



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JULY 5, 2026

NATIONAL

National Digital Platform - DIKSHA

- The Central Government designated DIKSHA (Digital Infrastructure for Knowledge Sharing) as "One Nation, One Digital Platform" for school education.
- DIKSHA was launched in 2017 and is managed by NCERT (National Council of Educational Research and Training) with support from CIET (Central Institute of Educational Technology).
- It provides curriculum-based digital learning resources from the Foundational Stage to Class 12 and is used by education boards across almost all States and Union Territories.
- It supports teacher training through the NISHTHA (National Initiative for School Heads' and Teachers' Holistic Advancement) programme with self-paced certification courses.
- DIKSHA also enables offline access, downloadable content, DAISY-format materials, and text-to-speech features to improve accessibility for learners with disabilities.

STATE

Thayumanavar Scheme Expansion

- The Tamil Nadu government plans to expand the Chief Minister's Thayumanavar Scheme to benefit more elderly persons, widows, and persons with disabilities.
- The scheme provides doorstep delivery of essential commodities through the Public Distribution System (PDS) ration shops.
- The government plans to reduce the eligibility age from 70 years to 60 years.
- Around 4 lakh additional beneficiaries are expected to be covered under the expanded scheme.
- At present, nearly 20 lakh elderly persons and persons with disabilities receive doorstep ration supplies through over 34,000 Public Distribution System (PDS) outlets.

SCHEMES

SUMAN Roadmap 2030

- SUMAN Roadmap 2030 was launched by the Union Ministry of Health and Family Welfare at the 16th Conference of the Central Council of Health and Family Welfare.
- SUMAN Roadmap 2030 is a strategic framework to strengthen maternal and newborn healthcare in India.
- It is anchored in the RMNCHA+N (Reproductive, Maternal, Newborn, Child, Adolescent Health and Nutrition) approach.
- It aims to reduce the Maternal Mortality Ratio (MMR) below 70 per 1 lakh live births by 2030.
- It targets a reduction in the Neonatal Mortality Rate (NMR) and Infant Mortality Rate (IMR).
- It covers 130 districts across 13 high-focus states for targeted interventions.
- It includes digital monitoring, emergency obstetric care, and high-risk pregnancy tracking.

DEFENSE

India's Nuclear Warheads Deployment

- The Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) 2026 Yearbook classified 12 of India's estimated 190 nuclear warheads as "operationally deployed," indicating higher readiness of a small part of India's nuclear arsenal.
- SIPRI stated that 12 Indian nuclear warheads are now "operationally deployed" with delivery systems and under military control.
- This does not indicate any change in India's "No First Use (NFU)" nuclear doctrine or credible minimum deterrence policy.
- Operational deployment means warheads are mated with delivery systems such as missiles or submarines and kept in a ready state.
- The development is linked to the strengthening of India's nuclear triad, especially Arihant-class nuclear ballistic missile submarines (SSBNs).

IMPORTANT DAYS

Global Skills Challenge 2026

- India won five medals (3 gold, 1 silver, 1 bronze) at the Global Skills Challenge 2026, held in Australia.
- The event is a preparatory competition for the 48th WorldSkills Competition, scheduled in Shanghai, China (2026).
- The competition saw participation from around 600 competitors from 16 WorldSkills member countries under the WorldSkills movement.
- India's gold medals were won in Additive Manufacturing, Cloud Computing, and Health & Social Care.
- The silver medal was won in 3D Digital Game Art, and the bronze medal in Painting and Decorating, highlighting India's growing vocational skill strength under Skill India initiatives.



