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## Daily Current Affairs Quiz 28 July 2026

**Q1.** The Government of Bihar and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) announced the establishment of a permanent National Skill Training Institute for Women (NSTI-W) campus at which location in Bihar?

- (a) Gaya
- (b) Muzaffarpur
- (c) Bihta
- (d) Bhagalpur

**Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (c)

Explanation:

- In July 2026, the Government of Bihar and the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) announced the establishment of a permanent National Skill Training Institute for Women (NSTI-W) campus at Bihta, Bihar.
- The campus will be developed with an investment of ₹99.97 crore to provide modern infrastructure and industry-aligned skill training for women.
- Along with the campus, a Skill India International Centre (SIIC) will also be established in Bihar with an investment of ₹7 crore to promote global employment opportunities.

Information Booster:

- The initiative was announced by Samrat Choudhary, Chief Minister of Bihar, and Jayant Chaudhary, Minister of State (Independent Charge), MSDE.
- The foundation stone was laid by Dilip Kumar, Director General, Directorate General of Training (DGT).
- The Skill India International Centre (SIIC) will provide language training, international certifications, and safe migration assistance.
- The initiative aims to strengthen women's skilling, youth employment, and international workforce mobility.

Additional Knowledge:

- NSTI-W, Patna is Bihar's only Central Government skill training institute for women.
- It offers training under the Craftsmen Training Scheme (CTS) and Craft Instructor Training Scheme (CITS).
- The Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship (MSDE) is responsible for coordinating skill development initiatives across India under the Skill India Mission.

**Q2.** Scientists from the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) discovered the new spider species *Simonia lawbah* from which Indian state in July 2026?

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh
- (b) Meghalaya
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Kerala

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- In July 2026, scientists from the Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) discovered *Simonia lawbah*, a new species of cave-dwelling ray spider, from Krem Lawbah Cave in Meghalaya.
- It belongs to the Theridiosomatidae family and represents the first record of the genus *Simonia* in India.
- The species is less than 2 mm in size, is troglomorphic (adapted to cave habitats), and builds a cone-shaped ray web to capture flying insects.

Information Booster:

- ZSI also discovered *Hamataliwa papikonda*, a new lynx spider species, from Papikonda National Park, Andhra Pradesh.
- *Hamataliwa papikonda* belongs to the Oxyopidae family.
- It is the first record of the genus *Hamataliwa* in Andhra Pradesh.
- The discoveries were published in the peer-reviewed journals Zootaxa and Records of the Zoological Survey of India.

Additional Knowledge:

- The Zoological Survey of India (ZSI) was established in 1916.
- It is headquartered in Kolkata, West Bengal.
- ZSI functions under the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC).
- The genus *Hamataliwa* comprises around 90 species worldwide, of which 10 species have been recorded in India.

**Q3.** The BHAVYA-Rasayan Scheme, approved by the Union Cabinet in July 2026 with a total outlay of ₹3,030 crore, aims to:

- (a) Establish three semiconductor manufacturing hubs in India
- (b) Set up three dedicated large chemical parks in India
- (c) Develop three integrated textile parks across India
- (d) Create three green hydrogen production zones in India

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- In July 2026, the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved the Bharat Audyogik Vikas Yojana Rasayan (BHAVYA-Rasayan) scheme.
- The scheme aims to establish three dedicated large chemical parks to strengthen India's chemical manufacturing ecosystem and improve global competitiveness.
- It has a total financial outlay of ₹3,030 crore and will be implemented over five years (FY2026–27 to FY2030–31).

Information Booster:

- The scheme was first announced in the Union Budget 2026–27 by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.
- Out of the total ₹3,030 crore, ₹3,000 crore is earmarked for common infrastructure and basic utilities, while ₹30 crore is allocated for administrative expenses.
- The chemical parks will be developed by State Governments through a challenge-based selection process.
- Each park must have at least 2,000 acres (8 sq. km.) of contiguous, encumbrance-free land.

