

Current Affairs -29th July

- Govt to Digitize all Waqf properties
This move will improve the infrastructure and financial conditions of waqf boards which can be used for the welfare of the Muslim community and to prevent encroachment.
- IIT Hyderabad develops eco-friendly solar cells
These solar cells are based on New Fuchsin dye with aqueous electrolyte and platinum-free counter electrodes. Generally Silicon is used in making solar cells but it comes with huge fabrication costs and expensive processing.
Hence to limit the silicon use, the team started working on solar cells based on organic materials, which were supposedly inexpensive and easy to fabricate.
- VK Johri appointed as next Director-General of the Border Security Force.
- Sudarsan Pattnaik Wins People's Choice Prize -held International Sand Art Championship at Boston.
- Man Vs Wild show to feature PM Narendra Modi
The host of the show Bear Grylls has recently announced the news. The show will be aired on DiscoveryIN on August 12 at 9 pm.
This is being done to create awareness about animal conservation and environmental change.
- India's Vidisha Baliyan becomes the first Indian to win Miss Deaf World Title

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- Badri Narain Sharma re-appointed as NAA chairperson
This three members authority ensures that consumers get the benefit of reduced prices under the Goods and Services Tax.
- Meryl Streep to be honored with Tribute Actor Award
Meryl has received three Oscars for The Iron Lady, Sophie's Choice and Kramer vs. Kramer.
- Nepal invited to be partner country for Gita Jayanti Mahotsav 2019
- The state government of Haryana has invited Nepal for this year's 'Gita Jayanti Mahotsav' which will be held at Kurukshetra from December 3 to 8.
- Guwahati to host Khelo India Youth Games next year
Guwahati will host the third edition of Khelo India Youth Games scheduled from January 18-30, 2020 which are National level multidisciplinary grassroots games held for two categories- Under-17 years school students Under-21 college students
- Boeing AH-64E Apache helicopters reach India from US
- Dengue hits a record high of 18 years in Bangladesh
- Global Tiger Day
- Mary Kom, boxer, wins gold in President's Cup
- Lt Gen Paramjit Singh is the New Director-General of Military Operations
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- Book on Former PM Chandra Shekhar released

“Chandra Shekhar – The Last Icon of Ideological Politics” book has been released by the PM Narendra Modi recently.

- New vine snake species found in the southern Western Ghats
- IIT Kharagpur team develops an app for elderly people –CARE4U
- Kargil Vijay Diwas 2019 -India celebrates July 26 as Kargil Vijay Diwas every year to mark India's triumph over Pakistan on this day in 1999.
- Scaly foot snail declared endangered due to deep-sea mining
Found at only three hydrothermal vents in the Indian Ocean, the scaly foot snail has become the first animal to be declared endangered by deep-sea mining.

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- Priti Patel has been appointed as the UK's first Indian-origin Home Secretary
- Indian Navy gets Chetak helicopter ahead of schedule DELIVERED BY Hindustan aeronautics limited HAL
- RIL(Reliance industries) is highest-ranked Indian company on the Fortune 500 list
- MS Dhoni (honorary rank of lieutenant colonel) to Begin Army Stint in Kashmir
- Global Innovation Index 2019 – Switzerland at top ,USA,NETHERLANDS,UK .India is ranked 52.

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- IMF projects India's GDP growth rate as 7%
- Biswabhusan Harichandan becomes the new Governor of Andhra Pradesh
- Tokyo unveils 2020 Olympic medals
Tokyo Olympics organizing committee has revealed the medal designs for the next season. The medals are being designed by Junichi Kawanishi, the only one selected out of 400 professional designers.
The medals are being made by the electronic devices donated by the public. Total 78.9 tonnes were accumulated which resulted in 32 kg gold, 3500 kg silver and 2200kg bronze extraction.
- India all set to launch 'IndSpaceEx'
- After the success of Mission Shakti, India is now set to launch first-ever space war exercise to prepare for future space wars.
- Andhra Pradesh, the first State to Reserve 75% Private Jobs for Locals
- Income Tax Department celebrates Aaykar Diwas 2019
- The Central Board of Direct Taxes is celebrating 159th Income Tax Day today. The income tax was first introduced by SirJames Wilson on 24th July 1860 to compensate losses incurred by the British government.
- Mohun Bagan Ratna Award 2019
Mohun Bagan Ratna awards will be presented to two-time Olympic gold medal-winning hockey player Keshav Dutt and former India football captain Prasun Banerjee on July 29.

