



## National News

### I. Major Political & Governance Developments

**Monsoon Session of Parliament Begins:** The Monsoon Session of Parliament commenced on July 21, 2025, after a break of over three and a half months. The government has lined up 15 bills for consideration, including eight new ones and seven pending. Key bills include the Income-Tax Bill, 2025, and amendments to various laws related to finance, education, mining, and shipping. A new digital attendance system for MPs has also been rolled out. (Times of India, July 21, 2025; PIB, July 20, 2025)

**Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar Resigns:** Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar unexpectedly resigned on July 21, 2025, due to health reasons, just three years into his term. (Current Affairs 2025 - Today's Latest Current Affairs, July 22, 2025)

**INDIA Bloc Meetings:** Leaders of the INDIA bloc held an online meeting on July 19, 2025, to discuss the prevailing political situation and strategize for the Monsoon Session. Issues like the Election Commission's Special Revision of electoral rolls in Bihar and the Pahalgam terror attack were on the agenda. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has distanced itself from the INDIA bloc, stating their alliance was only for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls. (Times of India, July 17 & 19, 2025; The Hindu, July 19, 2025)

**8th Central Pay Commission Consultations:** The central government has initiated consultations with various stakeholders, including states and key ministries, for the constitution of the 8th

Central Pay Commission (CPC). The 8th CPC is scheduled to be implemented from January 1, 2026, aiming to revise the pay structure for nearly 50 lakh central government employees and allowances for about 65 lakh pensioners. (Times of India, July 21, 2025)

**Policy Reforms for Ease of Research:** The government has announced significant policy reforms aimed at enhancing "Ease of Innovation" and "Ease of Doing Research" in India, providing relief to researchers, scientists, and institutions. (Sansad TV, July 13, 2025)

**Debate Over 'Socialist' and 'Secular' in Preamble:** A renewed debate has emerged over the inclusion of the words "socialist" and "secular" in the Preamble of the Constitution, which were added during the Emergency via the 42nd Amendment Act, 1976. (Drishti IAS, July 2, 2025)

### II. Economic & Financial News

**SBI Raises ₹25,000 Crore Via QIP:** The State Bank of India (SBI) successfully executed a Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP) on July 22, 2025, raising ₹25,000 crore, marking a historic milestone. (Current Affairs 2025 - Today's Latest Current Affairs, July 22, 2025)

**Foreign Investors Pull Out from Indian Equities:** Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) have pulled out ₹5,524 crore from Indian equities so far in July, turning net sellers after three months of buying. Total outflows for 2025 have reached ₹83,245 crore. This is attributed to elevated market valuations, US-India trade tensions, and mixed corporate earnings. (Times of India, July 20, 2025)





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**Economy Projected to Grow at 6.5%:** The Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) chairman, S Mahendra Dev, stated that the Indian economy is expected to grow at 6.5% in the current financial year (FY26), despite global headwinds. Domestic growth is anticipated to be driven by low inflation, good monsoon, and benign interest rates. (Times of India, July 16, 2025)

**Corporate Earnings Season:** India's corporate earnings season in July 2025 shows resilience, with green energy, EVs, and healthcare sectors performing well due to policy support and R&D. However, banking and IT sectors are experiencing margin pressures. (AlInvest, July 20, 2025)

**RBI Rate Cuts:** The RBI has cut interest rates by 100 basis points since February 2025, bringing the policy rate to 5.5%, as consumer price inflation fell to 2.1%. This easing aims to bolster consumer spending and capital expenditures. (AlInvest, July 20, 2025)

**Need for Further Reforms for Faster Growth:** Sanjeev Sanyal, a member of the PM's Economic Advisory Council, emphasized the need for continued investment in infrastructure, new trade agreements, and improved ease of doing business to accelerate India's growth beyond 7-8% annually. (Times of India, July 18, 2025)

### III. Social & Developmental Initiatives

**"Mahila Aarogyam Kaksh" Launched:** A new initiative, "Mahila Aarogyam Kaksh," has been launched as a step towards workplace wellness for women. (Current Affairs 2025 - Today's Latest Current Affairs, July 19, 2025)

**NSCSTI 2.0 Framework Launched:** The NSCSTI 2.0 Framework has been launched to upgrade civil services training in India. (Current Affairs 2025 - Today's Latest Current Affairs, July 19, 2025)

**Gujarat Launches India's First Tribal Genome Sequencing Project:** Gujarat has initiated India's first tribal genome sequencing project, a significant step in scientific and social research. (Current Affairs 2025 - Today's Latest Current Affairs, July 17, 2025)

**ICMR to Commercialise Indigenous Malaria Vaccine:** The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) has taken a major step in public health innovation by moving to commercialize an indigenous malaria vaccine. (Current Affairs 2025 - Today's Latest Current Affairs, July 21, 2025)

**India's Tourism Sector and Vision 2047:** The Government of India has set an ambitious target to raise the contribution of tourism to 10% towards a \$32 Trillion Economy by 2047. (Current Affairs 2025 - Today's Latest Current Affairs, July 21, 2025)

**India Taps Global Satellite Firms for Military Surveillance:** The Indian government has initiated talks with global satellite firms to strengthen real-time surveillance and military preparedness. (Current Affairs 2025 - Today's Latest Current Affairs, July 21, 2025)