Additional Knowledge:

- Along with the BHAVYA-Rasayan Scheme, the Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs (CCEA) approved the 3rd and 4th railway lines on the Ballari–Guntakal section in Karnataka and Andhra Pradesh.
- The railway project has an estimated cost of nearly ₹1,264 crore and is targeted for completion by 2028–29.
- The project will expand the Indian Railways network by about 46 km.
- It is expected to improve connectivity for around 99 villages with a combined population of about 7 lakh.

**Q4.** The Indian Council of Agricultural Research – Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute (ICAR-CMFRI) launched the DeepDATA mobile application in July 2026 under which mission?

- (a) National Fisheries Development Mission
- (b) Deep Ocean Mission
- (c) Blue Revolution Mission
- (d) Sagarmala Programme

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- In July 2026, ICAR-CMFRI launched the DeepDATA mobile application in Kochi, Kerala under the Deep Ocean Mission of the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES).
- The app provides scientifically verified information on deep-sea fish species, including their taxonomy, characteristics, distribution, and conservation status.
- It also enables researchers, fishers, and citizens to upload field observations, which are verified by ICAR-CMFRI experts before being added to a national digital repository.

Information Booster:

- DeepDATA supports deep-sea exploration, marine biodiversity research, and marine resource assessment.
- The app promotes citizen science by allowing public participation in documenting deep-sea fish species.
- Verified submissions contribute to a national digital repository of deep-sea biodiversity.
- The launch was attended by Dr. Grinson George (Director, ICAR-CMFRI), Dr. Eldho Varghese, and Dr. Rekha J. Nair.

Additional Knowledge:

- ICAR-CMFRI (Central Marine Fisheries Research Institute) is a premier marine fisheries research institute under the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR).
- It is headquartered in Kochi, Kerala.
- The Deep Ocean Mission, launched by the Ministry of Earth Sciences (MoES), aims to explore and sustainably utilize India's deep-ocean resources through advanced scientific research and technology.

**Q5.** The United Nations observes the International Day for Judicial Well-being every year on which date?

- (a) 21 June
- (b) 25 July
- (c) 4 March
- (d) 10 December

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- The International Day for Judicial Well-being is observed annually on 25 July to emphasize the mental, emotional, and physical well-being of judges and magistrates.
- It recognizes that judicial well-being is essential for judicial integrity, the rule of law, and the effective delivery of justice.
- The day commemorates the adoption of the Nauru Declaration on Judicial Well-being on 25 July 2024, the first international declaration dedicated to judicial well-being.

Information Booster:

- The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) proclaimed the observance through Resolution A/RES/79/266.
- The resolution was adopted on 4 March 2025 during the 58th plenary meeting.
- The first-ever observance of the International Day for Judicial Well-being was held on 25 July 2025.
- The Nauru Declaration outlines seven guiding principles to promote judicial well-being worldwide.

Additional Knowledge:

- Judicial well-being is increasingly recognized as a key factor in ensuring independence, impartiality, and efficiency of the judiciary.
- The observance encourages judiciaries across the world to adopt measures that support the mental health and resilience of judges.
- The United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) is the principal policymaking organ of the United Nations, comprising all UN Member States.

**Q6.** During the Technology Transfer Event held in July 2026, the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) commercially launched which IoT-enabled system for rural water management?

- (a) Smart Urban Water Grid System
- (b) Smart Rural Water Service Delivery, Measurement and Monitoring System
- (c) National Water Quality Surveillance System
- (d) Digital Jal Shakti Monitoring Platform

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- In July 2026, the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) commercially launched an IoT-enabled Smart Rural Water Service Delivery, Measurement and Monitoring System during the Technology Transfer Event held at the CSIR Headquarters, New Delhi.
- The event was organized by CSIR-Central Scientific Instruments Organisation (CSIR-CSIO), Chandigarh.
- CSIR also transferred four indigenous technologies to Pump Academy Private Limited and Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL).

