



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JULY 7, 2026

STATE

Sirsa Kinnow Receives GI Tag, Becomes Haryana's First Fruit with Geographical Indication Recognition

- Sirsa Kinnow has received the GI Tag.
- It is Haryana's first fruit to receive GI recognition.
- The registration was granted by the GI Registry, Chennai.
- The applicant was Kharisuverian Farmer Producer Company.
- The application was submitted in June 2023.
- Sirsa Kinnow is known for its sweet taste and high juice content.
- The fruit is also recognized for its large size and vibrant colour.
- The GI tag provides legal protection against imitation.
- It enhances domestic and international branding.
- Farmers are expected to receive better prices and higher profits.
- The recognition strengthens Haryana's horticulture sector.

Gujarat Builds First Air-Filled Rubber Dams Using South Korean Technology: Everything You Need to Know

- Gujarat is constructing its first inflatable rubber dams.
- The projects use South Korean technology.
- They are located at Rajvasana (Heran River) and Pathakwadi (Ambika River).
- Total investment exceeds ₹162 crore.
- Rajvasana project costs ₹82.97 crore.
- Pathakwadi project costs ₹79.13 crore.

- Rajvasana dam will irrigate 3,420 hectares.
- Pathakwadi dam will irrigate around 650 hectares.
- Both dams are equipped with automatic SCADA systems.
- High-tensile rubber bladders have been imported from South Korea.
- The dams have an estimated lifespan of 30 years with low maintenance.

DEFENSE

Adani Defence Launches ₹2,500 Crore Missile Manufacturing Plant in Madhya Pradesh

- Adani Defence launched a ₹2,500 crore missile manufacturing project.
- The facility is located at Pali, Shivpuri district, Madhya Pradesh.
- Foundation stone was laid on 5 July 2026.
- The project will manufacture medium and long-range missile systems.
- It will produce propellants, TNT, and explosive materials.
- The project was inaugurated by CM Mohan Yadav, Jyotiraditya Scindia, and Jeet Adani.
- It is expected to be completed within three years.
- Around 5,000 direct and indirect jobs will be created.
- More than 50 MSMEs will join the supply chain.
- It strengthens Madhya Pradesh's defence manufacturing ecosystem.
- The project supports Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

INS Mahendragiri to Join Indian Navy on July 11: India's Sixth Indigenous Stealth Frigate Set for Commissioning

- INS Mahendragiri will be commissioned on 11 July 2026.
- It is India's sixth Project-17A Nilgiri-class stealth frigate.
- Built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited.
- Designed by the Warship Design Bureau.
- The vessel has over 75% indigenous content.
- It will join the Eastern Fleet.
- Equipped with surface-to-surface and surface-to-air missiles.
- Features advanced electronic warfare and anti-submarine systems.
- Uses CODOG propulsion.

- Named after the Mahendragiri mountain range.
- Strengthens India's maritime defence capability.

Indonesia to Import India's Astra Missiles: A Major Boost to Defence Cooperation and Indigenous Defence Exports

- Indonesia will import India's Astra BVRAAM.
- The decision was announced on 7 July 2026.
- The agreement followed talks between PM Modi and President Prabowo.
- Astra was developed by DRDO.
- It is manufactured by Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL).
- Astra is India's first indigenous Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile.
- The deal boosts India's defence exports.
- It supports Make in India and Aatmanirbhar Bharat.
- Both countries also discussed BrahMos exports, EVM support, and Sabang Port.
- The agreement strengthens Indo-Pacific strategic cooperation.
- It highlights India's emergence as a global defence exporter.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

China Conducts Submarine-Launched Ballistic Missile Test in South Pacific: Key Facts and Strategic Significance

- China conducted an SLBM test on 6 July 2026.
- The missile carried a dummy warhead.
- It was launched from a nuclear-powered submarine.
- It was China's second Pacific strategic missile test since September 2024.
- It was the first known submarine-based strategic missile launch since 1982.
- SLBMs form a crucial part of sea-based nuclear deterrence.
- Australia, New Zealand, and Japan expressed concern.
- Japan had been informed before the launch.
- The test coincided with China-Russia Joint Sea-2026 naval exercises.
- The South Pacific falls under the Treaty of Rarotonga (1985) nuclear-free zone.
- The launch has strategic implications for Indo-Pacific security.