### IV. Other Key Updates

**PM Modi's Visit to UK and Maldives:** Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to embark on a two-nation tour to the United Kingdom and Maldives from July 23-26, 2025. (Current







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Affairs 2025 - Today's Latest Current Affairs, July 21, 2025)

**India's New UN Voting Approach:** India's voting behavior at the United Nations (UN) has seen a notable evolution, with rising abstentions reaching an all-time high in recent years, indicating a new UN voting approach. (Current Affairs 2025 - Today's Latest Current Affairs, July 21, 2025)

### MCQS

**1. When did the Monsoon Session of Parliament commence in 2025?**

- a) July 16, 2025
- b) July 19, 2025
- c) July 21, 2025
- d) July 22, 2025

**Answer:** c) July 21, 2025

The text states, "The Monsoon Session of Parliament commenced on July 21, 2025..."

**2. What was the stated reason for Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar's resignation on July 21, 2025?**

- a) Political differences
- b) Health reasons
- c) Retirement
- d) To take up a new government position

**Answer:** b) Health reasons

The text indicates, "Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar unexpectedly resigned on July 21, 2025, due to health reasons..."

**3. Which political party has distanced itself from the INDIA bloc, stating their alliance was only for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls?**

- a) Congress
- b) Trinamool Congress (TMC)
- c) Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)

d) Samajwadi Party (SP)

**Answer:** c) Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)

The text notes, "The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has distanced itself from the INDIA bloc, stating their alliance was only for the 2024 Lok Sabha polls."

**4. When is the 8th Central Pay Commission (CPC) scheduled to be implemented?**

- a) January 1, 2025
- b) July 1, 2025
- c) January 1, 2026
- d) July 1, 2026

**Answer:** c) January 1, 2026

The text states, "The 8th CPC is scheduled to be implemented from January 1, 2026..."

**5. How much capital did the State Bank of India (SBI) raise via Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP) on July 22, 2025?**

- a) ₹10,000 crore
- b) ₹15,000 crore
- c) ₹20,000 crore
- d) ₹25,000 crore

**Answer:** d) ₹25,000 crore

The text states, "The State Bank of India (SBI) successfully executed a Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP) on July 22, 2025, raising ₹25,000 crore..."

**6. As of July 20, 2025, what were the total outflows by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) from Indian equities for the year 2025?**

- a) ₹5,524 crore
- b) ₹14,590 crore
- c) ₹83,245 crore
- d) ₹1.10 lakh crore

**Answer:** c) ₹83,245 crore





The text indicates, "Total outflows for 2025 have reached ₹83,245 crore." (Note: While another source mentions ₹1.10 lakh crore as secondary market outflow, the provided text's primary point uses ₹83,245 crore for total outflows).

**7.What is the projected growth rate for the Indian economy in the current financial year (FY26), according to S Mahendra Dev, EAC-PM chairman?**

- a) 5.5%
- b) 6.0%
- c) 6.5%
- d) 7.0%

**Answer: c) 6.5%**

The text states, "The Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister (EAC-PM) chairman, S Mahendra Dev, stated that the Indian economy is expected to grow at 6.5% in the current financial year (FY26)..."

**8.By how many basis points has the RBI cut interest rates since February 2025, bringing the policy rate to 5.5%?**

- a) 25 basis points
- b) 50 basis points
- c) 75 basis points
- d) 100 basis points

**Answer: d) 100 basis points**

The text states, "The RBI has cut interest rates by 100 basis points since February 2025, bringing the policy rate to 5.5%..."

**9.What is the purpose of the newly launched "Mahila Aarogyam Kaksh" initiative?**

- a) To provide financial aid to women entrepreneurs.
- b) To promote workplace wellness for women.
- c) To offer free healthcare check-ups for rural women.

d) To establish women's self-help groups.

**Answer: b) To promote workplace wellness for women.**

The text states, "A new initiative, 'Mahila Aarogyam Kaksh,' has been launched as a step towards workplace wellness for women."

**10.Which state has launched India's first tribal genome sequencing project?**

- a) Rajasthan
- b) Madhya Pradesh
- c) Jharkhand
- d) Gujarat

**Answer: d) Gujarat**

The text explicitly mentions, "Gujarat has initiated India's first tribal genome sequencing project..."

**11.What ambitious target has the Government of India set for the contribution of tourism to the national economy by 2047?**

- a) 5%
- b) 8%
- c) 10%
- d) 15%

**Answer: c) 10%**

The text states, "The Government of India has set an ambitious target to raise the contribution of tourism to 10% towards a \$32 Trillion Economy by 2047."

**12.Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to embark on a two-nation tour to which countries from July 23-26, 2025?**

- a) USA and France
- b) Russia and Germany
- c) United Kingdom and Maldives
- d) Japan and Australia

**Answer: c) United Kingdom and Maldives**





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The text states, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to embark on a two-nation tour to the United Kingdom and Maldives from July 23–26, 2025."

**13.What notable evolution has India's voting behavior at the United Nations (UN) seen in recent years?**

- a) A significant increase in 'yes' votes.
- b) A rising number of abstentions.
- c) A decrease in participation in UN votes.
- d) Exclusive alignment with one major bloc.

**Answer:** b) A rising number of abstentions.

The text states, "India's voting behavior at the United Nations (UN) has seen a notable evolution, with rising abstentions reaching an all-time high in recent years..."

