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## National News

### Key National Headlines:

**Kargil Vijay Diwas 2025:** India is commemorating the 26th anniversary of its victory in the 1999 Kargil War. A 'Kargil Vijay Diwas Padyatra' is being organized in Drass, Kargil, led by Union Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya, with participation from the Union Minister of State for Defence, Shri Sanjay Seth, and youth volunteers. Wreaths will be laid and homage offered to the martyrs.

**Clean Energy Transition:** Union Minister Pralhad Joshi has outlined five core areas shaping India's clean energy transition: stronger power purchase agreements, improved grid and storage infrastructure, expanded domestic manufacturing, efficient land use, and better access to finance. India is well on track to achieve its 2030 target of 500 GW non-fossil capacity, having already surpassed 50% of its total installed power from clean energy. The current renewable energy capacity exceeds 245 GW.

**"Operation Sindoor" Debate in Parliament:** The parliamentary impasse is set to end, with the government agreeing to a special debate on "Operation Sindoor" (a military operation between India and Pakistan) starting Monday. This follows allegations from the Congress regarding PM Modi's "friendship" with US President Donald Trump and Trump's claims of intervening to stop the operation. The Chief of Defence Staff of India, General Anil Chauhan, has affirmed that "Operation Sindoor" remains in progress.

**PM Modi's Visit to Tamil Nadu:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to visit Tamil Nadu today to inaugurate, lay the foundation stone, and dedicate to the nation development projects worth over Rs 4,800 crore across key sectors.

**President's Rule Extended in Manipur:** President's Rule in Manipur has been extended by another 6 months. It was initially imposed on February 13, 2025, due to prolonged ethnic violence and a breakdown of administrative machinery.

**New IRDAI Chairman Appointed:** The Government of India has appointed Ajay Seth, former Secretary of Finance and Economic Affairs, as the new Chairman of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI).

**Haryana CET Exams:** All schools across Haryana will remain closed today (July 26) and tomorrow (July 27) in view of the Common Eligibility Test (CET) examinations for Group-C posts. Comprehensive security arrangements, including prohibitory orders and traffic management, are in place for the smooth conduct of the exam for 13.48 lakh eligible candidates.

### Economic and Policy Developments:

**Banks Closed:** Banks across India are closed today, July 26, 2025, as it is the fourth Saturday of the month, as per RBI rules. Banks in Sikkim will have a three-day holiday (July 26-28) due to the Drukpa Tshe-zi festival. Digital banking options remain available.

**Q1 Results Announcements:** At least 37 companies, including major names like Kotak Mahindra Bank, IDFC First Bank, and Whirlpool





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of India, are scheduled to release their Q1FY26 earnings reports today.

**MSME Export Support:** Government initiatives to support MSME exports include the International Cooperation Scheme (providing financial aid for international trade fairs) and the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) piloting E-Commerce Export Hubs (ECEHs) for end-to-end support in cross-border e-commerce.

**Wilful Defaulters:** Public sector banks (PSBs) have identified 1,629 unique corporate borrowers as wilful defaulters, with outstanding dues of ₹1.62 trillion as of March 31, 2025.

**Bihar's New Energy Policy:** The Bihar state government will formally launch its New & Renewable Energy Promotion Policy-2025 and Pumped Storage Policy-2025 today at an event in Gyan Bhavan, aiming to attract investors and drive clean energy transformation.

**eShram Portal Registrations:** Over 30.94 crore unorganised workers have registered on the eShram portal as of July 17, 2025.

**PM Surya Ghar:** Muft Bijli Yojana: More than 58.7 lakh applications have been received under this scheme, with 17.2 lakh rooftop solar systems installed so far.

**Battery Storage Viability Gap Funding:** A ₹5,400 crore viability gap funding program for 30 GWh of battery storage has been launched, expected to attract ₹33,000 crore in private investments.

**Production Linked Incentive (PLI) Scheme:** A ₹24,000 crore PLI scheme is boosting domestic solar and wind manufacturing.

**National Green Hydrogen Mission:** Moving forward with an outlay of ₹19,744 crore, including plans for 3,000 MW of electrolyser capacity and 8.6 lakh tonnes of green hydrogen production annually.

**India-UK Free Trade Agreement:** Over 95% of Indian agricultural exports to the UK will enjoy zero tariffs under a recently signed FTA, benefiting items like shrimp, grapes, and spices.

### Social and Other Developments:

**Voter Roll Revision in Bihar:** The first phase of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR) of Bihar's electoral rolls concluded, with about 8% (65 lakh names) likely to be removed from the draft rolls due to being deceased, duplicate, or untraceable.

**Judicial Developments:** A notice for the removal of Justice Yashwant Varma is likely to be taken up in the Lok Sabha.

**New Goa Governor:** Former Union minister Ashok Gajapati Raju will be sworn in as the new governor of Goa today.

**eShram "One-Stop-Solution" Launched:** This platform has been integrated with major welfare schemes.

**ICAR-NIHSAD, Bhopal Recognized:** The institute has been recognized as a Category A RHF by WOA and FAO, joining an elite group of 6 institutions globally.







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**Chinese Tourist Visas:** The Indian Embassy in Beijing has announced that Chinese nationals can now apply online for tourist visas.

**PM Modi's International Honours:** PM Modi is noted as the most internationally decorated Indian Prime Minister, with 24 global honors.

