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Current Affairs Related to 31 July 2026

- ◆ **India is set to host the International Type-1 Diabetes Summit in 2026.** This three-day event will take place in Jodhpur, Rajasthan, from July 30 to August 1, 2026. The summit was unveiled at the Constitution Club of India in New Delhi. It is being organized in collaboration with 'The Friends of Mewar Breakthrough' and the William J. Clinton Foundation. The summit will focus on medical, policy, and technical aspects related to Type-1 diabetes. It will bring together endocrinologists, health experts, policymakers, researchers, and patient representatives from the USA, Australia, and India.
- ◆ **DRDO successfully conducted the first flight test of 'Kusha,' an indigenous long-range surface-to-air missile.** During the test, conducted from APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha, the missile engaged an electronic target simulating a high-speed, high-altitude aerial threat. This test is considered a significant step towards strengthening India's air and missile defense capabilities. Long-range surface-to-air missiles are launched from the ground and designed to neutralize fighter jets, drones, cruise missiles, and other aerial threats from a distance.
- ◆ **The 'Green Hydrogen Summit 2026' held in New Delhi has highlighted the growing role of green hydrogen in India's energy strategy.** Organized by the Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI), the summit discussed issues such as green hydrogen, hydrogen-based mobility, and export competitiveness in the energy sector. Green hydrogen is hydrogen produced from renewable electricity via water electrolysis. When electricity from solar, wind, or other clean sources is used in its production, it is considered a low-carbon fuel.
- ◆ **The Central Government has entrusted the charge of the Department of Higher Education,** under the Ministry of Education, to senior IAS officer Naresh Pal Gangwar. Gangwar, a 1994-batch officer of the Rajasthan cadre, has been assigned this responsibility. He replaces Vineet Joshi, who has been appointed as Secretary in the Panchayati Raj Department. This change is part of a major administrative reshuffle at the Secretary level.
- ◆ **India has achieved a significant technological milestone by developing its first indigenous expendable turbojet engine in the 350 kg thrust category.** The engine was designed by the Gas Turbine Research Establishment (GTRE), a DRDO laboratory, while its manufacturing and assembly were carried out by Hyderabad-based Azad Engineering. This achievement is considered crucial for strengthening indigenous propulsion capabilities for defense systems.
- ◆ **Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) and France's Safran Aircraft Engines have signed a long-term agreement for the production and supply of superalloy turbine ring forgings for the CFM LEAP engine program.** This agreement further strengthens HAL's role in India's civil aerospace supply chain and underscores the country's capabilities in high-tech manufacturing. Under this agreement, HAL will manufacture these components at its ring-rolling facility in Bengaluru, which is part of the Foundry and Forge Division. Superalloy ring forgings are used in sections of aircraft engines that must withstand extreme temperatures, pressure, and continuous rotation.
- ◆ **Gujarat has launched a state-wide 'Samras Vidyasetu' mega-campaign from Ahmedabad to reintegrate school dropouts into the education system.** The campaign aims to re-enroll over 80,000 dropout children from classes 1 to 12. The state government views this as a major step towards achieving a 'zero dropout' goal, emphasizing the identification of children, their return to school, and the continuity of their education. The Samaras Vidya Setu Abhiyan is not limited merely to enrollment; rather, it focuses on children who have dropped out of formal education for various reasons.
- ◆ **The Tamil Nadu government has renamed its flagship welfare scheme—which provides breakfast to schoolchildren—to the 'Perunthalaivar Kamarajar Breakfast Scheme.'** Plans are also underway to expand the scope of the initiative. While the scheme was previously implemented for students in government primary schools across the state, it is now set for a wider expansion. Originally launched in 2022 as the 'Chief Minister's Breakfast Scheme,' it has now been renamed in honor of K. Kamaraj—a former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu renowned for his educational reforms—who is also known as Perunthalaivar Kamarajar.



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National & International Current Affairs

1. Which country will host the Esports Games Cup 2026?

- (A) China (B) Saudi Arabia
(C) Egypt (D) Qatar

(B) Chess has been included as one of the 16 sports in the inaugural Esports Games Cup 2026, scheduled to take place in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, from November 2 to 29, 2026. The chess competition will run from November 2 to 8, 2026, featuring 128 players, with a maximum of two players per country. The tournament will begin with 16 round-robin groups, each consisting of 8 players, and the top 4 from each group will advance to the knockout stage.



