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# DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS 13 - 07 - 2021

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**Important days**

# 1. Cow Appreciation Day – July 13, 2021

## EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What? Cow Appreciation Day**  
**When? 13 July**

**Chick-Fil-A company**  
**Founded: 1946,**  
**CEO: Dan T. Cathy**  
**Hq: Georgia, US**

**Cow Appreciation Day : July 13 (second Tuesday of July)**

**FIRST OBSERVED: 2005**

**BY : Chick-Fil-A company**



## Recent News:

- National Fish Farmers' Day: 10 July
- World Zoonoses Day: 6 July

## Highlights :

- **Cow Appreciation Day** appreciates cows and their need for humans, thereby encouraging people to eat more chicken over a cow.
- **Chick-Fil-A company** makes chicken-based food and whereas people of America consume a large amount of beef, so this day was started to brainwash people to eat more chicken at their restaurant.

**Appointment**

## 2. Abiy Ahmed wins landslide victory in Ethiopian election

**appointed :** abiy ahmed

**as:** PM of ethiopia

**Tenure:** 5 years

**Party:** Prosperity Party



### Highlights:

- Ethiopia's ruling **Prosperity Party** was declared the **winner** of last month's national election in a landslide, assuring a second **five-year** term for **Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed**.
- The National Election Board of Ethiopia said the ruling party won **410 seats out of 436** contested in the federal parliament.
- Abiy Ahmed came to power in April 2018 after the former prime minister resigned.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What?** PM of ethiopia  
**who?** abiy ahmed

### Ethiopia

cap: Addis Ababa;

curr: Ethiopian birr

pres: Sahle-Work Zewde

### Recent News

- Joseph Lambert appointed as interim president of Haiti

**MOU**

### 3.Nepal, India sign deal for \$1.3 billion Lower Arun Hydropower project



#### Highlights:

- Nepal signed a pact with India's state-owned Satluj Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd. to develop the 679-megawatt Lower Arun Hydropower project in eastern Nepal.
- The \$1.3 billion project, the single biggest foreign investment project is located in Sankhuwasabha and Bhojpur districts.
- This is the second mega project undertaken by the southern neighbour after the \$1.04 billion 900-MW Arun-3 hydroelectric project in the Arun river.

#### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? partnered with nepal  
By? India's SJVN ltd

#### Nepal

Capital: Kathmandu

Currency: Nepalese rupee

Pres: : Bidhya Devi Bhandari

#### SJVN ltd

CMD:Nand Lal Sharma

HQ: Shimla,HP

#### Recent News

- India, Nepal exchange pact to increase efficiency, cost-competitiveness in rail freight

## 4. Bharat Dynamics Ltd signs Rs 499-crore deal with IAF for Akash missiles



### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? BDL signed a contract with? Ministry of Defence

**Ministry of Defence**

**Rajnath Singh**

**Cons: Lucknow, UP**

**BDL**

**HQ: Hyderabad, Telangana**

**CMD: Siddharth Mishra;**

### Recent News

- Ministry of Defence has implemented SPARSH System, an integrated system for automation of sanction and disbursement of defence pension.

### Highlights:

- **Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)** signed a contract worth about Rs **499 crore** with the **Ministry of Defence** for the manufacture and supply of **Akash missiles** to the **Indian Air Force (IAF)**.
- The contract was signed by Air Commodore **Ajay Singh**, Guided Weapons Maintenance on behalf of Indian Air Force and Commodore **T N Kaul** (Retd), Executive Director (Marketing) on behalf of BDL.



# Summits

## 5.21st Session of India-Italy Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation



### Highlights:

- 21st Session of India-Italy Joint Commission for Economic Cooperation (JCEC) was held virtually.
- Piyush Goyal, Commerce & Industry Minister and Luigi Di Maio, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy co-chaired the Session.
- Both sides held extensive discussions on bilateral trade and Investment and economic cooperations.
- Piyush raised the issues of Mutual recognition of **COWIN Vaccine Certificate** and opening up of **Travel restrictions** and Portability of social security benefits of Indians working in Italy.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? 21st Session of India-Italy JCEC

Who participate? Piyush Goyal

Commerce & Industry Minister  
Piyush goyal.

