

Highlights of 11 July 2026 Current Affairs

- China has achieved the controlled recovery of a reusable rocket booster from an orbital-class reusable rocket named Long March-10B. This marks the second successful recovery of an orbital-class rocket booster, after the American company SpaceX, which was the first to achieve this milestone in December 2015.
- The Hong Kong government has allowed dog owners and their four-legged pets to accompany them to dining restaurants
- The Government of India has mandated licensing for all formulations containing more than 12% v/v (volume/volume) ethyl alcohol in quantities exceeding 30 ml, to prevent the misuse of medical products with high levels of alcohol.
- The World Bank has approved a \$4.2 billion private financing package for India's rooftop solar initiative, aimed at accelerating the country's rooftop solar programme.
- The Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC) has launched the beta version of its website in collaboration with the Centre for Railway Information Systems (CRIS) and the Malaviya National Institute of Technology (MNIT), Jaipur. The revamped website incorporates feedback on issues such as captcha verification and other performance-related shortcomings.
- The Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas released a report stating that petrol blended with 20% ethanol (E20) may cause a 3–5% decrease in fuel economy in some vehicles.
- According to the latest release by the Government of India, the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) clarified that no app can block phone calls originating from the 1600 number series, which is used for communication by regulated entities and the government to citizens. Similarly, promotional calls from the 140 number series cannot be tagged or filtered by any app and can only be blocked through the Do Not Disturb (DND) registry managed by the regulator.
- The Indian Army is set to add 450 Carl Gustaf lightweight rocket launchers, which are shoulder-fired units. These are being manufactured as the Swedish-origin 84 mm Carl Gustaf Mark-IV lightweight rocket launcher, with a range between 350 and 800 metres and improved accuracy.
- The Indian Navy has commissioned the indigenous stealth frigate INS Mahendragiri in Visakhapatnam. INS Mahendragiri is the sixth ship in the seven-ship INS Nilgiri-class series, of which five have already been commissioned.
- The Council of Scientific and Industrial Research – National Aerospace Laboratories (CSIR-NAL) has completed the design phase of the Saras Mk-II aircraft, an indigenous 19-seater twin-turboprop aircraft that will operate at smaller airports across India.
- The Government of India has approved the construction of a new greenfield airport in the Srikakulam district of Andhra Pradesh under the flagship scheme UDAN (Ude Desh Ka Aam Nagrik).
- In a significant development for diabetes patients, Novo Nordisk India has introduced Awiqli (insulin icodec), the world's first once-weekly basal insulin for adults with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes, simplifying insulin therapy by reducing the number of injections from 365 per year to just 52.
- The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has announced the establishment of India's first dedicated Centre for High-Altitude Medicine and Public Health Research at Keylong in the Lahaul and Spiti district of Himachal Pradesh.

- Under the Cetacean Translation Initiative (CETI) project, scientists have achieved a significant milestone in sperm whale communication by using Artificial Intelligence (AI) to analyse their vocalisations, identifying 156 distinct codas — short click sequences used by sperm whales.
- The Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has secured the prestigious World Summit on the Information Society (WSIS) Forum 2026 in Geneva under Action Line C6 — Enabling Environment, for the integrated phygital service delivery model enabled by the BharatNet Initiative.
- The 8th Khelo India Youth Games 2026 will be hosted by the Telangana government to promote grassroots sports, as announced by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.
- The Government of India and the Government of Kyrgyzstan have launched the International Centre for Civilizational Studies, “Manas and Mahabharata,” in Bishkek. It will be established by the Manas National Academy in collaboration with the Centre for the Study of International Relations (CSIR), New Delhi.
- Indian Bank Federal Bank has achieved a milestone by becoming the first ever international issuer to receive a credit rating of BBB-/Stable for the long term and A-3 for the short term from S&P Global Ratings.

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Entity	Details
China President	Xi Jinping
China Currency	Yuan / Renminbi
China Capital	Beijing
Hong Kong Status	Special Administrative Region of China
Hong Kong Currency	Hong Kong Dollar
World Bank President	Ajay Banga (14 th President)

Entity	Details
World Bank HQ	Washington, D.C.
World Bank Established	1944
IRCTC Chairman & MD	Sanjay Kumar Jain
Petroleum & Natural Gas Minister	Hardeep Singh Puri
TRAI Chairperson	Anil Kumar Lahoti
TRAI HQ	New Delhi
Army Chief	General Dhiraj Seth (31 st & current)
Naval Chief	Admiral Krishna Swaminathan (27 th & current)
Andhra Pradesh CM	N. Chandrababu Naidu
Andhra Pradesh Governor	S. Abdul Nazeer
Andhra Pradesh Capital	Amaravati
Himachal Pradesh CM	Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu

Entity	Details
Himachal Pradesh Governor	Kavinder Gupta
Himachal Pradesh Capitals	Shimla (Summer), Dharamsala (Winter)
Telangana CM	Revanth Reddy
Telangana Governor	Shiv Pratap Shukla
Telangana Capital	Hyderabad
Kyrgyzstan Capital	Bishkek
Kyrgyzstan President	Sadyr Japarov
Kyrgyzstan Currency	Som
Federal Bank HQ	Aluva, Kochi, Kerala
Federal Bank CEO & MD	KVS Manian