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DAILY DOSE

CURRENT AFFAIRS – 07/07/2026

1. White-Bellied Heron (*Ardea insignis*)

Recent - Forest Advisory Committee's in-principle clearance to the Kalai-II hydroelectric project in Arunachal Pradesh threatens one of the White-Bellied Heron's last confirmed Indian habitats.

White-bellied Heron, also called the imperial heron, is the world's second-largest heron (after the Goliath Heron), with fewer than 60 individuals in the wild.

Restricted to Eastern Himalayan foothills in Bhutan, north-east India (primarily Arunachal Pradesh and Assam), and northern Myanmar.

IUCN: Critically Endangered; WPA: Schedule I

2. Indiahandmade

Recent - Government highlighted Indiahandmade's role in digitising the craft economy, with plans to onboard over 60 lakh artisans.

Indiahandmade is an e-commerce marketplace developed by the Digital India Corporation (DIC) under the Ministry of Textiles, connecting local weavers and artisans directly with buyers.

Launched in 2023, it is a zero-commission, zero-registration-fee platform. The platform features GI-tagged products and One District One Product (ODOP) crafts.

3. WhatsApp Username Feature

Recent - The Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) directed Meta to pause the rollout of WhatsApp's optional username feature in India over fraud and impersonation risks.

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Legal Basis: The IT Act, 2000 (Sections 66C on identity theft and 66D on cheating by impersonation) and the IT Rules, 2021; MeitY considers WhatsApp as a significant social media intermediary whose non-compliance could strip Section 79 protection and lead to liability.

Section 79 of the IT Act, 2000, grants internet intermediaries “Safe Harbour” protection, shielding them from liability for third-party content, subject to prescribed due diligence.

4. RIMPAC 2026

Recent - The Indian Navy's P-8I maritime patrol aircraft participates in Rim of the Pacific Exercise (RIMPAC) 2026, the world's largest multinational naval exercise.

RIMPAC is the world's largest international maritime exercise. It began in 1971 and brings together military forces from 30+ nations.

RIMPAC 2026 marks the 30th edition of the exercise and its theme is 'Partners: Integrated and Prepared'. It is hosted biennially (every 2 years) by the U.S. Pacific Fleet in and around the Hawaiian Islands.

5. e-MERLIN

Recent - Team of astronomers from Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA), autonomous institution under Department of Science and Technology, used e-MERLIN radio array, to observe nearby galaxies.

It is one of the first statistically complete high-resolution radio surveys capable of isolating faint black hole activity in nearby galaxies.

It is an array of seven radio telescopes spanning 217 km across Great Britain connected by a superfast optical fibre network to its headquarters at Jodrell Bank Observatory.

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DAILY PRACTICE QUESTIONS (07/07/2026)

Q1. Safe Harbour:

1 Section 79

2 Conditional protection

3 Absolute immunity.

A)1&2

B)2&3

C)1&3

D)1,2,3

Q2. IT Act:

1 Sec66C identity theft

2 Sec66D cheating by impersonation

3 Both in IT Act 2000.

A)1&2

B)2&3

C)1&3

D)1,2,3

Q3. RIMPAC 2026:

1 Largest maritime exercise

2 Biennial by US Pacific Fleet

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3 30th edition.

A)1&2

B)2&3

C)1,2,3

D)1

Q4. P-8I is primarily a:

A Maritime patrol aircraft

B Fighter

C Bomber

D Trainer

Q5. e-MERLIN:

1 Seven radio telescopes

2 Great Britain

3 HQ Jodrell Bank.

A)1&2

B)2&3

C)1,2,3

D)1 only

Answers

Q1 Answer: A. Explanation: Section 79 grants conditional safe harbour.

Q2 Answer: D. Explanation: All statements are correct.

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Q3 Answer: C. Explanation: All statements are correct.

Q4 Answer: A. Explanation: P-8I is a maritime patrol and anti-submarine aircraft.

Q5 Answer: C. Explanation: All statements are correct.

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