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A roundup of the key current affairs for July 5, 2026, covering the items not taken up as separate deep-dive articles.

## ASSAM PRODUCES INDIA'S FIRST COMMERCIAL MATCHA TEA

*Assam became the first Indian state to commercially produce matcha tea, the Chief Minister announced on July 3, 2026.*

### Key Points

- India's first commercial **matcha** was produced at the **Chota Tingrai Tea Estate** in **Tinsukia district, Assam**, after a decade of collaboration with Japanese tea experts.
- The first batch was sold at the **Guwahati Tea Auction Centre**, with the debut lot fetching about Rs 3,000.
- **Matcha** is a shade-grown, stone-ground green tea; it originated in China and was carried to Japan, where it became central to the tea ceremony.

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Matcha: shade-grown, stone-ground green tea.

Site: Chota Tingrai Tea Estate, Tinsukia district, Assam; India-Japan collaboration.

Sold via: Guwahati Tea Auction Centre.

## IRENA REPORT ON RENEWABLE POWER COSTS IN 2025

*The International Renewable Energy Agency released its "Renewable Power Generation Costs in 2025" report in early July 2026.*

### Key Points

- More than **90 per cent** of newly added utility scale renewable capacity in 2025 was cheaper than the cheapest fossil-fuel option.
- Renewables avoided about **USD 480 billion** in fossil-fuel costs and around **8.4 gigatonnes** of carbon-dioxide emissions in 2025.
- Onshore wind was the cheapest source at about **USD 33 per MWh**; solar photovoltaic was around **USD 44 per MWh**.

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IRENA: International Renewable Energy Agency, headquarters Abu Dhabi, established 2009.

2025 finding: over 90 per cent of new renewables cheaper than fossil fuels.

Savings: about USD 480 billion in avoided fuel costs.

## JUNE 2026 GST COLLECTIONS RISE 13.9 PER CENT

*Gross GST collections for June 2026 reached about Rs 1.95 lakh crore, data released on July 1, 2026 showed.*

### Key Points

- Gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) collection in June 2026 was about **Rs 1,94,812 crore**, up **13.9 per cent** year on year, the fastest monthly growth in 13 months.
- Import GST surged **34.6 per cent**, pointing to strong imports, while domestic GST rose more modestly.
- The **GST Council**, constituted under **Article 279A**, is the apex (<https://ujivari.com/vocab/apex/>) body for GST policy.

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June 2026 gross GST: about Rs 1,94,812 crore, up 13.9 per cent year on year.

Import GST: up 34.6 per cent.

GST Council: constitutional body under Article 279A.

## NATIONAL ONE HEALTH MOCK DRILL IN VIDISHA

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*The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying conducted “Pashujanya Yudh Abhyas”, a national One Health mock drill, at Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh, in early July 2026.*

### Key Points

- The **five-day national-level mock drill** tested preparedness and inter-agency coordination for zoonotic-disease outbreaks and animal-health emergencies under the **National One Health Mission** (<https://ujjyari.com/schemes/national-one-health-mission/>).
- It was conducted by the **Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying (DAHD)**, under the Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying.
- **One Health** is an integrated approach linking human, animal and environmental health; **World Zoonoses Day** falls on July 6.

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Pashujanya Yudh Abhyas: national One Health mock drill at Vidisha, Madhya Pradesh.

Conducted by: DAHD, under the National One Health Mission.

One Health: integrated human, animal and environmental health approach.

## RAM VILAS PASWAN BIRTH ANNIVERSARY

*July 5 marks the birth anniversary of Ram Vilas Paswan, born on July 5, 1946.*

### Key Points

- **Ram Vilas Paswan** (1946 to 2020), born in **Khagaria, Bihar**, was a long-serving Union Minister and the founder of the **Lok Janshakti Party**.
- He held the record for a large victory margin from the **Hajipur** Lok Sabha constituency and served in several central ministries, including Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution.

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Ram Vilas Paswan: born July 5, 1946, Khagaria, Bihar; founder of the Lok Janshakti Party.

Known for: long service across Union ministries and a record Hajipur victory margin.

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These items span GS Paper 2 (health governance, One Health) and GS Paper 3 (economy, taxation, renewable energy, agriculture). Revise them as quick prelims pointers alongside the day's deep-dive articles.

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**One Health drill:** Pashujanya Yudh Abhyas at Vidisha, MP; DAHD under the National One Health Mission.

**Ram Vilas Paswan:** born July 5, 1946; founder of the Lok Janshakti Party.

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