2. In which state will India's first 100 MWh Vanadium Flow Battery project be established?

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

(D) India's first Vanadium Redox Flow Battery Energy Storage System, with a capacity of 100 megawatt-hours (MWh), is being set up at the Khavda Solar Park in Gujarat. It has been approved by NTPC Renewable Energy. This is India's first utility-scale, non-lithium battery energy storage project.



3. Where were the 23rd Commonwealth Games 2026 recently inaugurated?

- (A) Glasgow (B) Melbourne
(C) Birmingham (D) Gold Coast

(A) The 23rd Commonwealth Games 2026 were recently inaugurated in the city of Glasgow, Scotland. The opening ceremony took place at the city's famous indoor arena, the OVO Hydro. This is the first time in the history of the Commonwealth Games that the opening ceremony was held entirely within an indoor arena.



4. Who has recently been appointed as the new Secretary of the Department of Higher Education?

- (A) Vineet Joshi (B) Praveen Mishra
(C) Naresh Pal Gangwar (D) None of the above

(C) The Central Government has entrusted the charge of the Department of Higher Education (under the Ministry of Education) to senior IAS officer Naresh Pal Gangwar. This responsibility has been assigned to Gangwar, a 1994-batch officer of the Rajasthan cadre. He will replace Vineet Joshi, who has been appointed as the Secretary in the Panchayati Raj Department.



5. Where was the 33rd ASEAN Regional Forum Ministerial Meeting recently held?

- (A) Dhaka (B) Manila
(C) New Delhi (D) None of the above

(B) The 33rd ASEAN Regional Forum Ministerial Meeting was recently held in Manila, the capital of the Philippines. The meeting was chaired by the Philippines' Foreign Secretary, Ma. Theresa P. Lazaro, and discussions focused on security issues and cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region.





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6. Which ministry's initiative is the digital tool 'PAMCHAB' (Panchayat Assistance and Messaging Chatbot), recently developed in collaboration with UNICEF?

- (A) Ministry of Panchayati Raj
- (B) Ministry of Rural Development
- (C) Ministry of Agriculture
- (D) Ministry of Finance

(A) 'PAMCHAB' (Panchayat Assistance and Messaging Chatbot) is a major digital initiative launched in partnership between the Ministry of Panchayati Raj and UNICEF. Its objective is to easily provide guidance, simplified workflows, and governance-related information to Panchayat representatives. It facilitates direct digital communication between the Government of India and the Panchayats.



7. In which state is Tehri Lake, which has recently been in the news, located?

- (A) Himachal Pradesh
- (B) Madhya Pradesh
- (C) Odisha
- (D) Uttarakhand

(D) Recently, the SDRF rescued two pilots during paragliding at Tehri Lake. Tehri Lake is an artificial lake located near Tehri Garhwal in Uttarakhand; it was created by diverting the Bhagirathi River during the construction of the Tehri Dam. The lake is situated at an altitude of approximately 1,700 meters, with a depth of about 262 meters and a length of approximately 42 kilometers.



8. Where was the North-East's first emergency landing facility recently inaugurated?

- (A) Nagaland
- (B) Assam
- (C) Mizoram
- (D) Manipur

(B) Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the North-East's first emergency landing facility on the Moran Bypass in the Dibrugarh district of Assam. It has been constructed in collaboration with the Indian Air Force to facilitate emergency landings for both military and civil aircraft. This has strengthened the region's strategic, defense, and disaster management capabilities.



9. On the recommendation of which committee was the Lead Bank Scheme launched?

- (A) Nariman Committee
- (B) Narasimham Committee
- (C) Rangarajan Committee
- (D) Urjit Patel Committee

(A) The Lead Bank Scheme was launched in December 1969 based on the recommendations of the Nariman Committee. Its objective is to enhance bank credit in priority and other sectors by establishing coordination between banks and development agencies. It also promotes the role of banks in rural development.



10. Which ministry has launched 'White Revolution 2.0'?

- (A) Ministry of Rural Development
- (B) Ministry of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare
- (C) Ministry of Cooperation
- (D) Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying

(C) Union Minister for Home Affairs and Cooperation, Amit Shah, informed the Lok Sabha that the Central Government has launched 'White Revolution 2.0' under the Ministry of Cooperation. Its objective is to promote the expansion of dairy cooperatives, job creation, and women's empowerment. The target is to increase milk procurement by dairy cooperatives by 50% to reach 100.7 lakh kilograms per day by 2028-29.

