

## DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS

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### 1. Polity, Defence and National Security

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Syllabus: Prelims Unit IV - Indian Polity | Mains GS II - Polity, Judiciary and Defence

#### Supreme Court sets aside NCLT order that relied on AI-generated case law

- **The Supreme Court** set aside a National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) order that had relied on fictitious, AI-generated case law, calling the reliance on hallucinated precedents "catastrophic" to the judicial process.
- **Justices P.S. Narasimha and Alok Aradhe** underscored a "zero-tolerance" approach, warning that even an iota of hallucinated material entering the decision-making process violates the sanctity of adjudication.
- **Draft Regulations for the Use of Artificial Intelligence in Courts, 2026** have been published for public consultation; AI may serve only in an assistive role and cannot supplant a judge.

#### Navy foils piracy attempt in the Gulf of Aden

- **The stealth frigate INS Trikand** intercepted and secured the Thoothukudi-bound bulk carrier MV Golden Arsenal after a piracy attempt about 300 nautical miles northeast of Djibouti.
- The vessel carried 21 crew members, including one Indian; INS Trikand deployed a P-8I long-range maritime patrol aircraft for aerial surveillance.
- The International Maritime Organization (IMO) warned that three other ships remain held by pirates, calling it a resurgence of piracy in the region.

#### Byelections to three Assembly constituencies on July 30

- **The Election Commission** announced byelections on July 30 to Bankipur (Bihar), Datia (Madhya Pradesh) and Manjalpur (Gujarat), with counting on August 3.

#### EC seeks responses from both Trinamool factions

- **Chief Election Commissioner Gyanesh Kumar**-led Commission sought responses from the rival Trinamool Congress factions led by Mamata Banerjee and rebel leader Ritabrata Banerjee over their claims and counter-claims on organisational elections.

### 2. International Relations and Geo-Politics

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Syllabus: Prelims Unit VI - International Affairs | Mains GS II - India and its Neighbourhood, Bilateral Relations

#### India and Japan stress a free Indo-Pacific during PM Takaichi's visit

- **Japanese Prime Minister Sanae Takaichi**, on her first visit to India as PM, joined Prime Minister Narendra Modi in calling a free and open Indo-Pacific (FOIP) a shared priority; the two sides sealed 129 MoUs on technology, investment and AI.
- Japan committed to invest about 10 trillion yen (around Rs.5.90 lakh crore) in India over ten years across 17 key sectors, and the two sides agreed to set up 1,000 bio-gas (bio-CNG) production plants.
- **Modi and Takaichi inaugurated Maruti Suzuki's fourth vehicle plant** at Kharkhoda, Haryana, and agreed to co-develop a naval radio antenna, the first India-Japan defence technology partnership.

#### Russian attack kills 21 in Kyiv as Ukraine strikes Moscow's oil sector

- An 11-hour Russian drone and missile attack on Kyiv killed at least 21 civilians and injured more than 90; Moscow called it retaliation for Ukrainian strikes on Russian oil facilities.
- Ukraine's long-range strikes have triggered the worst fuel crisis in Crimea since 2014.
- **German prosecutors** charged Ukrainian suspect Serhii Kuznetsov, alleging that the Ukrainian state ordered the 2022 bombing of the Nord Stream gas pipelines.

### World in brief

| Development   | Key Detail                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Pakistan-Iran | <b>Pakistan PM Shehbaz Sharif</b> will visit Iran to attend the funeral of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who was killed in U.S.-Israeli strikes in February.       |
| NATO          | NATO plans to replace its ageing AWACS fleet with <b>Saab GlobalEye</b> surveillance jets from Sweden, with an announcement expected at the Ankara meeting on July 7 and 8. |
| Vatican       | The Vatican, under <b>Pope Leo XIV</b> , excommunicated six bishops of the ultraconservative Society of St Pius X, warning followers against the breakaway group.           |

## 3. Geography, Environment and Infrastructure

Syllabus: Prelims Unit VII - Geography of India | Mains GS III - Infrastructure, Environment and Disaster Management

### Tamil Nadu's June Cauvery realisation returns to a deficit

- **Tamil Nadu** realised only about 2.9 tmc ft of Cauvery water in June against the stipulated 9.19 tmc ft, a shortfall of roughly 6.3 tmc ft, returning to the usual June deficit pattern.

### Submarine cable project linking India, Malaysia and Singapore unveiled

- A consortium of Microsoft, Singtel, Tata Communications and AI-connectivity firm Lightstorm unveiled the **I2SEA submarine cable system** connecting India, Malaysia and Singapore.
- The 3,600 km system runs from Singapore to Machilipatnam with onward connectivity to Hyderabad and is targeted to be ready for service by 2029.

### Seven killed as boulder collapses at a quarry near Bengaluru

- Seven workers, six of them migrants, were killed and five injured when a boulder collapsed at a stone quarry in **Hulukenahalli village** near Bengaluru; an FIR was filed against the quarry owners for culpable homicide not amounting to murder.