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- National Broadcasting Day observed today on 23rd July
On this day first radio broadcast went on air in 1927 by the Indian Broadcasting company which was later named as All India Radio.
 - IIT Madras students develop Agricopter
 - Three scholars of the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has developed Smart Agricopter drone which will eliminate manual spraying of pesticides in agricultural fields.
 - Indian Navy commissions Dornier Aircraft Squadron
 - Ajay Bhadoo; new joint Secretary to the President
 - Amita Prasad, the new chairperson of Inland Waterways Authority of India
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- Anandiben Patel; new Governor of Uttar Pradesh
 - Shiva Thapa brings a first-ever gold medal for India at the President's Cup boxing tournament - President's Cup boxing tournament held in Astana, Kazakhstan.
 - Kerala to have India's first space tech park
 - Acharya Devvrat is the new Governor of Gujarat
 - NASA to send the first woman on Moon in 2024
 - To mark the 50th anniversary of First moon landing, NASA is preparing to send "first woman and the next man" walk on the lunar surface. -The name of the Mission would be Artemis which is named after the twin sister of Apollo said to be the Goddess of the Moon and the hunt.
 - Chandrayaan 2 Launched successfully
Chandrayaan-2 lifted-off by GSLV-Mark-III at 2.43 PM today.
The flight duration of Chandrayaan-2 from the earth to the moon has been reduced from 54 days to 48 days by tweaking the flight path.
 - PV Sindhu (badminton player)bags silver at Indonesia Open

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- Sachin Tendulkar in the ICC Hall of Fame
 - Tata is India's most valuable brand for 2019: Brand Finance report
 - Another gold for Hima Das (sprint runner)
Hima Das seems to be on the winning spree. She has clinched her 5th Gold medal in the Czech Republic.
She ran for 400m and clocked her win in 52.09 seconds itself.The event was held at Nove Mesto nad Metuji Grand Prix.
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- Tourism Ministry's "Find the Incredible You" campaign wins Pacific Asia Travel Association Gold Award 2019
 - Tamil Nadu to get two new districts

- Tenkasi from Tirunelveli and Chengalpet from Kanchipuram are the new districts carved by the Tamil Nadu government recently. The total number of districts in the state are now 35. This has been done for better administration in both the districts.
- Zimbabwe Cricket suspended from ICC
- ICC has suspended Zimbabwe cricket with immediate effect. Zimbabwe will be banned from all ICC tournaments including the upcoming T20 World Cup. Zimbabwe breached the ICC Constitution by failing to provide free and democratic elections and ensuring that there is no government interference in its cricket administration.
- India's first 'garbage cafe' launched in Chhattisgarh
- Chhattisgarh municipal corporation has launched a Garbage Cafe scheme which provide food to the poor and homeless in lieu of plastic waste. That is, for 1kg plastic a person would get a full meal and for half kg he/she would get sufficient breakfast.
- Reliance acquires Hamleys for Rs 620 crore
Reliance has completed the process of complete stake acquisition of the British toy retailer Hamleys Global Holdings Ltd (HGHL) for 67.96 million pounds.
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- WHO declares Ebola virus in Congo outbreak as a public health emergency
- ICJ (International Court of Justice) stays execution of Kulbhushan Jadhav held as captive by Pakistan
- Nelson Mandela Day 2019 – 18th July
- INS Sagardhwani Flagged Off from Kochi
INS Sagardhwani has set sail from Kochi for a scientific venture called 'Marine & Allied Interdisciplinary Training and Research Initiative (MAITRI)'. 'Safety And Growth of All in the Region (SAGAR)'
- IMF head Christine Lagarde resigns -IMF head Christine Lagarde will be stepping down as its managing director. She has been appointed as the President of European Central Bank recently.
- Union Cabinet extends 15th Finance(2020-2025) Commission's term up to Nov 30.
- International Justice Day observed on 17th July 2019
- This day is the anniversary of the adoption of the Rome Statute in 1998.
- The main objective of celebrating this day is to promote the rights of the victims.
- PT Usha nominated for IAAF's Veteran Pin
PT Usha has been nominated for the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) 'Veteran Pin'.
Former athlete Usha was often called the "queen of track and field". She won five gold medals — 100 metres(m), 200m, 400m, 400 m hurdles and the 4×400 m relay — besides a bronze in the Asian Games which were held at Jakarta in 1985.
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- Bernard Arnault becomes the world's second-richest person, Bill Gates third.

