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## Current Affairs Related to 19 July 2026

- ◆ **The Central Vista redevelopment area in New Delhi will officially be known as the 'Kartavya Bhavan Complex' or 'Kartavya Bhavan Area'.** This new identity encompasses the government buildings within the Central Vista area, Kartavya Path, and future administrative structures. This change is not merely nominal; it is considered a significant step towards modernizing the central government's administrative framework and establishing an integrated office system.
- ◆ **A successful study on a drone-based medical transport system has been conducted in** Telangana's Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district to make tuberculosis (TB) diagnosis faster and more accessible in India. The study was carried out by AIIMS Bibinagar under the Indian Council of Medical Research's (ICMR) 'i-DRONE' initiative. It evaluated a system for transporting sputum samples from remote villages to testing centers via drones. A detailed analysis was conducted regarding patient costs, the time required for testing, and delays in receiving reports.
- ◆ **The Election Commission of India has introduced a new declaration in 'Form-6'—used for new voter registration—requiring applicants to state whether their name, or the name of their parents or grandparents, was included in the electoral roll during the last 'Special Intensive Revision'.** This measure aims to enhance the effectiveness of electoral roll verification and the matching of records based on family ties. Form-6 is the prescribed statutory application form for individuals becoming voters for the first time in India or seeking re-enrollment in the electoral roll after their names were previously removed.
- ◆ **Significant progress has been recorded regarding internet connectivity in government schools** across India. According to the UDISE+ 2025-26 report, internet facilities in government schools increased from 46.2 percent in 2023-24 to 63.1 percent in 2025-26. Additionally, the gap in internet availability between government, government-aided, and private schools has narrowed from 28 percentage points to 16 percentage points. This shift is considered a significant achievement in strengthening digital education across the country and providing students with access to modern technological resources.
- ◆ **A proposal has been put forward to establish a 'Defence, Security, and Resilience Bank'** in response to the growing need for financial resources for defence and security-related projects. This proposed multilateral financial institution aims to provide long-term, low-cost financing to friendly nations for defence procurement, military infrastructure security projects, and the strengthening of supply chains. This initiative is viewed as a crucial step towards fostering global security cooperation and expanding the defence industry.
- ◆ **The railway station in the historic city of Jaisalmer, Rajasthan, has been redeveloped with modern amenities under the 'Amrit Bharat Station Scheme.'** Completed at a cost of approximately 140 crore, the project was finished in July 2026. The station's new design beautifully blends Jaisalmer's historic architecture with modern passenger facilities. The use of yellow sandstone and traditional Rajasthani design elements has given the station an attractive appearance that reflects the local cultural identity.
- ◆ **Artificial Intelligence (AI) is rapidly transforming various sectors, including the global economy, education, healthcare, security, and governance.** Recognizing this changing landscape, the United Nations released its first scientific assessment report in July 2026, titled Preliminary Report: Independent International Scientific Panel on Artificial Intelligence. The report aims to provide an impartial evaluation of scientific facts and evidence related to AI, thereby assisting in the formulation of effective global policies for the future.
- ◆ **Global Capability Centres (GCCs) have emerged as key drivers of rapid economic growth and employment in India.** In this context, the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI) inaugurated the first edition of the 'ICAI Global Orbit Summit 2026' in New Delhi. This national-level summit series focuses on strengthening India's GCC ecosystem, the global role of Chartered Accountants, and professional leadership. The theme for this year is 'ICAI Global Orbit: From GCCs to Global Leadership'.



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## National & International Current Affairs

### 1. Which state will host the 8th Khelo India Youth Games?

- (A) Telangana (B) Kerala  
(C) Rajasthan (D) Gujarat

**(A)** The state of Telangana will host the 8th Khelo India Youth Games, scheduled for 2026. Union Minister for Youth Affairs and Sports, Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, recently made the official announcement. These games are likely to be held in November 2026. Approximately 8,000 athletes, officials, and support staff will participate in the event.



### 2. Which country will return an 11th-12th century granite Nandi statue to India?

- (A) New Zealand (B) Indonesia  
(C) Australia (D) Japan

**(C)** The Australian government recently announced the return of an 11th-12th century granite Nandi statue to India. The statue had been stolen from a temple in Tamil Nadu, and the decision to return it to India was made during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visit to Australia.



### 3. In which state will India's first government-run Artificial Intelligence university be established?

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

**(C)** The Karnataka government has announced plans to establish India's first government-led Artificial Intelligence university. The proposed university will also be linked to a dedicated AI hub, where startups, researchers, industry players, and innovation-focused institutions can collaborate on cutting-edge technologies.