Cons: maharashtra

### Recent news

- Union Minister Piyush Goyal has said, India's per-capita carbon dioxide emission is lowest amongst big economies in UN trade forum 2021

# **Books and authors**

## 6. 'Terrace Garden: Midde Thota' translated by Koduru Sitarama Prasad



**Book Title:** Terrace Garden: Midde Thota

**Author:** Thummeti Raghothama Reddy(telugu)

**Translated :** Koduru Sitarama Prasad(English)

**Publisher:** Yadlapalli Venkateswara Rao

### About Book:

The book 'Terrace Garden: Midde Thota' gives an insight into the practical methods and techniques that can be adopted while cultivating a terrace garden. Shri Naidu said that the book inspires people to take up terrace gardening and is a perfect guide for those who want to nurture a terrace garden of their own.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What?** Terrace Garden: Midde Thota

**Who?** Thummeti Raghothama Reddy

**Publisher? :** Yadlapalli Venkateswara Rao

### RECENT NEWS

- "The Ramayana of Shri Guru Gobind Singh Ji" translated by Baljit Kaur Tulsi

## 7.The book “A New Cold War: Henry Kissinger and the Rise of China” by Sanjaya baru and Rahul sharma



**Book Title:** A New Cold War: Henry Kissinger and the Rise of China

**Edited by :** Sanjaya baru and Rahul sharma

**Publisher:** harper collins publications

### About Book:

- This book is The collection of critical essays examines the impact, consequences and legacy of Kissinger's first, door-opening visit to China and how it has shaped world order.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What?** A New Cold War: Henry Kissinger and the Rise of China

**Who?** Sanjaya baru and Rahul sharma

**Publisher?** : harper collins publications

### RECENT NEWS

- Pan Macmillan to publish Nathuram Godse's biography

# Banking

## 9.0. Exim Bank lends \$35.26 million for Senegal power project



### Highlights:

- The **Export Import (Exim) Bank of India** has extended a **USD 35.26 million loan** for a **power transmission project** being executed by **Kalpataru Power Transmission** in **Senegal**.
- the construction and installation of **225 kV** overhead transmission line from **Tanaff to Ziguinchor** and bay extensions in Tanaff and Ziguinchor in Senegal.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What? USD 35.26 million loan for a power transmission project by? Exim bank of india**

#### **Kalpataru Power Transmission Ltd**

**chairman:** Mofatraj P. Munot

**HQ:** mumbai

#### **Exim bank of india**

**chairman:** David rasquinho

**HQ:** mumbai

### Recent news

- China turns on world's 2nd-biggest hydropower dam

# Awards



## 11. Syed Osman Azhar Maqsusi won Commonwealth Points of Light award

**award:** Commonwealth Points of Light award

**Received By:** Syed Osman Azhar Maqsusi

**By:** UK



### Highlights:

- Hyderabad's hunger activist **Syed Osman Azhar Maqsusi**, who has been feeding thousands of people every day as part of his food drive '**Hunger Has No Religion**' was awarded a top UK award "**Commonwealth Points of Light award**" recently.
- The award is for those 'outstanding individuals who are making a change in their community.'

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What?** Commonwealth Points of Light award

**Who?** Syed Osman Azhar Maqsusi

### Recent News

- Kaushik Basu awarded prestigious Humboldt Research Award

## 12. Telangana coop bank bags Nabard award

**award:** best state cooperative bank

**Received By:** Telangana State Cooperative Apex Bank

**By:** NABARD



### Highlights:

- the **Telangana State Cooperative Apex Bank (TSCAB)** has been adjudged the **best State Cooperative Bank** in the country while **Karimnagar District Cooperative Credit Bank (DCCB)** was adjudged the **best DCCB in South India** by the **National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD)**.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

