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Current Affairs Related to 25 July 2026

- ◆ **The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has implemented a new prudential framework for 'Specified Non-Financial Assets'** to improve the management of stressed assets in banks and financial institutions. This measure has been introduced through an amendment to the 'Resolution of Stressed Assets Directions' and will come into effect on October 1, 2026. Its objective is to ensure a uniform and transparent mechanism for the timely resolution of these assets. Specified Non-Financial Assets refer to immovable properties or other non-financial assets that banks take into their possession from borrowers in lieu of partial or full recovery of outstanding loans.
- ◆ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for several key** development projects related to health, education, and road infrastructure in Chandigarh. These projects include the expansion of state-of-the-art medical facilities at the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research (PGIMER) and National Highway projects linked to the 'Tricity Ring Road' network. The initiatives aim to strengthen healthcare services in the region, ease traffic flow, and accelerate overall regional development. Established in 1962, PGIMER, Chandigarh, is one of India's premier public medical and research institutions.
- ◆ **Giving fresh momentum to India's road infrastructure development, Prime Minister Narendra Modi** inaugurated significant sections of the Delhi-Amritsar-Katra Expressway. As part of the inauguration, Packages 1 through 5 in Jind (Haryana) and Package 6 in Jalandhar (Punjab) were dedicated to the nation. With this, a total stretch of over 188 kilometers of the expressway is now ready for operations. This project is being developed by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) under the 'Bharatmala Pariyojana'.
- ◆ **In 1991, when India's foreign exchange reserves hit an all-time low, the country had enough** dollars to cover only three weeks of imports. During that period of economic crisis, India was compelled to pledge its gold reserves. Drawing lessons from that crisis, India created a financial shield that protects the Indian Railways from collapsing in the face of even the most severe global economic shocks. A crucial and silent guardian within this financial safety net is the FCNR (Foreign Currency Non-Resident) account.
- ◆ **The National Mission for Clean Ganga has drafted a 'Small River Rejuvenation Framework'** aimed at providing a new direction for the conservation and revival of India's smaller rivers. This new framework emphasizes a distinct strategy for small rivers, differentiating it from the models used for major rivers like the Ganga. It prioritizes local conditions, scientific studies, nature-based solutions, and community participation to effectively restore the water flow, water quality, and ecological balance of these smaller rivers.
- ◆ **The Government of India has approved a mobile phone manufacturing scheme to give fresh impetus** to mobile phone production in the country. A budgetary provision of 62,500 crore has been made for this scheme, which has been approved by the Union Cabinet. The scheme will be implemented over a five-year period—from the 2026-27 to 2030-31 financial years—and will replace the 'Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme for Large-Scale Electronics Manufacturing' that concluded on March 31, 2026. The initiative aims to make India more globally competitive in the field of mobile phone manufacturing and exports.
- ◆ **To enhance transparency and investor confidence within India's International Financial Services Centre (IFSC), the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA)** has introduced significant amendments to the credit rating framework. These changes have been implemented via Circular No. IFSCA-CMIR/1/2026-CMIR. The revised rules amend the master circular and have come into effect immediately. Their objective is to make the credit rating process more transparent, accountable, and aligned with international standards.
- ◆ **NITI Aayog released the Investment Friendliness Index 2026 with the aim of assessing** the investment climate across India's states and Union Territories. This index evaluates 28 states and 8 Union Territories based on eight key parameters. Its objective is to foster competition and reform by comparing the investment facilities, policy environments, and infrastructure available across the various states. The Investment Friendliness Index is a national-level index that provides a comparative assessment of the conditions for investment in states and Union Territories.



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National & International Current Affairs

1. When is World Embryologist Day celebrated annually?

- (A) 25 July (B) 26 July
(C) 27 July (D) 28 July

(A) It is celebrated globally every year on July 25 to honor the contributions of embryologists and the advancements made in infertility and reproductive medicine. It is a global healthcare event where the medical community organizes workshops and seminars to upgrade their skills in line with the latest assisted reproductive technologies.



