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## Current Affairs Related to 15 July 2026

- ◆ **Chinese artificial intelligence company DeepSeek is making headlines regarding the development of a new AI chip.** Reports indicate that the company is working on a custom chip designed for AI inference tasks. The initiative aims to reduce reliance on foreign semiconductor technology and strengthen China's domestic AI hardware ecosystem. However, the company has not yet officially confirmed the project, and the available information is based on sources.
- ◆ **The second meeting of the Joint Defence Cooperation Committee was held in New Delhi to further strengthen defence ties between India and Rwanda.** During this significant meeting, both nations agreed to enhance cooperation in areas such as military training, joint military exercises, military medical collaboration, and defence industries. Additionally, a detailed implementation plan was formulated to ensure the agreed-upon measures are executed within a set timeframe. This meeting is viewed as a key indicator of the growing strategic partnership between India and Rwanda.
- ◆ **To reinforce national values and a spirit of patriotism, the Tripura government has made the full versions of the National Song (Vande Mataram) and the National Anthem (Jana Gana Mana) mandatory in all schools across the state.** This directive applies equally to government schools, government-aided schools, private schools, and recognized madrasas. The decision aims to foster respect for national symbols and raise awareness about constitutional values among students.
- ◆ **India's data center sector is expanding rapidly, yet extreme heat is emerging as a major challenge.** Rising temperatures are driving a significant increase in cooling demands, electricity consumption, and water usage within data centers. This issue is particularly acute for AI-driven data centers, which utilize immense computing power. Recent risk assessments have identified proposed AI data centers in Tamil Nadu, Telangana, and Karnataka as being located in high-risk zones where extreme heat could disrupt operations.
- ◆ **The Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare has declared the Navi Mumbai Airport in Maharashtra as an authorized port of entry for the import of drugs.** A notification issued in this regard amends Rule 43A of the Drugs Rules, 1945. With this decision, the total number of notified ports of entry for drug imports in India has risen to 42. This move is considered significant for strengthening the pharmaceutical trade and logistics sector in the country.
- ◆ **The US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has achieved a major milestone in breast cancer treatment by approving Vepdegestrant.** This drug is specifically approved for adult patients with advanced or metastatic breast cancer that is Estrogen Receptor-positive (ER+), HER2-negative, and harbors an ESR1 mutation. The drug was jointly developed by Arvinas Operations, Inc. and Pfizer, Inc. Notably, it is the world's first FDA-approved Proteolysis Targeting Chimera (PROTAC) drug.
- ◆ **During his visit to Indonesia, Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited the Prambanan Temple complex in Yogyakarta.** He was accompanied by Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto. Both leaders offered prayers at this historic Hindu temple, which is dedicated to the Trimurti—Lord Shiva, Lord Vishnu, and Lord Brahma. This visit is considered significant not only from a religious perspective but also for further strengthening the centuries-old cultural and civilizational ties between India and Indonesia.
- ◆ **The Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI) has constituted a seven-member working group to regulate and ensure the safe use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the insurance sector.** The group has been tasked with formulating a governance framework, best practices, security measures, and an AI audit framework for AI-based insurance services. This step comes at a time when the use of AI in the insurance industry is rapidly increasing.
- ◆ **The Union Cabinet has approved a new scheme worth 37,500 crore to promote surface coal and lignite gasification projects.** This scheme has been launched with the aim of accelerating the development of coal and lignite gasification projects in India.



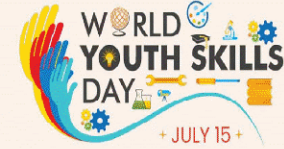
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## National & International Current Affairs

### 1. When is World Youth Skills Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 13 July (B) 14 July  
(C) 15 July (D) 16 July

(C) In 2014, the United Nations General Assembly declared July 15 as World Youth Skills Day to recognize the strategic importance of equipping youth with skills for employment, decent work, and entrepreneurship. The theme for World Youth Skills Day 2024, "Youth Skills for Peace and Development," highlights the crucial role of youth in peacebuilding and conflict resolution.



