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Current Affairs Related to 14 July 2026

- ◆ The 'TribeX' digital learning platform has been launched with the aim of preserving and widely disseminating India's rich tribal heritage, languages, art, and traditional knowledge. Union Minister for Tribal Affairs Jual Oram inaugurated the platform during a workshop held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, focused on strengthening the National Tribal Research Institute. This digital platform will provide online access to educational materials related to tribal culture for students, researchers, and the general public across the country.
- ◆ The Karnataka government has taken a significant step towards giving global recognition to its tourism and cultural heritage. The state government has decided to recommend Hampi, Mysuru, and Lakkundi to the Union Ministry of Tourism for the 'Global Destination Development' project. This proposal was finalized following a state-level consultation meeting held in Hampi. If the central government approves the proposal, these historic sites will undergo comprehensive development to transform them into world-class tourism hubs. The objective of the Global Destination Development project is to develop India's key tourist destinations in accordance with international standards.
- ◆ A significant initiative has been launched to make Delhi greener, cleaner, and more eco-friendly. Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Delhi Chief Minister Rekha Gupta inaugurated the 'Mission 70 Lakh' plantation drive and the 'Delhi Ridge Rejuvenation' campaign in New Delhi. These campaigns are part of the 'Green Action Plan 2026-27,' which aims to expand the capital's green cover, promote biodiversity, and give a new direction to environmental conservation. Additionally, a comprehensive plan has been formulated for the scientific restoration of Delhi's Ridge area.
- ◆ The West Bengal government has proposed a plan to develop two dolphin parks in the state; one site is proposed along the banks of the Hooghly River, and the other in the Kanthi region of East Medinipur district. The primary objective of this initiative is to conserve rare aquatic species—such as the Ganges River Dolphin—promote eco-friendly tourism, and strengthen efforts to reduce river pollution. This scheme is considered a significant step towards striking a balance between the conservation of river ecosystems and sustainable development.
- ◆ In a major move towards resolving long-standing disputes regarding inter-state water projects, the states of Madhya Pradesh, Gujarat, Rajasthan, and Maharashtra signed a historic agreement in New Delhi. This agreement addresses the final settlement of issues related to cost-sharing and outstanding payments for the Sardar Sarovar and Indira Sagar projects, in accordance with the verdict of the Narmada Water Disputes Tribunal. Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Patil, and the Chief Ministers of the four states were present on the occasion. This agreement is being hailed as a significant example of cooperative federalism.
- ◆ Bolstering India's defense self-reliance, the indigenous 'Ugram' 7.62x51 mm assault rifle has successfully completed the Indian Army's General Staff Qualitative Requirement (GSQR) trials and the Ministry of Home Affairs' board trials. Following this success, the rifle is poised for induction into the Central Armed Police Forces (CAPFs). 'Ugram' has been jointly developed by the Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE) of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Dvipa Defence India Private Limited.
- ◆ The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India, issued a notice to the messaging platform Telegram regarding the illegal dissemination of pirated films, web series, and other OTT content. The Ministry has directed Telegram to submit an 'Action Taken Report' within 15 days. Additionally, the platform has been instructed to strengthen its mechanisms for identifying, reporting, blocking access to, and removing audio-visual content that infringes upon copyright. Pirated films, web series, and other copyright-protected content are frequently shared on digital platforms via channels, groups, bots, and various accounts.
- ◆ The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has constituted a seven-member working group with the objective of regulating and ensuring the safe use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the insurance sector. This group has been entrusted with the responsibility of formulating a governance framework, best practices, security measures, and an AI audit framework for AI-based insurance services. This step has been taken at a time when the use of AI in the insurance industry is rapidly increasing.



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2. When is International Shark Awareness Day observed every year?

- (A) 11 July (B) 12 July
(C) 13 July (D) 14 July

(D) International Shark Awareness Day is observed annually on July 14. Seventy-one species of sharks, skates, and rays are found in Irish waters; of these, 58 have been studied in detail and listed in Ireland's Red List of cartilaginous fish. The aim of Shark Awareness Day is not to stand on the beach and warn terrified swimmers and surfers—even though that might provide hours of mischievous entertainment.

2. With which country, alongside Malaysia, has India recently partnered for the MIST submarine cable system project?

- (A) Australia (B) Indonesia
(C) Germany (D) Singapore

(D) India has recently partnered with Malaysia and Singapore for the MIST submarine cable system project. This 3,600-kilometer-long fiber-optic cable will strengthen high-speed data transmission and artificial intelligence infrastructure among these three countries.

