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Current Affairs Related to 28 July 2026

- ◆ **American filmmaker James Gray will be honored with the Pardo alla Carriera (Career Lifetime Achievement Award)** at Switzerland's prestigious Locarno Film Festival. This award will be presented on August 9, 2026, at Locarno's famous Piazza Grande during the 79th edition of the festival. The announcement comes as the festival garners attention once again for its international stature, open-air screenings, and tradition of showcasing diverse forms of cinema. The Locarno Film Festival is counted among Europe's most renowned film events.
- ◆ **Astronomers have detected signs of helium in the atmosphere of LHS 1140b, a rocky exoplanet** located approximately 48 to 49 light-years from Earth. This discovery is significant because the planet lies within its star's habitable zone and joins the select group of rocky, relatively cool exoplanets for which direct scientific evidence regarding their atmospheres has been obtained. LHS 1140b is classified as a "Super-Earth"; its mass is approximately 5.6 times that of Earth, and its radius is about 1.73 times larger.
- ◆ **The Delhi government has taken a major step towards reducing air pollution in the capital** and the NCR region by approving the PARIVARTAN scheme. This scheme focuses on scrapping old commercial vehicles and replacing them with cleaner, new ones. Notably, this is not merely a vehicle replacement plan but a comprehensive framework designed to reduce emissions in the transport sector and encourage fleet renewal. The full name of the initiative is the "Program for Accelerated Development of Fisheries and Aquaculture." It is being implemented with the assistance of the Central Government.
- ◆ **India has taken a significant step towards global marine resource conservation by formally becoming a party to the World Trade Organization's (WTO) Agreement on Fisheries Subsidies.** With the submission of its instrument of acceptance, India has become the 123rd WTO member to accept this agreement. This move comes at a time when pressure on marine fishery resources is mounting, and the issues of illegal, unreported, and unregulated (IUU) fishing—as well as overfishing—remain critical in many countries. The WTO agreement was adopted during the 12th Ministerial Conference held in Geneva in June 2022.
- ◆ **IIT Kanpur has announced the establishment of a new Centre of Excellence in the field of green hydrogen.** This center will be developed under the name "Centre of Excellence on Innovation and Interconnected Ecosystems for Green Hydrogen." Following approval from the Uttar Pradesh government and the UP New and Renewable Energy Development Agency (UPNEDA), the initiative will proceed under the Uttar Pradesh Green Hydrogen Policy 2024. This development occurs as India rapidly advances towards clean energy, low carbon emissions, and energy security. Green hydrogen is viewed as the fuel of the future, as it is produced through the electrolysis of water using renewable electricity.
- ◆ **India has incorporated a key anti-abuse rule into its tax treaty framework with Sri Lanka.** The objective is to ensure that tax treaties are utilized solely for legitimate tax relief rather than to secure undue tax benefits through the creation of artificial structures. This move is considered a significant step towards enhancing transparency and fairness in international taxation. Under the new provisions, tax authorities can deny tax benefits associated with an arrangement or transaction if obtaining treaty benefits was one of its principal purposes. This is known as the 'Principal Purpose Test'.
- ◆ **The UK has appointed Kanishka Narayan as the country's first AI Minister, placing artificial intelligence among its top policy priorities.** This role will be directly linked to the Prime Minister's Cabinet, clearly signaling that the British government views AI, online safety, and digital regulation not merely as technical matters but as areas of strategic policy. Kanishka Narayan is a British politician of Indian origin; born in Muzaffarpur, Bihar, he moved to Cardiff, Wales, at the age of 12.
- ◆ **Hamas, the organization based in the Gaza Strip, has handed over the leadership of its political bureau to Khalil al-Hayya.** This decision follows the changes in the organization's top leadership triggered by the death of Yahya Sinwar. Al-Hayya is considered a veteran and influential figure within Hamas and has long been involved in the organization's external political activities.



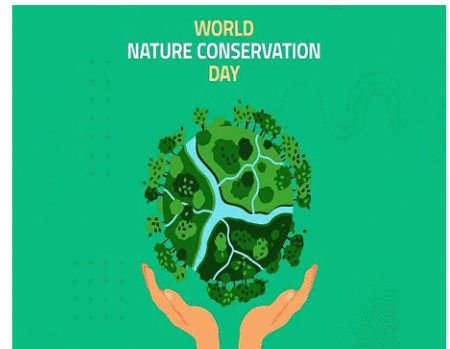
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National & International Current Affairs

1. When is World Nature Conservation Day observed every year?

- (A) 27 July (B) 28 July
(C) 29 July (D) 30 July

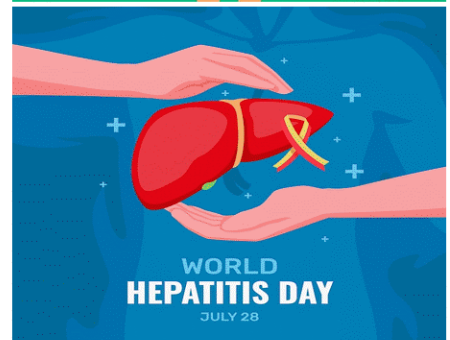
(B) World Nature Conservation Day is observed annually on July 28 to ensure that a healthy environment serves as the foundation for a stable and productive society and future. We must protect, conserve, and sustainably manage our natural environment. In the current scenario, many species of flora and fauna are facing extinction.



