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Weekly Current Affairs - 22th - 28th July' 2025

National affairs

- 1. The Indian Army has launched Operation Mahadev. It is a joint counter-terrorism operation in Srinagar and Jammu and Kashmir by the Army and Police. Three Pakistani terrorists were killed in the Dachigam area near the Mahadev mountain in Srinagar. Among them was top Lashkar-e-Taiba commander Suleman Shah alias Musa Fauji. Musa was the mastermind of the Pahalgam terror attack. 26 civilians were killed in the attack.
- 2. The Indian Army has successfully test-fired the Akash Prime Missile System in Ladakh. It is a medium-range mobile surface-to-air missile defence system, developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and manufactured by Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL) and Bharat Electronics (BEL) for the missile system.
- 3. The Indian Institute of Creative Technology (IICT) has inaugurated its first campus (Phase 1 campus) in Mumbai. The first batch of 300 students at this campus will start their classes in September 2025. Later, IICT will expand to a permanent campus in Film City, Goregaon, Mumbai. The institute will provide education in the field of Animation, Visual Effects, Gaming, Comics, and Extended Reality (AVGC-XR).
- 4. The Tamil Nadu government will set up India's first hornbill conservation center in the Anamalai Tiger Reserve.
- 5. The first-ever Mango Festival (Longmatra Mango Festival) was celebrated in Nagaland to encourage local agriculture and entrepreneurship.
- 6. Elon Musk's electric car company Tesla opened its first Indian showroom in Mumbai.
- 7. Lungphun Ropui in Mizoram has been declared a Monument of National Importance by the Archaeological Survey of India (ASI).
- 8. The Indian Army received the first batch of 3 Apache Helicopters from America. India and America had signed an agreement to buy a total of 6 helicopters.
- 9. The 19th Foundation Day of the Union Ministry of Earth Sciences (MOES) was celebrated. 14 new scientific and digital equipment were unveiled on this day. The current Union Minister of Earth Sciences is Dr. Jitendra Singh.
- 10. After five years, the Indian government has started issuing visas to Chinese citizens.
- 11. To strengthen the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS), ISRO will launch three more navigation satellites, NVS-03, NVS-04 and NVS-05, by 2026. Established by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), NavIC (NavIC- Navigation with Indian Constellation) is India's autonomous regional navigation satellite system. NavIC was earlier known as (IRNSS). Maharashtra's first glass bridge was inaugurated over the Napane waterfalls. It has been built under the Sindhuratna Tourism Project.

International affairs

- 1. The Indian Navy will participate in the 32nd SIMBEX (Singapore-India Maritime Bilateral Exercise, formerly known as Lion King) maritime exercise in Singapore. It is conducted in line with India's Act East policy and Security and Growth for All in the Region (SAGAR) policy. Its main objective is to develop joint response capabilities in maritime threats and humanitarian assistance and disaster relief (HADR) situations.
- 2. India has sent 3 lakh measles-rubella vaccines to Bolivia. Recently, there has been an outbreak of measles in Bolivia and a national health emergency has been declared. Bolivian President Luis Arce has said that this vaccine will be administered to children aged 1 to 14.
- 3. UNESCO has included 26 new sites in the World Heritage List at its 47th session held in Paris, France.
- 4. The Indian government recently signed an air services agreement with Kuwait.

- 5. The US has declared The Resistance Front (TRF) as a terrorist group.
- 6. Senegal declared trachoma-free by the World Health Organization.
- 7. The United States has withdrawn its membership from UNESCO again after joining it two years ago. (The United States first joined UNESCO in 1945. It withdrew in 1984, rejoined in 2003, withdrew again in 2017, and most recently rejoined in 2023).
- 8. The IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025 will be held in Abu Dhabi.
- 9. Turkey has developed the Tayfun Block-4 Hypersonic Ballistic Missile.
- 10. India has become the largest importer of Malaysian germinated oil palm seeds.
- 11. India recently signed a Free Trade Agreement with the United Kingdom.

Appointment

- 1. Justice Vipul M. Pancholi took oath as the Chief Justice of Patna High Court.
- 2. Deepak Bagla took charge as the Mission Director of Atal Innovation Mission (AIM).
- 3. Senior IAS officer Puneet Kumar Goel has been appointed as the new Chief Secretary of Manipur.
- 4. Former CBDT chairman Nitin Gupta has been appointed as the Chairperson of National Financial Reporting Authority (NFRA).
- 5. Karnataka government has appointed IAS officer J Ravi Shankar as the new Managing Director of Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL).
- 6. Justice MS Ramachandra Rao took oath as the Chief Justice of Tripura High Court.
- 7. Stephane Deblaise has been appointed as the new CEO of Renault Group India.
- 8. Patrik Antoni has been appointed as the new CEO of IKEA India.
- 9. Ashok Chowdhury has been elected as the Chairman of Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF).
- 10. Neeraj Gambhir has been appointed as the Whole-time Director of Axis Bank.
- 11. Anup Kumar Saha resigned from the post of Managing Director of Bajaj Finance.
- 12. Gita Gopinath recently resigned from the post of Deputy Chief of the International Monetary Fund.