3. Which state government has recently launched the 'Mission Zero Poverty' initiative for economically weaker families?

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

(C) The Uttar Pradesh government has recently launched the 'Baba Saheb Dr. Bhimrao Ambedkar Zero Poverty Program' for economically weaker families. Its primary objective is to identify the 10 to 25 poorest families in every village of the state and link them to all government schemes. The goal is to increase the annual income of these families to at least 1.25 lakh.

4. Which airport in India has recently become the first to receive the 'Eat Right Campus' certification?

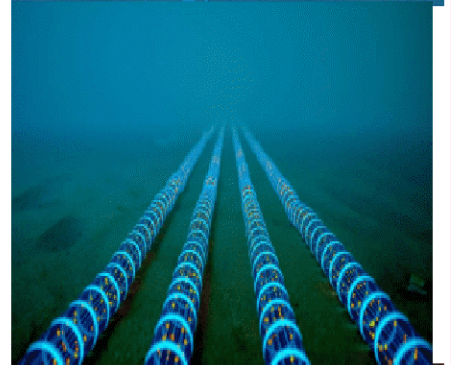
- (A) Jewar Airport (B) Lal Bahadur Shastri Airport
(C) Chaudhary Charan Singh Airport (D) None of the above

(C) Recently, Lucknow's Chaudhary Charan Singh International Airport became the first airport in India to receive 'Eat Right Campus' certification from the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). This certification guarantees the provision of safe and nutritious food to passengers.

5. The Sea Buckthorn of which state has recently been granted the GI (Geographical Indication) tag?

- (A) Telangana (B) Andhra Pradesh
(C) Himachal Pradesh (D) West Bengal

(C) Sea Buckthorn is a medicinal superfruit that grows naturally in the high-altitude, cold regions of Himachal Pradesh, particularly in Lahaul-Spiti and Kinnaur. Locally, it is also known as 'Chharma'. Rich in rare omega fatty acids and containing 12 times more Vitamin C than oranges, this fruit is a major source of health and livelihood.





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6. Which state government has recently reconstituted the State Waqf Board under the new Waqf Act?

- (A) Assam (B) Uttarakhand
(C) Madhya Pradesh (D) Rajasthan

(C) Recently, the Madhya Pradesh government reconstituted the State Waqf Board under the Waqf Act. Madhya Pradesh has become the first state in the country to do so. For the first time, two non-Muslim members have been included in this new 10-member board.



7. Who has recently been appointed as the new Director of the prestigious Hyderabad-based Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy?

- (A) Ravi Shankar (B) Sujit Pandey
(C) Jasveer Singh Mann (D) None of these

(B) According to an official order recently issued by the Central Government, Sujit Pandey, a senior IPS officer of the 1994 batch (Uttar Pradesh cadre), has been appointed as the new Director of the Hyderabad-based Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel National Police Academy. He will formally assume office on July 31.



8. Which state government has recently launched a post-matric scholarship for Scheduled Caste students?

- (A) Punjab (B) Assam
(C) Odisha (D) Kerala

(A) Recently, the Punjab government launched a post-matric scholarship scheme for Scheduled Caste students for the academic session 2026-27. Under this scheme, eligible students can apply online via the National Scholarship Portal for higher education until November 15. The objective is to ensure that no eligible student's education is interrupted due to financial constraints.



9. To which country has the first consignment of Areko cherries and Centroz plums from Jammu & Kashmir recently been exported?

- (A) Japan (B) Malaysia
(C) Singapore (D) United Arab Emirates

(D) Recently, the first consignment of premium Areko cherries and Centroz plums from Jammu & Kashmir was exported to the United Arab Emirates. This first consignment of 1 metric tonne of Areko cherries and Sentrosa plums has been shipped to Dubai and Abu Dhabi in the UAE. These fruits were sourced from farmers' orchards in the Shopian and Pulwama districts of South Kashmir.



10. Which state government has recently approved the restoration of original names for 64 locations?

- (A) Assam (B) Maharashtra
(C) Punjab (D) Odisha

(D) The Odisha state government has approved changes to the English spellings of 64 locations across 26 districts to preserve linguistic heritage and cultural identity. This decision was taken during a cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi. The names of several places, dating back to the colonial era, had diverged from their authentic pronunciation in the Odia language.

