

- (A) Goa (B) Mumbai
(C) Chennai (D) None of these

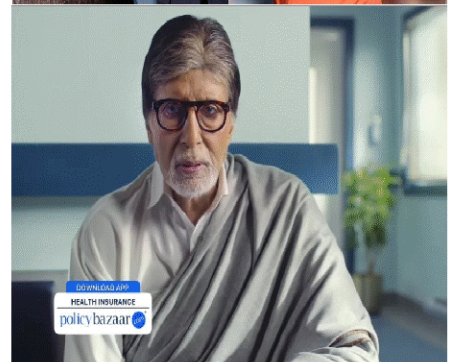
(C) The inaugural match of Australia's Big Bash League will be played at Chennai's M.A. Chidambaram Stadium. This marks the first time in history that a match from this league is being held outside Australia. This historic inaugural match is scheduled for December 12, 2026, at 2:40 PM.



4. Who has recently been appointed as the brand ambassador of Policybazaar?

- (A) Amitabh Bachchan (B) Rohit Sharma
(C) Ranbir Kapoor (D) None of these

(A) Policybazaar has recently appointed famous actor Amitabh Bachchan as its new brand ambassador. As part of this partnership, the company has launched a nationwide insurance awareness campaign. This initiative aligns with the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India's goal of providing insurance to everyone by the year 2047.



5. Between the US and which other country has the 'Tiger Lightning 2026' exercise recently commenced?

- (A) Maldives (B) Sri Lanka
(C) Pakistan (D) Bangladesh

(D) Bangladesh and the United States recently launched the annual bilateral military exercise 'Tiger Lightning 2026'. More than 160 military personnel from both countries are participating in this exercise, which will span 13 days and conclude on July 31, 2026.





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6. Which country's Takeda company dengue vaccine has recently been approved by the DCGI?

- (A) Russia (B) Japan
(C) USA (D) None of these

(B) Recently, the Drug Controller General of India approved the use of the dengue vaccine 'Qdenga', manufactured by the Japanese pharmaceutical company Takeda, in the country. This is the first dengue vaccine to be approved in India. The vaccine is suitable for individuals aged 4 to 60 years.



7. Which state has recently been honored with the Agriculture Leadership Award for outstanding work and performance in the field of horticulture?

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

(A) Recently, the state of Gujarat was honored with the prestigious Agriculture Leadership Award for its outstanding performance and new initiatives in horticulture. Union Defence Minister Rajnath Singh presented this award at the 17th Agriculture Leadership Conclave held in New Delhi.



8. With the recent successful launch of the Vikram-1 rocket, which country has become the third in the world to achieve private orbital launch capability?

- (A) China (B) India
(C) Germany (D) Russia

(B) With this recent launch, India has become the third country in the world to achieve private orbital launch capability. After the USA and China, India is the third nation where a private company has successfully launched an orbital rocket into space.



9. Who has recently been appointed as the Director of the CDCI?

- (A) Vivek Nishant Nath (B) Rajesh Pushkar
(C) Prashant Sitaram (D) None of these

(A) Recently, a museum featuring 22 Indian languages and dialects, along with 9 state-of-the-art digital galleries, has been established; it will serve as a powerful medium to convey language, culture, and Indian knowledge traditions to future generations. It will also prove extremely useful for language enthusiasts, researchers, and teachers across the country.



10. In which state is Raimona National Park, which has recently been in the news for a census of butterfly species, located?

- (A) Goa (B) Kerala
(C) Assam (D) Bihar

(C) Raimona National Park is located in the Kokrajhar district of Assam. It is known for its rich biodiversity and over 150 species of butterflies. It was declared Assam's sixth national park on June 5, 2021.