Arnault derives most of his wealth from his holdings in Louis Vuitton.

- Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship awards
Tabla Maestro Zakir Hussain and dancer Sonal Mansingh have been selected for the prestigious Sangeet Natak Akademi Fellowship award in the field of performing arts.
 - 'Internet Saathi' programme launched by Google India and Tata Trusts to empower rural women
 - HDFC Bank in collaboration with CSC launched credit card for village entrepreneurs and small traders
HDFC Bank has partnered by Government of India owned Common Service Centre to launch 'Small Business MoneyBack Credit Card'.
 - Uttarakhand to host First-ever Himalayan States Conclave
The key points adopted at the Himalayan conclave will be presented as a draft to the Niti Aayog to frame policies for the region's development.
 - Madhya Pradesh begins its first international flight
 - Air India launches its flight service to Dubai from Devi Ahilya Bai Holkar International Airport, Indore..
 - Anusuiya Uikey appointed Governors of Chhattisgarh
 - Biswa Bhusan appointed as the governor of Andhra Pradesh
 - Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskars for the Year 2018
 - The Sangeet Natak Akademi, National Academy of Music, Dance and Drama, the apex body of performing arts has selected 32 (Including one joint Award) artists of India who have made a mark as young talents in their respective fields of the performing arts for Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar 2018.
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- Top Current Affairs for July 16, 2019
 - Kiran More appointed as interim coach of USA cricket team
 - Kerala to get \$250 million from The World Bank
As the state has recently faced severe losses due to natural calamities, this amount will help to enhance the state's resilience against the impacts of natural disasters and climate change.
 - 15 July observed as World Youth Skills Day
 - Agri-Business Incubation Centre started in Chhattisgarh
An Agri-Business Incubation Centre has been set up by the Union Agriculture Ministry in Indira Gandhi Agriculture University of Raipur, Chhattisgarh.
 - Under the scheme, guidance, technology and infrastructure will be provided to youth and entrepreneurs for start-ups in different areas of agriculture.
 - Russia launched Proton-M rocket carrying the Spektr-RG space telescope
 - The Russian space agency, Roscosmos in partnership with the German space agency DLR, has successfully launched Proton-M rocket carrying the Spektr-RG(Spectrum Roentgen Gamma) space telescope from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.
 - The merger of PSU Insurance Companies announced: National Insurance, Oriental India & United India

- International Court slaps \$5 bn penalties on Pak in Reko Diq case-The World Bank court has imposed a penalty of five billion dollars on Pakistan for unlawful denial of a mining lease to a company for the Reko Diq project in 2011.
 - 3-month deadline to shut polluting industries across India: NGT
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- Top Current Affairs for July 15, 2019
 - Kalraj Mishra appointed Himachal Pradesh Governor
 - Romanian Simona Halep bags Maiden Wimbledon womens singles Title
 - Novak Djokovic won men's singles wimbeldon
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- Top Current Affairs for July 13 & 14, 2019
 - US-India bilateral trade to reach USD 238 billion by 2025
 - Vikas Swarup appointed as the Secretary of Overseas Indian Affairs
 - SBI waives off the charges on NEFT, RTGS, and IMPS
 - Anshula Kant appointed as MD and CFO of the World Bank Group
 - England bags the ICC World Cup Champions trophy
 - Meghalaya, the country's first state to have a policy for Water Conservation
 - Hima Das owns 3rd international gold, creates history
 - TVS Motor launches India's first Ethanol-based motorcycle
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- Top Current Affairs for July 12, 2019
 - Operation Thirst launched by Railways-To catch hold of all the unauthorised packaged drinking water sellers in the railway premises, the Director-General of Railway Board had launched an all India drive named "Operation Thirst".
 - Cabinet approves the third phase of PMGSY
 - The Cabinet Committee on Economic Affairs has approved the third phase of Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana to consolidate 1,25,000 km of roads.
 - India raises 27.1 crore people from poverty
 - According to the global Multidimensional Poverty Index (MPI) from the UN Development Programme (UNDP), India has elevated 271 million people out of poverty between 2006 and 2016.
 - Poverty rate of India has reduced drastically from 55% to 28% in ten years.
 - Ukraine inaugurates world's largest movable metal dome (New Safe Confinement)
 - American singer Taylor Swift tops the Forbes list of the Highest-Paid Celebrities 2019
 - Isha Kanth selected for an internship at the International Court of Justice -20 years old Isha Kanth has been selected for the prestigious two-month internship at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) based at The Hague.
 - Sri Lanka declared measles free
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- Top Current Affairs for July 11, 2019
 - World Population Day 2019 - July11
 - Pro-Khalistan Group Sikhs for Justice Banned in India