**What?** best state cooperative bank

**Who?** Telangana State Cooperative Apex Bank

### NABARD

Chairman: G.R. Chintala

HQ: mumbai

### Recent News

- Bonalu is a Telangana traditional Hindu festival centered on the Goddess Mahakali.
- NABARD sanctioned ₹ 2891.15 lakh under RIDF scheme to Government of goa

**International**

## 13. IMF board backs \$650 billion aid plan to help vulnerable countries



### Highlights:

- The executive board of the **International Monetary Fund** approved a **\$650 billion** expansion in resources to support economically **vulnerable member nations** as they battle the coronavirus pandemic.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? **\$650 billion** fund  
By ? IMF

### IMF

MD: Kristalina Georgieva  
HQ: Washington, D.C., U.S

### Recent News

- World Bank expands  
Coronavirus Vaccine  
Funding to \$20 billion

**National**

# 14. ISRO Plans to Launch GISAT-1 Geo-Imaging Satellite on August 12



## Highlights:

- The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) is getting back into launch activity fully at **Sriharikota spaceport** with the planned orbiting of geo imaging satellite **GISAT-1** on board **GSLV-F10 rocket** on August 12.
- According to ISRO, GISAT-1 will facilitate near real-time observation of the Indian sub-continent, under cloud-free conditions, at frequent intervals.

## EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? geo imaging satellite  
**GISAT-1**

By ? ISRO

## ISRO

Chairman: K.Sivan.

Hq: Bengaluru, Karnataka.

## Recent News

- ISRO gives nod to parliamentary panel to implement satellite TV classrooms

## 15. ICCR will set up the 'Bangabandhu Chair' at the Delhi University



### Highlights:

- **Delhi University** will have a '**Bangabandhu Chair**' to foster a better understanding of developments in Bangladesh.
- An MoU was signed between the **Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)** and **Delhi University** in Dhaka to set up this Chair at Delhi University.
- The chair will set up to honour Bangladesh's founding father **Sheikh Mujibur Rahman** as well as India's diplomatic ties with Dhaka.
- The Chair will focus on the **common heritage of the two countries**.

### EXPECTED QUESTIONS

What? 'Bangabandhu Chair'  
in ? Delhi University

#### ICCR

President: Vinay Sahasrabudhe  
HQ: new delhi

### Recent News

- IIT Madras and Sony India team up to host SAMVEDAN 2021.

**State**



## 16.Amit Shah inaugurates CoE for Research & Analysis of National Forensic Science University in Ahmedabad



### Highlights:

- The Union Home Minister, **Amit Shah** inaugurated the newly built **Center of Excellence for Research & Analysis** of Narcotics and Psychotropic Substances of the **National Forensic Science University** in **Ahmedabad, Gujarat**.

What? CoE for Research & Analysis of National Forensic Science University  
In? ahmedabad

gujarat

CM: vijay rupani

Gov: Acharya Devvrat

Cap: gandhinagar

### Recent news

- Amazon launches its first Digital Kendra in India in Gujarat

## 17. Assam launches scheme to give Rs 2.5 lakh to COVID widows



What? 'Chief Minister's COVID-19 Widows Support Scheme

In? assam

assam

CM: himanta biswa sharma

Gov: Jagdish Mukhi

Cap: dispur

### Highlights:

- Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma rolled out a 'Chief Minister's COVID-19 Widows Support Scheme' to provide one-time financial assistance of Rs 2.5 lakh each to all widows, whose husbands died due to COVID-19, if their annual family income is less than Rs 5 lakh.
- Under the scheme Sarma handed over cheques to 176 eligible beneficiaries.

### Recent news

- Assam to create new department for indigenous faith and culture

## 18.LG launches 'mySrinagar' mobile app



What? 'mySrinagar' mobile app  
In? J&K

J&K

LG:manoj Sinha

Cap: jammu (Winter), srinagar (Summer)

### Highlights:

- **Jammu and Kashmir** Lieutenant Governor **Manoj Sinha** launched the '**mySrinagar**' mobile app -- a one-stop solution catering to the needs of residents and tourists by integrating all available e-services offered by various departments and tourism-related information 'in both offline and online modes'.

