

Current Affairs for 15th July, 2026

1. What is the official theme of the Hamburg Sustainability Conference (HSC) 2026?

- [A] One Earth, One Future
- [B] Accelerating Climate Action
- [C] Together we co-create sustainable development
- [D] Partnerships for Global Prosperity

Correct Answer: C [Together we co-create sustainable development]

Notes:

The United Nations Sustainable Development Solutions Network released the 2026 Sustainable Development Report during the third Hamburg Sustainability Conference (HSC) 2026. The Hamburg Sustainability Conference (HSC) is a prominent hybrid global platform held annually in Hamburg, Germany. Its primary goal is to rescue the unraveling UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by building practical economic, digital, and environmental alliances between the Global North and Global South. The first HSC was held on 7–8 October 2024. The theme of Hamburg Sustainability Conference 2026 is “Together we co-create sustainable development.”

2. National Postal Worker Day is observed every year on which day?

[A] July 1

[B] July 2

[C] July 3

[D] July 4

Correct Answer: A [July 1]

Notes:

National Postal Worker Day is observed every year on 1 July. The day honours the dedication and hard work of postal workers and mail carriers. It recognizes their role in ensuring the reliable delivery of letters and parcels. The observance was first established in the United States in 1997. It is now widely recognized as a day to appreciate postal workers for connecting communities through postal services.

3.The recently announced "Baaz Battalions" are associated with which organisation?

[A] Defence Research and Development Organisation

[B] Indian Space Research Organization

[C] Indian Coast Guard

[D] Indian Army

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Correct Answer: D [Indian Army]

Notes:

The Indian Army is set to establish specialised drone units called Baaz Battalions. The battalions will build on the Army's existing Remotely Piloted Aircraft (RPA) Flights. They will provide a dedicated organisational framework for drone operations across different theatres. The units will enhance Intelligence, Surveillance and Reconnaissance (ISR), target

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acquisition, and real-time battlefield awareness. The initiative is based on lessons from the LAC standoffs with China, Operation Sindoor, and the Russia–Ukraine war.

4.Himayat Sagar reservoir, that was recently seen in news, is located in which state?

- [A] Telangana
- [B] Tamil Nadu
- [C] Andhra Pradesh
- [D] Gujarat

Correct Answer: A [Telangana]

Notes:

The Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) opened the floodgates of the Himayat Sagar reservoir. Water was released downstream due to heavy rainfall and increased inflows in the catchment areas. Himayat Sagar is an artificial lake located in Telangana. It is built on the Esi River, a tributary of the Musi River. The lake was constructed during the rule of the last Nizam of Hyderabad. It was built to provide drinking water and protect Hyderabad from floods.

5.Which fund, recently approved for additional government investment, is recognised as India's first Sovereign Wealth Fund?

- [A] National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)
- [B] India Infrastructure Finance Company Limited (IIFCL)
- [C] PM Gati Shakti Fund

[D] National Bank for Financing
Infrastructure and Development (NaBFID)

Correct Answer: A [National Investment and
Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)]

Notes:

The Union Cabinet approved an additional ₹ 30,000 crore investment in the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF). NIIF is a Government of India-backed fund created to enhance infrastructure financing in the country. It is India's first sovereign wealth fund (SWF). NIIF was registered with SEBI as a Category II Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) in 2015. It serves as a collaborative investment platform for Indian and international investors. NIIF invests in infrastructure, private equity, and other diversified sectors, including greenfield, brownfield, and stalled projects.

6.The Aldabra giant tortoise, recently seen in the news, is endemic to which country?

- [A] Madagascar
- [B] Mauritius
- [C] Seychelles
- [D] Sri Lanka

Correct Answer: C [Seychelles]

Notes:

During his visit to Seychelles, the Prime Minister visited the Seychelles National Botanical Garden and fed Aldabra giant tortoises. The Aldabra giant tortoise is the second-largest land tortoise in the world, after the

Galápagos giant tortoise. It is endemic to the Aldabra Atoll in Seychelles. It inhabits scrub forests, mangrove swamps, coastal dunes, beaches, and grasslands

(platins). Its grazing creates a unique grassland habitat known as “tortoise turf.”

7. Where is the headquarters of United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP)?

- [A] Jakarta, Indonesia
- [B] Manila, Philippines
- [C] Bangkok, Thailand
- [D] New Delhi, India

Correct Answer: C [Bangkok, Thailand]

Notes:

A United Nations ESCAP report has warned that developing economies in the Asia-Pacific face an annual climate finance gap of nearly USD 800 billion. The United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) is the most inclusive intergovernmental platform in the Asia-Pacific region. It was established in 1947. It aims to promote economic and social development through regional cooperation and integration. The headquarters is located in Bangkok, Thailand.

8. Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY), which has completed 10 years, was launched under which flagship vision?

- [A] Digital India & Skill India
[B] Har Khet Ko Pani & Per Drop More Crop
[C] Doubling Farmers Income Mission
[D] PM-KISAN Vision

Correct Answer: B [Har Khet Ko Pani & Per Drop More Crop]

Notes:

The Pradhan Mantri Krishi Sinchayee Yojana (PMKSY) has completed over 10 years of implementation. It was launched in 2015 to promote irrigation-led agricultural development in India. The scheme is based on the vision of “Har Khet Ko Pani” (water to every field) and “Per Drop More Crop”. It aims at the integrated development and efficient management of water resources from source to farm level. PMKSY focuses on improving irrigation coverage and sustainable water use in agriculture. It follows a convergence approach involving the Ministry of Jal Shakti, Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare, and Ministry of Rural Development.

9.The Delhi government launched a heritage conservation scheme under which initiative?

- [A] Adopt a Heritage
[B] Smart City Mission
[C] Our Monuments, Our Pride
[D] None of the above

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Correct Answer: C [Our Monuments, Our Pride]

Notes:

The Delhi Government under CM Rekha Gupta

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launched two new heritage conservation schemes under “Our Monuments, Our Pride” initiative. The scheme allows private institutions, PSUs, trusts, and NGOs to adopt 75 historical monuments of Delhi as “Monument Friends” for 5 years. Institutions adopting monuments will receive financial assistance of up to ₹ 2 crore for restoration and conservation work. The initiative aims to promote heritage preservation through public participation and boost tourism development. It aligns with the vision of “Development as well as Heritage” promoted by the Government of India.

10. India's first Private Point-in-Space (PinS) Instrument Approach Procedure has been approved for which type of operations?

- [A] Fixed-wing aircraft landing
- [B] Drone operations
- [C] Helicopter operations
- [D] Space missions

Correct Answer: C [Helicopter operations]

Notes:

The Ministry of Civil Aviation has approved India's first Private Point-in-Space (PinS) Instrument Approach Procedure for helicopter operations at Undavalli Heliport. The procedure was developed by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) and approved by the DGCA, in line with ICAO standards. PinS (Point-in-Space) uses satellite-based navigation to enable helicopters to land safely at heliports without conventional instrument landing systems. It improves all-weather operations, especially in remote areas and poor weather conditions. The initiative supports safe helicopter operations for

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