- France to impose a green tax on plane tickets from 2020
 - Indian Army places an order for procuring Spike missiles from Israel
 - Para-Athlete Toran Yadav Wins 3 Medals for India at World Wealth Yoga Festival and Championship
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- Top Current Affairs for July 10, 2019
 - IAF gets a second lot of Chinook helicopters
 - BCC and BRICS((Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa)) sign MoU to promote trade The Bharat Chamber of Commerce and the BRICS Chamber of Commerce and Industry have signed an MoU to promote trade and investments.
 - Track and field athlete Dutee Chand creates history, wins 100m gold in World Universiade
 - Sunil Chhetri and Ashalata Devi wins top honours at AIFF Awards Sunil Chhetri, Indian men's football team captain and women footballer Ashalata Devi bagged the AIFF Player of the Year awards by the All India Football Federation.
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- Top Current Affairs for July 09, 2019
 - Hyundai launches India's first fully-electric SUV
 - Rahul Dravid is the new Head of Cricket at NCA
 - BCCI has appointed Rahul Dravid as the Head of Cricket at the National Cricket Academy (NCA) located in Chinnaswamy Stadium Bengaluru, Karnataka.
 - Odisha government to give 10K allowance to Padma Shri awardees
 - DRDO tests Nag Missiles in Pokhran
 - India's Parupalli Kashyap bags silver medal in Canada Open Super 100 tournament
 - LinkedIn appoints Ashutosh Gupta as country manager for India.
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- Top Current Affairs for July 08, 2019
 - Global warming to melt the ice sheet of Greenland by the year 3000: Study
 - The island could lose 4.5 percent of its ice, contributing up to 13 inches of sea level rise by the end of the century,
 - First model village inaugurates in Sri Lanka
 - BSF launches operation 'Sudarshan'
 - A massive exercise has been launched by The Border Security Force (BSF) has named 'Sudarshan', to prevent the 'anti-infiltration grid' along the Pakistan border in Punjab and Jammu.
 - Saudi Arabia adopts Digital India in Haj
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- Top Current Affairs for July 06 & 07, 2019
 - Jaipur, the Pink City makes an official entry in the UNESCO World Heritage sites
 - Founded in 1727 CE under Maharaja Sawai Jai Singh II, the city shows an exemplary development in town planning and architecture inspired by the late medieval period.
 - Deep Space Atomic Clock to be launched by NASA