**Challenges in Obtaining US Visas:** The central government has informed Parliament that Indian students are facing difficulties getting US student visa appointments due to new rules requiring social media profiles to be public. The issue has been raised with the US Embassy and State Department.

**Tuberculosis Eradication:** India aims to eradicate TB by 2025 through a comprehensive national plan, though challenges like multi-drug resistance and stigma remain.

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### MCQS

1. What anniversary of the Kargil War is India commemorating on July 26, 2025?

- a) 25th
- b) 26th
- c) 20th
- d) 30th

**Answer:** b) 26th

The news states, "India is commemorating the 26th anniversary of its victory in the 1999 Kargil War."

2. As of July 26, 2025, what is India's current renewable energy capacity?

- a) Over 200 GW
- b) Exceeds 245 GW
- c) Exactly 250 GW
- d) Around 300 GW





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**Answer:** b) Exceeds 245 GW

The text mentions, "The current renewable energy capacity exceeds 245 GW."

3. What is the approximate value of development projects PM Modi is scheduled to inaugurate, lay the foundation stone for, and dedicate to the nation in Tamil Nadu today?

- a) Rs 3,500 crore
- b) Rs 4,000 crore
- c) Rs 4,800 crore
- d) Rs 5,000 crore

**Answer:** c) Rs 4,800 crore

The news states, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to visit Tamil Nadu today to inaugurate, lay the foundation stone, and dedicate to the nation development projects worth over Rs 4,800 crore across key sectors."

4. For how long has President's Rule in Manipur been extended, effective July 26, 2025?

- a) 3 months
- b) 6 months
- c) 9 months
- d) 1 year

**Answer:** b) 6 months

The information provided indicates, "President's Rule in Manipur has been extended by another 6 months."

5. Who has been appointed as the new Chairman of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)?

- a) Pralhad Joshi
- b) Ajay Seth
- c) Sanjay Seth
- d) Ashok Gajapathi Raju

**Answer:** b) Ajay Seth

The news states, "The Government of India has appointed Ajay Seth, former Secretary of Finance and Economic Affairs, as the new Chairman of the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI)."

6. Approximately how many eligible candidates are expected to take the Haryana CET examinations for Group-C posts today and tomorrow?

- a) 10 lakh
- b) 12.5 lakh
- c) 13.48 lakh
- d) 15 lakh

**Answer:** c) 13.48 lakh

The text specifies, "for 13.48 lakh eligible candidates."

Economic and Policy Developments

7. How many unique corporate borrowers have been identified as wilful defaulters by Public Sector Banks (PSBs) as of March 31, 2025?

- a) 1,500
- b) 1,629
- c) 1,700
- d) 1,850

**Answer:** b) 1,629

The news explicitly states, "Public sector banks (PSBs) have identified 1,629 unique corporate borrowers as wilful defaulters."

8. What are the outstanding dues of wilful defaulters to Public Sector Banks (PSBs) as of March 31, 2025?

- a) ₹1.5 trillion
- b) ₹1.62 trillion
- c) ₹1.75 trillion
- d) ₹2 trillion

**Answer:** b) ₹1.62 trillion



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The text mentions, "with outstanding dues of ₹1.62 trillion as of March 31, 2025."

**9. How many unorganised workers have registered on the eShram portal as of July 17, 2025?**

- a) Over 25 crore
- b) Over 30.94 crore
- c) Over 35 crore
- d) Over 40 crore

**Answer:** b) Over 30.94 crore

The news states, "Over 30.94 crore unorganised workers have registered on the eShram portal as of July 17, 2025."

**10. How many rooftop solar systems have been installed under the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana so far?**

- a) 10 lakh
- b) 15 lakh
- c) 17.2 lakh
- d) 20 lakh

**Answer:** c) 17.2 lakh

The information provided notes, "with 17.2 lakh rooftop solar systems installed so far."

**11. What is the financial outlay for the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme boosting domestic solar and wind manufacturing?**

- a) ₹20,000 crore
- b) ₹24,000 crore
- c) ₹28,000 crore
- d) ₹30,000 crore

**Answer:** b) ₹24,000 crore

The text mentions, "A ₹24,000 crore PLI scheme is boosting domestic solar and wind manufacturing."

**12. What is the total outlay for the National Green Hydrogen Mission?**

- a) ₹15,000 crore
- b) ₹19,744 crore
- c) ₹22,000 crore
- d) ₹25,000 crore

**Answer:** b) ₹19,744 crore

The news states, "Moving forward with an outlay of ₹19,744 crore."

**13. What percentage of Indian agricultural exports to the UK will enjoy zero tariffs under the recently signed FTA?**

- a) Over 85%
- b) Over 90%
- c) Over 95%
- d) 100%

**Answer:** c) Over 95%

The text indicates, "Over 95% of Indian agricultural exports to the UK will enjoy zero tariffs under a recently signed FTA."

Social and Other Developments

**14. Approximately how many names are likely to be removed from the draft electoral rolls in Bihar after the first phase of the Special Intensive Revision (SIR)?**

- a) 50 lakh
- b) 60 lakh
- c) 65 lakh
- d) 70 lakh

**Answer:** c) 65 lakh

The news states, "about 8% (65 lakh names) likely to be removed from the draft rolls."

**15. How many global honors is PM Modi noted to have received, making him the most internationally decorated Indian Prime Minister?**

- a) 20







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- b) 22
- c) 24
- d) 25

**Answer:** c) 24

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