## 4. Indian Economy and Government Schemes

Syllabus: Prelims Unit VIII - Indian Economy | Mains GS III - Indian Economy, Taxation and Schemes

### GST collections rise 13.9% as India marks nine years of the tax

- India's **June GST collections** rose 13.9% year-on-year to Rs.1.95 lakh crore, driven largely by imported inflation as import IGST surged 34.6%.
- As India marks nine years of GST, the taxpayer base has expanded from 66 lakh in 2017 to over 1.65 crore today; the HSBC Manufacturing PMI stood at 54.2.

### Govt. rolls out VB-G RAM G scheme, replacing MGNREGS

- The **Viksit Bharat-Guarantee for Rozgar Ajeevika Mission Grameen (VB-G RAM G)** scheme was launched from Mukkavaripalli village in Tirupati district, Andhra Pradesh, replacing the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS).
- The scheme provides 125 work days and uses geo-tagging and biometrics for transparency; Andhra Pradesh will receive Rs.7,700 crore, the Centre bearing Rs.4,000 crore.

#### Adani-IHC to set up \$11.5 bn aluminium project in Odisha

- **Adani Enterprises and Abu Dhabi's IHC Group (via IRH)** signed an MoU with the Odisha government for an \$11.5 billion (Rs.1.08 lakh crore) greenfield aluminium project, India's largest FDI in the metallurgy sector.
- The 50:50 joint venture, spanning a refinery at Rayagada and a manufacturing park at Sundargarh, is expected to generate about 53,500 jobs.

#### Nationwide HPV vaccination drive against cervical cancer

- Under the nationwide cervical cancer vaccine campaign launched on February 28, 2026, the government provides free **HPV vaccination to 1.15 crore girls aged 14-15**; India bears a quarter of the global cervical cancer burden with about 1.2 lakh new cases and 80,000 deaths a year.
- Madhya Pradesh's Mandsaur district became a model, achieving 100% of its vaccination target in under 40 days through village-level micro-planning.

## 5. Tamil Nadu - Development Administration and Governance

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Syllabus: Prelims Unit V and IX - Development Administration in TN | Mains - TN Governance and Economy

#### Chief Minister begins department-wise review

- Tamil Nadu Chief Minister **C. Joseph Vijay** began chairing department-wise review meetings to draw up one-year, three-year and five-year action plans; the meetings will run till July 22.

#### Senior AIADMK leaders switch to TVK

- Former Health Minister **C. Vijayabaskar**, former Transport Minister M.R. Vijayabhaskar and several other AIADMK functionaries joined the ruling TVK; they were among the 25 rebel MLAs who backed the Vijay-led government in the May trust vote.

#### Eight held in bid to bribe a TVK MLA

- Five more people were arrested, taking the total to eight, over an alleged bid to bribe a TVK MLA with up to Rs.35 crore to vote against the Speaker in a planned no-confidence motion; police are probing the alleged role of former Minister **Senthilbalaji**.

#### NEET re-exam results on July 20; 50% weight for board marks under review

- Results of the Supreme Court-ordered **NEET re-examination** will be published on July 20; separately, a committee is examining a proposal to give 50% weight to Class 12 board marks in medical admissions.

## 6. Science, Technology and Space

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Syllabus: Prelims Unit III - Science and Technology | Mains GS III - Space, Health and Technology

#### Vikram-1, India's first privately developed orbital rocket, readies for launch

- Hyderabad-based **Skyroot Aerospace's Vikram-1**, India's first privately developed orbital-class rocket, is set for its maiden launch (Mission Aagaman) from Sriharikota in a window between July 12 and August 4.
- It follows the company's Vikram-S, which in November 2022 became the first private rocket to reach space from Indian soil.

**NIMHANS opens Asia's first open sleep database for stroke patients**

- **NIMHANS, Bengaluru, with IIIT Hyderabad**, developed the first open-access Asian database of overnight sleep studies in patients with ischemic stroke, named iSLEEPS.
- The database, comprising 100 overnight polysomnography (PSG) recordings, has been published in the Nature Portfolio journal Scientific Data to aid stroke and sleep research.

**7. Sports and Personalities in News**

Syllabus: Prelims Unit III - Sports and Eminent Personalities

**Sports Round-up at a Glance**

| Sport / Field                   | Key Result                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
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| Football (FIFA World Cup 2026)  | <b>Belgium</b> beat Senegal 3-2 in the Round of 32; Youri Tielemans scored the winner in the 125th minute, the latest goal ever in World Cup history, after Belgium trailed 2-0.                                  |
| Football (FIFA World Cup 2026)  | The <b>United States</b> beat Bosnia and Herzegovina 2-0 to reach the last 16, though scorer Folarin Balogun was sent off; Harry Kane became the second player to score 20+ goals across the World Cup and Euros. |
| Tennis (Wimbledon)              | French Open champion Alexander Zverev and Novak Djokovic both marched into the third round.                                                                                                                       |
| Cricket (Women's T20 World Cup) | <b>Nat Sciver-Brunt (75) and Heather Knight (58)</b> lifted England to 169 for five against South Africa.                                                                                                         |