- NASA has created Jet Propulsion Laboratory called the Deep Space Atomic Clock, which is an ultra-precise device, about 50 times more stable than your average GPS satellite clock.
 - International Day of Cooperatives – 6July
 - Iraq's city of Babylon makes it to UNESCO's Heritage list
The ancient Mesopotamian city of Babylon has been declared as a World Heritage Site by Unesco.
 - Iraq had been influencing since 1983 for the 4,000-year-old site famous for Hanging Gardens to be added to the United Nations' prestigious list.
 - 1800 Bangladeshi Civil Servants to be trained by India
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- Top Current Affairs for July 05, 2019
 - Major Highlights of the Union Budget 2019 presented by Finance Minister Nirmala Seetharaman
1. The Custom duty on gold has been increased by 2.5%.
 2. Increase in special additional duty and road and infrastructure cess on diesel and petrol by Re 1/litre is proposed.
 3. Import of defence equipment is being exempted from basic customs duty.
 4. Individual having an annual income of Rs 2-5 crore and over 5 crores will be levied additional surcharge 3% and 7% respectively.
 5. Business establishments having an annual turnover of Rs 50 crore will have to offer a low-cost digital mode of payments to customers.
 6. TDS of 2% will be levied on cash withdrawal exceeding Rs 1 crore a year.
 7. ITR can be filed by quoting Aadhaar. PAN card is no more mandatory.
 8. Income tax slabs remain unchanged. No tax will be charged for annual earning of up to Rs. 5 lakh.
 9. An additional tax deduction of Rs 1.5 lakh on interest paid on housing loan for self-occupied house owners is also proposed. Hence, those purchasing affordable house will get tax relief up to Rs 3.5 lakh on interest paid.
 10. Additional income tax deduction of Rs 1.5 lakh on the interest paid on loans for Electric Vehicles is proposed.
 11. Government is planning to set up 10000 new farmer producer organisations to ensure farmers get a fair price for their produce.
 12. Finance Minister also announced various New schemes
 13. Pradhan Mantri Karam Yogi Maandhan Scheme
 14. Jal Jeevan Mission
 15. New National Education Policy
 16. The National Research Foundation (NRF)
 17. The National Research Foundation (NRF) will be made to fund, coordinate and promote research in the country.
 18. This adequately funded foundation will conduct independent research grants by various Ministries.
 19. New Space India Limited (NSIL)

20. A brand new public sector enterprise called New Space India Limited (NSIL) is being incorporated as a new commercial arm of the Department of Space.
21. This will tap the benefits of various Research & Development projects carried out by ISRO such as commercialization of launch vehicles, transfer of technologies and marketing of space products.
22. National Sports Education Board (NSEB)
 - To popularize sports at all levels a National Sports Education Board will be set up to develop sportspersons. .
 - Government will expand Khelo India Scheme with necessary financial support.
 - TV Channel for Start-ups
 - To support the new startups , the Government will start a new TV channel under Doordarshan bouquet of channels.
 - This will help them grow in a better way. Channel's name and programmers will be announced in due course of time.
 - India's longest Electrified Railway Tunnel commissioned in Andhra Pradesh
 - The South Central Railway had commissioned the tunnel of 6.6 km between Cherlopalli and Rapuru stations. This new line will provide direct and viable connectivity between the South Coast and West Coast.
 - US-India Strategic Partnership Forum to honour Mastercard CEO Ajay Banga, Wipro's Azim Premji
 - Christine Lagarde is the new president of the European Central Bank
- Top Current Affairs for July 04, 2019
- Henley Passport Index 2019; India ranks 86th, Japan at the top
- India approaches 2030 Sustainable Development Goals
- To free humanity from poverty and put the planet back on the road to sustainability by 2030 all the countries are making their action plans. India is also following a holistic approach towards its 2030 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by launching various schemes.
- SDG Index Score for the Indian states ranges between 42 and 69 whereas it ranges between 57 and 68 for Union Territories.
- Kerala and Himachal Pradesh are the leaders amongst all the states with a score of 69. And Chandigarh is leading with a score of 68 among the UT's.
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- NALCO (National Aluminium Company Limited) to get President's award for excellent CSR
- Japan resumes commercial whaling
- After withdrawing from the International Whaling Commission, Japan resumed commercial whaling after three decades.
- Japan has joined Iceland and Norway as the only nations to allow commercial whaling.
- Japan started whale hunting in 1985 and have caught and killed nearly 17,000 whales since then.

- Top Current Affairs for July 02, 2019
 - One Nation One Ration Card scheme launched
 - Jal Shakti Abhiyan for Water Conservation Launched
 - Top Current Affairs for July 01, 2019
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- National Doctor's Day 2019 -1st july
 - 2 years of GST – 1st July
 - India and Russia sign a deal to acquire anti-tank missile
 - India has signed Rs 200 crore deal to acquire 'Strum Ataka' anti-tank missile from Russia for its fleet of Mi-35 attack choppers.
 - Aparna Kumar becomes the first civil servant to achieve the 7 Summits (climbing mountains)challenge