



EVERYDAY CURRENT AFFAIRS – JULY 10, 2026

INTERNATIONAL

India, Australia Sign 18 Agreements to Expand Strategic Partnership

- India and Australia signed **18 agreements**.
- Agreements were announced during the Third Annual Summit.
- Covers defence and maritime security.
- Includes clean energy cooperation.
- Strengthens civil nuclear collaboration.
- Expands cybersecurity partnerships.
- Promotes education and research.
- Includes mining and geoscience cooperation.
- Australian universities will establish campuses in India.
- Ancient Indian artefacts will be returned.

NATIONAL

ICMR to Establish India's First High-Altitude Medicine Centre

- ICMR will establish India's first High-Altitude Medicine Centre.
- Centre will be located at Keylong, Himachal Pradesh.
- Situated in Lahaul and Spiti district.
- Existing field station will be upgraded.
- Focus on altitude medicine research.
- Research on HAPE and HACE.

- Uses telemedicine and drone healthcare.
- Supports disease surveillance.
- Collaborates with AFMS and DRDO.
- Improves healthcare in Himalayan regions.

STATE

Tamil Nadu Tops India in Higher Education GER

- Tamil Nadu ranked first in higher education GER.
- GER reached 52.3% in 2023-24.
- National average GER is 30%.
- GER increased from 49.1% in 2022-23.
- Female GER stood at 53.1%.
- Male GER was 51.6%.
- Female GER exceeded male GER for the third consecutive year.
- Around 35.8 lakh students were enrolled in higher education.
- The state has 2,18,656 higher education faculty members.
- Tamil Nadu accounts for 12.6% of India's teaching workforce.

Srikakulam to Get New Airport Under UDAN Scheme

- Srikakulam will get a new greenfield airport.
- Project is under the UDAN Scheme.
- Airport will be developed in Mandasa Mandal.
- Palasa has been identified for the domestic airport.
- Total project area is 1,383 acres.
- AAI and APADC signed an agreement in November 2025.
- Land acquisition is underway in two phases.
- Modified UDAN Scheme covers 2026-2036.
- Scheme has an outlay of ₹28,840 crore.
- Airport will improve connectivity in North Coastal Andhra Pradesh.
- Key Fact: The modified UDAN Scheme aims to develop 100 new airports across India.

DEFENSE

SIR-NAL Completes Design of Indigenous Saras MkII Aircraft

- CSIR-NAL completed the design of Saras MkII.
- Design phase was completed on 8 July 2026.
- Saras MkII is a 19-seater twin-turboprop aircraft.
- Aircraft is designed to improve regional connectivity.
- It can operate from smaller airports under the UDAN Scheme.
- Features include glass cockpit, autopilot and digital avionics.
- HAL will support manufacturing and metallic components.
- Prototype manufacturing will begin after design completion.
- Maiden test flight is scheduled for December 2027.
- Indian Air Force has projected a requirement of 15 aircraft.

SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

Novo Nordisk Launches World's First Weekly Diabetes Insulin

- Novo Nordisk India launched Awikli (insulin icodec).
- It is the world's first once-weekly basal insulin.
- Designed for adults with Type 1 and Type 2 diabetes.
- Reduces injections from 365 to 52 per year.
- Uses Novo Nordisk's FlexTouch injection device.
- Provides stable blood glucose control for one week.
- Helps improve patient convenience and treatment adherence.
- ONWARDS-1 trial showed better HbA1c reduction.
- India has over 101 million people with diabetes.
- The launch marks a major advancement in diabetes care.

SPORTS

Telangana to Host 8th Khelo India Youth Games 2026

- Telangana will host the **8th Khelo India Youth Games 2026**.
- Announcement was made by Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya.

- Games promote grassroots sports development.
- Event is organised under the **Khelo India Programme**.
- It aims to identify talented young athletes.
- Thousands of athletes and officials are expected to participate.
- Telangana was selected for its strong sports infrastructure.
- Event will encourage youth participation in sports.
- It is expected to boost sports tourism.
- Games support India's long-term sporting excellence.

SCHEMES

UP Nishulk Boring Yojana 2026 to Support Farmers

- Uttar Pradesh will implement the **UP Nishulk Boring Yojana 2026**.
- The scheme provides free agricultural borewell installation.
- Farmers also receive subsidised pump sets up to **5 HP**.
- It mainly benefits small and marginal farmers.
- The scheme was originally launched in **1985**.
- It aims to improve irrigation and reduce monsoon dependence.
- SC/ST farmers are eligible under special provisions.
- Applications can be submitted online.
- Documents include Aadhaar, land records and bank passbook.
- The scheme will improve farm productivity and rural livelihoods.