Information Booster:

- The event was presided over by Dr. N. Kalaiselvi, Director General of CSIR and Secretary, Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR).
- The four technologies transferred to Pump Academy Private Limited are:
  - Induction Motor Stethoscope (MSCOPE)
  - Portable & Universal Motor-cum-Pump Performance Monitor (PU-MPPM)
  - i-Power Quality Analyser (IPQA)
- Smart Rural Water Service Delivery, Measurement and Monitoring System
- Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL) received technology licenses for indigenous defence systems.

**Additional Knowledge:**

- BEL paid ₹1.67 crore in royalties to CSIR-CSIO for licensed production of indigenous defence technologies.
- These technologies include Head-Up Display (HUD), Droogie Lights, Taxi Landing Lights, HUD Level-I Tester, Boresight Alignment Tool, and Optical Module & Beam Combiner Assembly for HUD.
- CSIR is India's premier publicly funded research and development organization operating under the Ministry of Science and Technology.

**Q7.** Prem K. Vora, President of the Electric Merchants Association (EMA), was honoured with which award at the National Leadership Conclave held in New Delhi in July 2026?

- (a) Padma Shri
- (b) Rashtriya Ashok Samman (Bharat Samman)
- (c) National MSME Excellence Award
- (d) Udyog Ratna Award

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (b)

**Explanation:**

- In July 2026, Prem K. Vora, President of the Electric Merchants Association (EMA) for 2025–26, was honoured with the Rashtriya Ashok Samman (Bharat Samman) at the National Leadership Conclave held in New Delhi.
- He received the award for his exceptional contribution to India's electrical trade sector, promotion of ethical business practices, and dedication to strengthening Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSMEs).
- Under his leadership, EMA has emphasized digital transformation, sustainable business practices, and stronger representation of the electrical trade.

**Information Booster:**

- Prem K. Vora is the youngest President of the Electric Merchants Association (EMA).
- He promoted the "Green Electricals" initiative to encourage sustainable business practices.
- He has also been honoured with the Global Youth Ambassador Award (2025 & 2026).
- He was recognised as the Iconic Emerging Leader in the Electrical Industry 2025.

**Additional Knowledge:**

- The Electric Merchants Association (EMA) was established in 1937.
- It is a not-for-profit organization dedicated to protecting and promoting the interests of India's electrical industry and trade.
- EMA is headquartered in Mumbai, Maharashtra.
- The association works to support innovation, policy advocacy, and sustainable growth in the electrical sector.

**Q8.** Which of the following statements is/are correct regarding the Henley Passport Index (HPI) – July 2026?

1. India ranked 81st globally with visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to 55 destinations.
2. Singapore retained the top position with access to 192 destinations without a prior visa.
3. Japan, South Korea, and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) jointly secured the second position with access to 188 destinations.
4. Afghanistan ranked last in the index with access to only 22 destinations.

- (a) 1 and 2 only  
(b) 2 and 3 only  
(c) 1, 3 and 4 only  
(d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

**Ans.(d)**

**Sol. Answer**

- (d) 1, 2, 3 and 4

**Solution**

**Explanation**

- Statement 1 is correct because India ranked 81st in the Henley Passport Index – July 2026, with access to 55 destinations, down from 75th in the February 2026 edition.
- Statement 2 is correct as Singapore retained the world's most powerful passport, offering visa-free access to 192 destinations.
- Statement 3 is correct because Japan, South Korea, and the United Arab Emirates jointly ranked second, with access to 188 destinations.
- Statement 4 is correct since Afghanistan remained at the bottom of the index, with access to only 22 destinations.