2. When is World Hepatitis Day observed annually?

- (A) 28 July (B) 29 July
(C) 30 July (D) 31 July

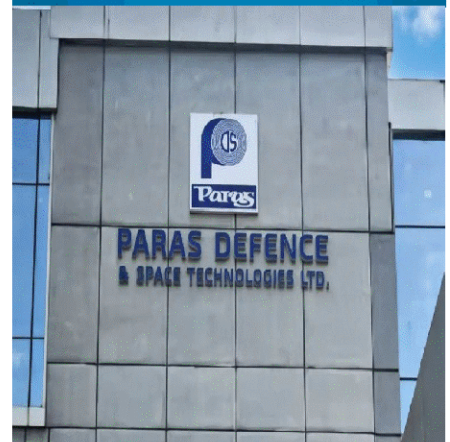
(A) World Hepatitis Day is observed annually on July 28 to raise awareness about viral hepatitis—an inflammation of the liver that leads to severe liver disease and cancer. There are five main types of hepatitis viruses: A, B, C, D, and E. Hepatitis B and C are the most common infections, collectively resulting in 1.3 million deaths and 2.2 million new infections annually.



3. With which state's Electronics Development Corporation has Paras Semiconductors Private Limited—a subsidiary of Paras Defence and Space Technologies—recently signed an agreement?

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

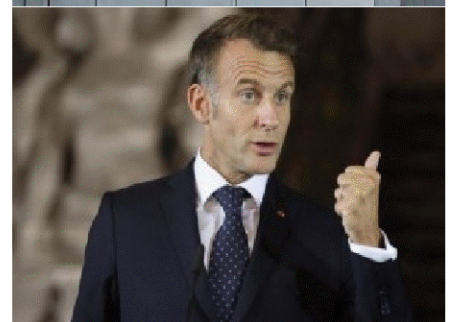
(C) In a major step towards strengthening semiconductor manufacturing in India, Paras Semiconductors Private Limited (a subsidiary of Paras Defence and Space Technologies) has recently signed an agreement with the Madhya Pradesh State Electronics Development Corporation. This project involves setting up a greenfield advanced integrated circuit packaging and outsourced semiconductor assembly and test facility in the Indore-Ujjain region.



4. Which country has recently imposed strict restrictions on social media use by minors?

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

(B) Recently, the French Parliament approved a law prohibiting children under the age of 15 from using social media. This move marks the first instance of an EU member state imposing such a national ban on social media use for children.



5. What percentage of reservation has recently been provided for ex-Agniveers in CAPF recruitment?

- (A) 20% (B) 35%
(C) 40% (D) 50%

(D) Recently, the Central Government introduced a 50% reservation for ex-Agniveers in recruitment for the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPF) and Assam Rifles. This provision applies to the posts of Constable and Rifleman, which are considered crucial entry-level roles in the country's internal security framework.

**पूर्व अग्निवीरों को 50% आरक्षण
CAPF भर्ती में बड़ा फैसला**





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6. Who has recently been appointed as the AI Minister in the British government?

- (A) Tushar Mehta (B) Shyam Srinivasan
(C) Kanishka Narayan (D) None of the above
(C) Kanishka Narayan has recently been appointed as Britain's first Cabinet-level AI Minister. This marks the first time that AI policy has been directly included in the British Prime Minister's cabinet and an AI Minister has been given a seat in cabinet-level meetings.



7. In which state is the Dibang Multipurpose Project currently being constructed?

- (A) Himachal Pradesh (B) Arunachal Pradesh
(C) Sikkim (D) Assam
(B) The Dibang Multipurpose Project, currently under construction in Arunachal Pradesh, recently achieved a significant milestone with the successful inauguration of Diversion Tunnel-3. This project is located on the Dibang River—a tributary of the Brahmaputra—and is being developed as a flood control-cum-hydroelectric project.



8. Which ministry recently announced the launch of 'Bharat Vistar', a multilingual AI tool for agriculture?

- (A) Ministry of Finance (B) Ministry of Agriculture
(C) Ministry of Rural Development
(D) Ministry of Science and Technology
(A) The Finance Minister announced the launch of 'Bharat Vistar', a multilingual AI tool that will integrate the 'AgriStack' portal and ICAR's agricultural technology with AI. 'AgriStack' is a Digital Public Infrastructure for the agricultural sector under the Digital Agriculture Mission, which was approved by the Union Cabinet in September 2024.



9. Which police force launched 'Operation Shastra' to take action against individuals posting photos with weapons?

- (A) Mumbai Police (B) Uttar Pradesh Police
(C) Madhya Pradesh Police (D) Delhi Police
(D) Delhi Police launched 'Operation Shastra' against individuals who post photos with weapons or use objectionable language on social media. ...or use offensive language. More than 500 police teams and over 2,000 police personnel participated in this campaign.



10. Which state has announced plans to establish India's National Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) Test and Innovation Corridor?

- (A) Kerala (B) Maharashtra
(C) Karnataka (D) Odisha
(D) The Odisha government, in collaboration with the deep-tech startup 'BotLab Dynamics', has decided to set up India's first National UAV Test and Innovation Corridor at Rangeilunda in Ganjam district. This will be the country's first commercial airport to be converted for drone testing. Live UAV trials will be conducted here at altitudes of up to 1,000 meters.



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