### 2. In which country will IIM Bangalore open its first offshore campus?

- (A) Indonesia (B) Brazil  
(C) France (D) Germany

(A) Taking a significant step towards giving Indian higher education global recognition, the Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Bangalore will establish its first offshore campus in Indonesia. This major initiative was announced during Narendra Modi's visit to Jakarta, where he held bilateral talks with Indonesian President Prabowo Subianto.



### 3. Which country has recently become the largest global hub for Retail and FMCG Global Capability Centers (GCCs)?

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

(C) India has achieved a new milestone by becoming the world's largest hub for Retail and FMCG (Fast-Moving Consumer Goods) Global Capability Centers. There are 180 GCCs operating in this sector in the country, employing over 2.72 lakh professionals. This achievement reflects India's strong technical capabilities, vast talent pool, and the growing confidence of global companies..



### 4. India is rapidly expanding its energy storage capacity. What target (in gigawatt-hours) has been set for 2035-36?

- (A) 555 GW (B) 638 GW  
(C) 798 GW (D) 888 GW

(D) India is rapidly moving towards clean energy, and the role of energy storage systems is becoming crucial in this transition. Effective energy storage is essential to ensure the continuous availability of electricity, given the increasing share of renewable energy sources like solar and wind.



### 5. Which state has recently become India's sixth fully literate state?

- (A) Uttarakhand (B) Jharkhand  
(C) Bihar (D) Telangana

(A) Uttarakhand has recently been officially declared India's sixth fully literate state. This achievement was realized under the National Education Policy 2020 and the ULLAS program. With this announcement, Uttarakhand has reached a significant milestone in promoting adult education and lifelong learning.







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6. Cooperation in nuclear energy and defense between India and which country has recently received a new boost?

- (A) Australia (B) Indonesia  
(C) Brazil (D) Japan

(A) Recently, India and Australia finalized an administrative arrangement to implement the 2015 Australia-India Nuclear Cooperation Agreement. Under this arrangement, Australia will now be able to export uranium to India for peaceful civil nuclear energy programs.

7. Which state's 'Sirsa Kinnow' has recently become the first fruit to receive the Geographical Indication (GI) tag?

- (A) Andhra Pradesh (B) Haryana  
(C) West Bengal (D) Rajasthan

(B) Recently, the Kinnow from Sirsa, Haryana, received the prestigious Geographical Indication (GI) tag. It has become the first fruit (agricultural product) from Haryana to achieve this milestone, ensuring a distinct identity for it at both national and international levels.

8. Where has 'Mission Kayakalp' recently been launched to modernize government schools?

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

(D) Recently, the Delhi government launched 'Mission Kayakalp' to transform government schools into modern, safe, and inspiring educational institutions. Under this initiative, major improvements such as the repair of school buildings, modernization of science laboratories, and the provision of clean drinking water are being undertaken.

9. Who has recently been appointed as India's Ambassador to North Korea?

- (A) Sujit Pandey (B) Jasvir Singh Mann  
(C) Sanjeev Jain (D) None of these

(C) Recently, the Ministry of External Affairs appointed Sanjeev Jain as India's new Ambassador to North Korea. Prior to assuming this role, he served as India's Ambassador to the Republic of Cabo Verde. India maintains diplomatic relations with North Korea through its embassy in Pyongyang.

10. Which country recently conferred its highest civilian honor upon Prime Minister Narendra Modi?

- (A) Australia (B) Indonesia  
(C) Singapore (D) None of these

(B) Prime Minister Narendra Modi was recently awarded Indonesia's highest civilian honor, the 'Bintang Adipurna' (Star of the Republic of Indonesia). This prestigious award was conferred upon him for his extraordinary leadership in strengthening bilateral relations between India and Indonesia.