<u>Award</u>

- 1. Suhani Shah becomes first Indian to win 'Oscar for Magicians' at FISM 2025. Psychic Suhani Shah became the first Indian to win the Best Magician 2025 award at the FISM World Championship held in Torino, Italy. The achievement is significant as FISM is considered the highest platform for magicians worldwide, where the best talents are showcased in various categories like stage magic, close-up magic and online magic. Her innovative performance in the online magic category has earned her this global accolade.
- 2. State Bank of India (SBI) has been named World's Best Consumer Bank 2025 by Global Finance Magazine.
- 3. The terminal of Yantai Penglai International Airport in China has been named the World's Most Beautiful Airport 2025 by Prix Versailles.

Day/Theme

- 1. Pi Approximation Day is observed on July 22. (Pi is the constant ratio of the circumference and diameter of a circle, whose value is approximately 3.14159. Pi Day highlights the importance of pi in various fields and recognizes the historical use of the 22/7 approximation. It is also celebrated as a day to get involved in mathematics.)
- 2. Income Tax Day is observed in India on July 24. This day marks an important milestone in the economic history of India, as on July 24, 1860, James Wilson introduced the income tax system in British India.
- 3. Kargil Vijay Diwas is observed on July 26. (The operation, known as Operation Vijay, lasted from May 8 to July 26, 1999 and resulted in India recapturing hill positions infiltrated by Pakistani soldiers and militants with the supreme sacrifice and bravery of 527 Indian soldiers.)

Sports

- 1. Bihar won both the men's and women's U18 categories in the 10th Junior National Rugby 7s Championship 2025.
- 2. India to host Chess World Cup 2025.
- 3. Indian wrestler Sujit Kalkal won the gold medal in the Polyak Imre & Varga Janos Memorial 2025 wrestling tournament held in Budapest, Hungary.
- 4. Aditi Chauhan recently announced her retirement from football. She was an Indian female professional footballer who played as a goalkeeper for the Russian and Indian women's national teams.
- 5. Bihar to host the First Indian Open Athletics Meet in Patna.
- 6. Indian mixed badminton team won the bronze medal at the FISU World University Games 2025 held in Rhine-Ruhr, Germany.
- 7. Chinese badminton player Shi Yuqi won the Japan Open Men's Singles Title 2025. An Se-young won the Women's Singles Title.
- 8. England will host the next three World Test Championship finals (2027, 2029, 2031). The World Test Championship (WTC) began in 2019. It is a league competition in Test cricket, with a final match between the top two teams after a two-year cycle. The winner is declared by a final match. In 2019–2021, New Zealand defeated India. In 2021–2023, Australia defeated India. The final match of the World Test Championship in 2023–2025 was held from 11 June to 14 June 2025 at Lord's Cricket Ground, London. South Africa won their first WTC title by defeating Australia by 5 wickets.
- 9. Divya Deshmukh became the first Indian woman to reach the final of the FIDE Women's Chess World Cup.
- 10. Koneru Humpy became the first Indian woman to reach the semi-finals of the FIDE Women's Chess World Cup.
- 11. 19-year-old Divya Deshmukh defeated Koneru Humpy to win the FIDE Women's World Cup and become India's fourth grandmaster in chess.
- 12. Levon Arnoian wins Las Vegas Freestyle Chess Grandslam 2025.
- 13. Indian long jumper Murali Sreeshankar wins gold medal at Meeting Maia Cidade do Desporto 2025.
- 14. Yuvraj Singh is the co-owner and brand ambassador of Indian Golf Premier League.

Project/ Services

- 1. Bihar has announced free electricity up to 125 units. The scheme, under the Chief Minister's Power Consumer Assistance Scheme, will benefit about 1.67 crore families.
- 2. Assam government has launched a milk subsidy scheme to help dairy farmers. The state government will provide a subsidy of Rs 5 per litre of milk.
- 3. India's first Mining Tourism Project is set to be launched in Jharkhand. (Under the Mining Tourism Project, active or abandoned mining sites will be converted into tourist attractions. These projects will give visitors an opportunity to learn about the history, culture and technology related to mining, as well as showcase the natural landscapes created by mining activities.)
- 4. The National Legal Services Authority (NALSA) has launched the Bir Parivar Sahayak Yojana 2025. Its main objective is to strengthen legal aid services for defence personnel and their families.

Trade & Finance

1. India's industrial production grew by 1.5% in June 2025, according to a report released by the Union Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MOSPI). (Manufacturing sector grew by 3.9%, mining sector declined by 8.7% and power sector declined by 2.6%).

App/Portal

1. Mizoram Chief Minister Lalduhom launched the Mizo DiasporaHub Portal to connect with the Mizo people worldwide.

Miscellaneous

- 1. India won a total of 6 medals at the 66th International Mathematical Olympiad 2025, including 3 gold, 2 silver and 1 bronze. India finished seventh in the medal tally; China was first.
- 2. Mumbai's Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj International Airport was ranked ninth in the list of top 10 international airports in the world at the Travel+ Leisure World's Best Awards.
- 3. The 57th International Chemistry Olympiad (IChO) was held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates.

Obituary

- 1. Padma Bhushan awardee Kannada actress B. Saroja Devi recently passed away at the age of 87.
- 2. Former India's chief climate negotiator Vijay Sharma passed away at the age of 75. He was India's environment secretary, chief information commissioner and was India's chief climate negotiator during the formation of the Kyoto Protocol in 1997.
- 3. Padma Shri awardee theatre legend Ratan Thiyam recently passed away at the age of 77.