**Information Booster**

**Top 3 in Henley Passport Index – July 2026**

| Rank | Country                                  | Visa-free Access |
|------|------------------------------------------|------------------|
| 1    | Singapore                                | 192 destinations |
| 2    | Japan, South Korea, United Arab Emirates | 188 destinations |
| 3    | Sweden                                   | 187 destinations |

**India's Performance**

- Rank: 81st
- Visa-free/Visa-on-arrival/eTA access: 55 destinations
- Previous Rank (February 2026): 75th

**Additional Knowledge**

- The Henley Passport Index is published by Henley & Partners.
- The index is based on data provided by the International Air Transport Association.
- It evaluates 199 passports across 227 travel destinations and considers:
- Visa-free access
- Visa-on-arrival access
- Electronic Travel Authorization (eTA)

**Bottom Five Countries**

- Afghanistan – 22 destinations
- Syria – 25 destinations
- Iraq – 28 destinations
- Pakistan – 29 destinations
- Yemen – 30 destinations

**Q9.** Who assumed charge as the Interim President of the International Chess Federation (FIDE) in July 2026 after Arkady Dvorkovich voluntarily suspended his duties?

- (a) Magnus Carlsen  
(b) Viswanathan Anand  
(c) Vladimir Kramnik  
(d) Garry Kasparov

**Ans.(b)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (b)

Explanation:

- In July 2026, Viswanathan Anand, India's five-time World Chess Champion and Deputy President of FIDE, assumed charge as the Interim President of the International Chess Federation (FIDE).
- He took over after Arkady Vladimirovich Dvorkovich voluntarily suspended his duties following sanctions imposed by the European Union (EU) and Switzerland over Russia's war against Ukraine.

Information Booster:

- Viswanathan Anand won the World Chess Championship five times: 2000, 2007, 2008, 2010, and 2012.
- He is the only Indian to have won the World Chess Championship multiple times.
- In August 2022, he was elected Deputy President of FIDE.
- FIDE (International Chess Federation) is the global governing body for the sport of chess.

Additional Knowledge:

- Viswanathan Anand received the Arjuna Award in 1985.
- He was awarded the Padma Shri in 1988, Major Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna in 1991–92, Padma Bhushan in 2001, and Padma Vibhushan in 2008.
- The Padma Vibhushan is India's second-highest civilian award.
- Anand is widely regarded as one of the greatest chess players in the history of the game and has played a pivotal role in popularising chess in India.

**Q10.** The Union Cabinet approved amendments to the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024 in July 2026 to strengthen anti-paper leak measures. Under the proposed amendments, the maximum penalty for organised paper leak offences is:

- (a) 7 years' imprisonment and a fine of up to ₹1 crore
- (b) 10 years' imprisonment and a fine of up to ₹5 crore
- (c) 10 years' imprisonment and a fine of up to ₹10 crore
- (d) Life imprisonment and a fine of up to ₹50 crore

**Ans.(c)**

**Sol.** Correct Answer: (c) 10 years' imprisonment and a fine of up to ₹10 crore

Explanation:

- In July 2026, the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, approved a draft Bill to amend the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024.
- The proposed amendments aim to curb organised paper leak offences by introducing stricter punishments.
- Under the revised provisions, offenders can face 5–10 years' imprisonment and a fine of up to ₹10 crore for organised examination fraud.
- The amendments also provide for fast-track courts to ensure speedy investigation and disposal of paper leak cases.

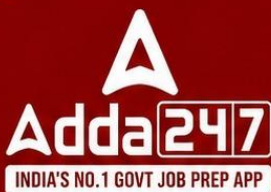
Information Booster:

- The proposed amendments increase the minimum imprisonment for organised paper leak offences from 3 years to 5 years.
- The maximum imprisonment remains 10 years.
- The maximum fine for organised offences has been increased to ₹10 crore.
- Dedicated fast-track courts are proposed to complete investigations and trials within three months.

#### Additional Knowledge:

- The Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024 was enacted to prevent unfair practices in public examinations conducted by central authorities.
- The Act targets offences such as paper leaks, unauthorized access to question papers, cheating syndicates, and organised examination fraud.
- The amendments are intended to enhance the credibility, transparency, and integrity of public recruitment and entrance examinations across India.

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