### Recent news

- J&K Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha announces Fellowship Programme for Graduates

**Sports**

## 19.Euro 2020 Final: Italy beat England on penalties



What? UEFA European  
Championship  
Win? Italy

### Highlights:

- The 16<sup>th</sup> edition of UEFA European Championship final pits England and Italy against each other. Italy won 3-2 on penalties held at Wembley stadium, London, UK.
- Italy's Goalkeeper Gianluigi Donnarumma named player of UEFA EURO 2020
- Golden boot award- Cristiano Ronaldo (Portugal) (5 goals in the series)
- Young player of the tournament award- Pedro Gonzalez (Spain)

### Recent news

- Argentina beats Brazil to lift Copa America 2021

## 20.2022 Khelo India Youth Games to be held in Haryana



What? Khelo India Youth Games 2021  
host?haryana

### Haryana

Capital: Chandigarh

Cm: Manohar Lal Khattar

Gov: Bandaru Dattatreya

### Recent news

- Mumbai, Pune to host 2022 women's Asian Cup

### Highlights:

- The state government of **Haryana** will organise the **Khelo India Youth Games 2021** in February 2022.
- Khelo India Youth Games 2021 are to be held in the **Under-18 category**.
- Around 8,500 players will participate in the event of which 5,072 will be athletes, including 2,400 females and 2,672 males.

## 21.Sophie Ecclestone, Devon Conway win ICC Player of the Month Award



### Highlights:

- **England** Left-arm spinner **Sophie Ecclestone** has been named as **ICC Women Player of the Month for June**.
- In Men's category, **New Zealand** opener **Devon Conway** has bagged **ICC Player of the Month for June**.
- He became the first New Zealand player to win the award.

**What? ICC Player of the Month**  
**Who? Sophie Ecclestone(eng), Devon Conway(nz)**

### ICC

**Hq: Dubai, United Arab Emirates;**  
**Chairman: Greg Barclay.**

### Recent news

- Kathryn Bryce, Mushfiqur Rahim named ICC Players of the month for May

## Organisation / Bank:

### Chick-Fil-A company

**Founded:**1946,

**CEO:** Dan T. Cathy

**Hq:** Georgia, US

### SJVN ltd

**CMD:**Nand Lal Sharma

**HQ:** Shimla,HP

### BDL

**HQ:** Hyderabad,telangana

**CMD:** Siddharth Mishra;

### Equitas SFB

**Hq:** chennai

**CEO:** P N Vasudevan

### Kalpataru Power Transmission

**ltd**

**chairman:** Mofatraj P. Munot

**HQ:** mumbai

### Exim bank of india

**chairman:** David rasquinho

**HQ:** mumbai

### NABARD

**Chairman:** G.R. Chintala

**HQ:** mumbai

### IMF

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**HQ:** new delhi

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## Country / State:

### Haryana

**Capital:** Chandigarh

**Cm:** Manohar Lal Khattar

**Gov:** Bandaru Dattatreya

### Ethiopia

**cap:** Addis Ababa;

**curr:** Ethiopian birr

**pres:** Sahle-Work Zewde

### Nepal

**Capital:** Kathmandu

**Currency:** Nepalese rupee

**Pres:** : Bidhya Devi Bhandari

### gujarat

**CM:** vijay rupani

**Gov:** Acharya Devvrat

**Cap:** gandhinagar

### assam

**CM:** himanta biswa sharma

**Gov:** Jagdish Mukhi

**Cap:** dispur

### J&K

**LG:**manoj Sinha

**Cap:** jammu (Winter),  
srinagar (Summer)

### Minis/cons:

### Ministry of Defence

**Rajnath singh**

**Cons:** lucknow,UP

### Commerce & Industry

**Minister**

**Piyush goyal.**

**Cons:** maharashtra