

Current Affairs for 17th july,2026

1.Which country is the host of Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) Exercise?

- [A] Japan
- [B] Australia
- [C] United States
- [D] Canada

Correct Answer: C [United States]

Notes:

The United States officially launched Rim of the Pacific (RIMPAC) 2026 in Hawaii. RIMPAC is the world's largest international maritime exercise, aimed at enhancing global maritime security and cooperation. The exercise will continue until 31 July 2026. It is hosted by the U.S. Pacific Fleet and began with an opening ceremony and press conference in Hawaii. The theme of RIMPAC 2026 is "Partners: Integrated and Prepared", highlighting joint readiness and collaboration among participating nations. Around 30 countries are participating in the exercise, making it a major multinational naval training event.

2.National Doctors' Day is celebrated annually in India on which day?

- [A] July 1
- [B] July 2
- [C] July 3
- [D] July 4

Correct Answer: A [July 1]

Notes:

National Doctors' Day is celebrated annually in India on 1 July. The day honours the selfless service and contributions of doctors to society. It commemorates the birth and death anniversary of Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy, a renowned physician and former Chief Minister of West Bengal. It was established by the Indian Medical Association (IMA) in 1991. The theme for 2026 is "Behind the Mask: Who Heals the Healers?" The 2026 theme highlights the mental, emotional, and physical well-being of doctors and the need to support healthcare professionals.

3. Which ministry launched the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) 2.0 Portal and the e-OCI Card?

- [A] Ministry of External Affairs
- [B] Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- [C] Ministry of Home Affairs
- [D] Ministry of Law and Justice

Correct Answer: C [Ministry of Home Affairs]

Notes:

The Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA) 2.0 portal and the Electronic Overseas Citizen of India (e-OCI) Card were launched by the Ministry of Home Affairs. The initiatives aim to strengthen digital governance, simplify regulatory compliance, and improve citizen services. The FCRA 2.0 Portal digitises processes such as registration, renewal, annual return filing, and other services under the Foreign Contribution (Regulation) Act (FCRA). It also incorporates the

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(Regulation) Amendment Rules, 2026, and supports future features like an AI chatbot and mobile access. The e-OCI Card enables the entire OCI application process to be completed online, including application submission, document upload, and digital card download.

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

5.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.

6. The Unified Health Interface (UHI), recently launched by the Government of India, functions under which mission?

[A] National Health Mission

[B] Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)

[C] National Health Stack

[D] Digital India Mission

Correct Answer: B [Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM)]

Notes:

The Union Minister of Health and Family Welfare recently launched the Unified Health Interface (UHI). United Health Interface is an interoperable digital network under the Ayushman Bharat Digital Mission (ABDM). It serves as the service layer of ABDM, enabling seamless access to digital health services. It aims to improve accessibility, transparency, and wider choice of verified healthcare providers. UHI operates

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through open protocols on the ABDM Gateway, developed and maintained by the National Health Authority (NHA). It enables citizens to discover, book, and access health services through any UHI-enabled application.

7. Who has recently been appointed as the Executive Director (ED) of the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- [A] Sanjay Malhotra
- [B] Ravi Shankar
- [C] Pankaj Kumar
- [D] Rajeshwar Rao

Correct Answer: B [Ravi Shankar]

Notes:

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed Ravi Shankar as its new Executive Director (ED) with effect from 1 July 2026. Before his appointment, he served as Adviser-in-Charge of the Department of Statistics and Information Management (DSIM). As Executive Director, he will continue to head the DSIM. He has over 30 years of experience in areas such as banking statistics, government securities, settlement systems, debt management, and macroeconomic statistics. He holds a Master's degree in Statistics from Banaras Hindu University (BHU).

8. Mount Erebus, that was recently seen in news, is located in which continent?

- [A] Antarctica
- [B] Australia
- [C] North America
- [D] Europe

Correct Answer: A [Antarctica]

Notes:

Mount Erebus, the world's southernmost active volcano, has a permanent active lava lake. It is the only known volcano that releases tiny crystals of pure gold into the atmosphere. Mount Erebus is the world's southernmost active volcano. It is a stratovolcano located on Ross Island in the Ross Sea, Antarctica. It is an intraplate volcano belonging to the McMurdo Volcanic Group in the West Antarctic Rift System. It is the second-highest volcano in Antarctica, after Mount Sidley. Mount Erebus and Deception Island are the only two active volcanoes in Antarctica.

9. 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,

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especially in remote areas and poor weather conditions. The initiative supports safe helicopter operations for emergency services, disaster relief, tourism, pilgrimage, offshore activities, and regional connectivity.

10. What is Transcaspian marinka, that was recently seen in news?

- [A] Ray-finned fish
- [B] Flowering plant
- [C] Asteroid
- [D] Black hole

Correct Answer: A [Ray-finned fish]

Notes:

The Sangon clan in Arunachal Pradesh has launched an initiative to conserve the Transcaspian marinka (*Schizothorax pelzami*). It is a ray-finned fish belonging to the Cyprinidae family. It is locally known as Ngarsing in the Nyishi language. The species is mainly distributed in Afghanistan, Turkmenistan, and Iran. It inhabits freshwater rivers, streams, springs, and qanats.