2. Which country has been awarded the hosting rights for the Asian Rifle and Pistol Championship 2027?

- (A) Malaysia (B) Japan
(C) India (D) Indonesia

(C) India will host the Asian Rifle and Pistol Championship 2027 in Delhi for the first time. The event will offer 8 Olympic quota places for the 2028 Los Angeles Olympics, distinct from the 12 quotas available at the Shooting World Cup. The World Cup (Rifle, Pistol, Shotgun) will also be held in Delhi from April 21 to 30, 2027.



3. Which state cabinet recently approved the draft of the Uniform Civil Code Bill?

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

(B) Recently, the Madhya Pradesh cabinet unanimously approved the draft of the Uniform Civil Code Bill 2026 during a special meeting held at Jagdishpur, near Bhopal. The bill proposes a ban on polygamy, triple talaq, and nikah halala.



4. Where did the Indian Air Force recently participate in 'Exercise Pitch Black 2026'?

- (A) Australia (B) Germany
(C) USA (D) None of these

(A) Recently, the Indian Air Force participated in the multinational military exercise 'Exercise Pitch Black 2026', held in Australia. This exercise is being held at the Darwin base in Northern Australia from July 20 to August 7, 2026, with India deploying its Rafale fighter jets.



5. Who has recently launched 'VISHWAS 2026' for the amicable resolution of disputes?

- (A) DCGI (B) NITI Aayog
(C) EPFO (D) None of these

(C) Recently, the Employees' Provident Fund Organisation (EPFO) launched a one-time dispute resolution scheme named 'VISHWAS 2026' for the amicable resolution of cases related to old and pending damages and penalties. This scheme has been implemented for a period of six months, effective from June 29, 2026. Its objective is to reduce litigation, promote voluntary compliance, and facilitate the digital settlement of long-pending disputes.





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6. Which state or union territory has recently become the 29th to implement the ULPIN system?

- (A) Manipur (B) Delhi
(C) Telangana (D) Andaman and Nicobar

(B) Delhi has become the 29th state/union territory in India to implement the Unique Land Parcel Identification Number (ULPIN), also known as 'Bhu-Aadhaar'. Its objective is to ensure clear records of land ownership and reduce land disputes. 'Bhu-Aadhaar' was launched in 2021 under the Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme.

7. For which state have the 'Common Zoning Regulations 2026' regarding land use been notified recently?

- (A) Andhra Pradesh (B) Tamil Nadu
(C) Kerala (D) Karnataka

(A) The state of Andhra Pradesh has recently notified the 'Common Zoning Regulations 2026', under which uniform rules for land use and urban development have been implemented across the state. The new regulations aim to expedite urban development approvals and eliminate ambiguity in the rules.

8. Where has the first consignment of 24 metric tonnes of frozen French fries from Kashipur, Uttarakhand, been sent recently?

- (A) Singapore (B) Russia
(C) UAE (D) Iraq

(D) The first consignment of 24 metric tonnes of frozen French fries has recently been exported to Iraq from Kashipur in the Udham Singh Nagar district of Uttarakhand. This historic initiative was facilitated by the Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) and the shipment was sent by Varun Global Trend Private Limited.

9. Who recently authored the book titled "RSS: A Century of Service, Unity and Sacrifice"?

- (A) Shyam Jaju (B) Anupam Trivedi
(C) Both of the above (D) None of the above

(C) The book "RSS: A Century of Service, Unity and Sacrifice" was recently authored by Shyam Jaju and Anupam Trivedi. Its main theme is to describe the 100-year history of the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) and its contribution to nation-building, while highlighting the Sangh's ideals such as selfless service, unity, and national consciousness.

10. In which Indian state are living root bridges found?

- (A) Meghalaya (B) Sikkim
(C) Manipur (D) Assam

(A) The living root bridges of Meghalaya have been nominated for the UNESCO World Heritage list for 2026-27. These unique bridges are primarily found in the East Khasi Hills and West Jaintia Hills. Locally known as "Jingkieng Jri," they are constructed from the aerial roots of the Ficus elastica tree.

