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A roundup of the key current affairs for July 8, 2026, covering the items not taken up as separate deep-dive articles.

## CABINET DOUBLES THE GOVERNMENT'S NIIF COMMITMENT

*The Union Cabinet approved an additional Rs 30,000 crore for the National Investment and Infrastructure Fund.*

### Key Points

- The extra commitment takes the government's total commitment to the **National Investment and Infrastructure Fund (NIIF)** to about **Rs 60,000 crore**, funding a second infrastructure fund targeting transport, energy, digital, urban infrastructure and e-mobility.
- **NIIF**, set up in **2015**, is India's sovereign-anchored (quasi-sovereign wealth) fund; the Government of India holds a **49 per cent** stake, and it is managed by NIIF Limited.

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NIIF: established 2015; Government stake 49 per cent; managed by NIIF Limited.

New commitment: additional Rs 30,000 crore; total about Rs 60,000 crore.

Funds: Master Fund, Fund of Funds, Strategic Opportunities Fund.

## INS MAHENDRAGIRI TO BE COMMISSIONED

*INS Mahendragiri, the sixth Project 17A stealth frigate (<https://ujyari.com/vocab/frigate/>), is set for commissioning at Visakhapatnam.*

### Key Points

- **INS Mahendragiri (F38)** is the sixth and final **Project 17A** frigate, built by **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL)**, and is named after a peak in the **Eastern Ghats in Odisha**.
- It has over **75 per cent indigenous content** and carries the **BrahMos** anti-ship missile and the **Barak-8** surface-to-air missile.
- Project 17A is the follow-on to Project 17 (the Shivalik class), comprising seven ships in all, designed by the Navy's Warship Design Bureau.

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## GOVERNMENT LIFTS EMERGENCY GAS-SUPPLY CURBS

*The government withdrew emergency natural-gas supply restrictions as LNG shipments through the Strait of Hormuz (<https://ujiyari.com/terms/strait-of-hormuz/>) resumed.*

### Key Points

- The **Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas** amended the Natural Gas (Supply Regulation) Order, 2026 to remove the emergency provisions (<https://ujiyari.com/terms/emergency-provisions/>) imposed on **March 9, 2026** during the West Asia conflict, as maritime traffic and liquefied natural gas (LNG) shipments normalised after a ceasefire (<https://ujiyari.com/vocab/ceasefire/>).
- The emergency order had been issued under the **Essential Commodities Act**; India imports roughly half of its natural gas as LNG, and about a third of global LNG transits the Strait of Hormuz.

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Curbs lifted: emergency provisions of the Natural Gas (Supply Regulation) Order, 2026.

Legal base: the emergency order was issued under the Essential Commodities Act.

Context: LNG via the Strait of Hormuz resumed after the West Asia ceasefire.

## TELANGANA TO RESTORE HYDERABAD'S CHAR KAMAN

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*Telangana sanctioned the restoration of the historic Char Kaman near Charminar in Hyderabad.*

### Key Points

- The **Char Kaman** (four arches), near the **Charminar**, were built in the late 16th century under the **Qutb Shahi dynasty** and are part of Hyderabad's original Gulzar Houz urban plan.
- The Charminar was built in **1591** by Muhammad Quli Qutb Shah; the Qutb Shahi monuments feature Indo-Islamic architecture and are on **UNESCO's Tentative List**.

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Char Kaman: four arches near the Charminar; late 16th century, Qutb Shahi dynasty.

Charminar: built 1591 by Muhammad Quli Qutb Shah.

Qutb Shahi monuments: on UNESCO's Tentative List.

## AIR INDIA AND SIAEC SIGN MRO MOU

*Air India signed an agreement with SIA Engineering Company to build a maintenance, repair and overhaul (<https://ujjiyari.com/vocab/overhaul/>) ecosystem in India.*

### Key Points

- The Memorandum of Understanding between **Air India** and **SIA Engineering Company (SIAEC)**, a Singapore Airlines subsidiary, aims to develop a **Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul (MRO)** ecosystem in India, cutting reliance on overseas facilities for the growing Indian fleet.
- It aligns with the government's MRO policy push, which has cut GST on MRO services to 5 per cent and allows 100 per cent foreign direct investment; Air India is now Tata Group-owned.

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MRO: Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul of aircraft.

Partners: Air India and SIA Engineering Company (a Singapore Airlines subsidiary).

Policy: GST on MRO cut to 5 per cent; 100 per cent FDI allowed.

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Gas curbs lifted: emergency Natural Gas Supply Regulation Order provisions removed as Hormuz LNG resumed.

Char Kaman: four Qutb Shahi arches near Charminar; Charminar built 1591.

Air India MRO: MoU with SIA Engineering Company for an MRO ecosystem in India.

Sources: *Press Information Bureau* (<https://pib.gov.in>), *Indian Navy* (<https://indiannavy.nic.in>), *Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas* (<https://mopng.gov.in>)

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