### 4. Which state government recently launched the 'Nalam TN' digital health portal?

- (A) Odisha (B) Maharashtra  
(C) Bihar (D) Tamil Nadu

**(D)** The Tamil Nadu government launched an integrated digital health portal named 'Nalam TN' in Chennai. The Chief Minister inaugurated the portal—under the State Health and Family Welfare Department—during an event held at Presidency College, Chennai. The objective of this new initiative is to make various government health services available on a single digital platform.

**NO MORE HOSPITAL QUEUES IN TAMIL NADU? CM VIJAY LAUNCHES PORTAL**



### 5. Recently, what is the budget amount (in crore rupees) approved by the Central Government for Puducherry?

- (A) 12,200 crore (B) 14,300 crore  
(C) 15,500 crore (D) 16,500 crore

**(B)** The Union Ministry of Home Affairs approved a budget of 14,300 crore for the Union Territory of Puducherry for the financial year 2026-27. The draft budget was reviewed in consultation with the Ministry of Finance, and permission was granted to present it in the Puducherry Legislative Assembly following the President's approval.

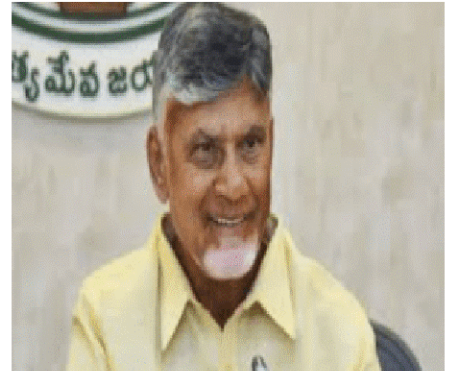






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6. How many new tehsils have recently been approved in Ladakh?  
(A) 9 (B) 11  
(C) 15 (D) 17  
(D) Significant steps have recently been taken to make the administrative system in Ladakh more effective and citizen-centric. The Lieutenant Governor of the Union Territory, Vinai Kumar Saxena, has approved the creation of 17 new tehsils. Following this decision, the total number of tehsils in Ladakh has increased from 15 to 32.
7. In which state has the 'Mee Bhumi Mee Hakku' program recently been launched?  
(A) Haryana (B) Rajasthan  
(C) Madhya Pradesh (D) Andhra Pradesh  
(D) The Andhra Pradesh government has recently launched the 'Mee Bhumi Mee Hakku' program to protect the land rights of farmers. Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu launched its latest phase from Banganapalle in Nandyal district. Its main objective is to provide farmers with new, secure, and error-free Pattadar passbooks (land ownership passbooks) featuring QR codes.
8. In which state have 'Vande Mataram' and 'Jana Gana Mana' recently been made mandatory?  
(A) Assam (B) Tripura  
(C) Meghalaya (D) Mizoram  
(B) The Tripura government has recently made it mandatory to sing the full version of the national song 'Vande Mataram' before the national anthem 'Jana Gana Mana' during the daily morning assembly in all schools across the state. This order has been implemented to foster patriotism, discipline, and national consciousness among students.
9. Which state government has recently launched its first Data Center Policy (2026-2029)?  
(A) Gujarat (B) Kerala  
(C) Odisha (D) Telangana  
(A) The Gujarat government recently launched its first 'Gujarat Data Center Policy 2026-2029' in Gandhinagar. Its primary goal is to transform the state into the world's largest data center and artificial intelligence hub. The goal of this policy is to attract investments worth 6 lakh crore and create a data center capacity of 7.5 gigawatts.
10. Where in India has the rare purple-flowered Himalayan plant *Cyananthus hookeri* been spotted again recently after 158 years?  
(A) Haryana (B) Rajasthan  
(C) Arunachal Pradesh (D) Madhya Pradesh  
(C) Recently, scientists discovered the rare purple-flowered Himalayan plant named *Cyananthus hookeri* in the Chuna Valley of Arunachal Pradesh's Tawang district after 158 years. This is the first confirmed record of the plant in India's botanical history since 1867. It is an alpine plant with very small purple-blue flowers that appear bell-shaped.



**TRIPURA MAKES VANDE MATARAM AND JANA GANA MANA MANDATORY**  
STATE INTRODUCES NEW RULE FOR SCHOOLS AND GOVERNMENT INSTITUTIONS

