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A roundup of the key current affairs for July 11, 2026, covering the items not taken up as separate deep-dive articles.

INS MAHENDRAGIRI COMMISSIONED INTO THE NAVY

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh commissioned the stealth frigate (<https://ujjayi.com/vocab/frigate/>) INS Mahendragiri at Visakhapatnam.

Key Points

- **INS Mahendragiri** is the sixth and final **Project 17A (Nilgiri-class)** stealth frigate, built by **Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDL)** with over **75 per cent indigenous content**, and is named after a peak in the **Eastern Ghats in Odisha**.
- Project 17A, the follow-on to the Project 17 (Shivalik) class, comprises seven frigates built by **MDL and Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE)** and designed by the Navy's **Warship Design Bureau**; the ship carries the **BrahMos** and **Barak-8** missiles.

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ASWATH S BECOMES INDIA'S 98TH CHESS GRANDMASTER

Aswath S earned the Grandmaster title to become India's 98th chess Grandmaster.

Key Points

- **Aswath S**, a 17-year-old from **Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu**, secured his final Grandmaster (GM) norm at an international tournament to become **India's 98th Grandmaster**.
- The **Grandmaster** title, the highest in chess awarded by **FIDE (the International Chess Federation)**, requires three GM norms and a peak rating of at least **2500 Elo**.

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Achievement: Aswath S, India's 98th chess Grandmaster.

From: Kanyakumari, Tamil Nadu (aged 17).

GM title: awarded by FIDE; needs three norms and a 2500 Elo peak.

ADB TRIMS INDIA'S GROWTH FORECAST

The Asian Development Bank lowered its growth forecast for India for 2026-27.

Key Points

- The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** trimmed India's **2026-27 GDP growth forecast to 6.6 per cent** (from 6.9 per cent) and raised its inflation projection to about **5.2 per cent**, citing global trade uncertainty and higher prices.
- The ADB, headquartered in **Manila**, is a regional development bank; India remains among the fastest-growing major economies despite the downward revision.

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Forecast: ADB cut India 2026-27 growth to 6.6 per cent; inflation about 5.2 per cent.

ADB: Asian Development Bank, headquartered in Manila.

Context: global trade uncertainty and higher prices.

UTTARAKHAND DECLARED FULLY LITERATE

Uttarakhand was declared a fully literate state under the ULLAS (<https://ujiyari.com/terms/ullas-adult-literacy/>) programme.

Key Points

- **Uttarakhand** became the sixth state or Union Territory to be declared **fully literate** under the **ULLAS (Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society) Nav Bharat Saaksharta Karyakram**, also called the New India Literacy Programme.
- ULLAS targets adult **functional literacy and foundational numeracy** for those who missed formal schooling, aligned with **NEP 2020**, using volunteer teachers and covering many languages.

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Milestone: Uttarakhand declared fully literate under ULLAS.

ULLAS: Understanding of Lifelong Learning for All in Society; the New India Literacy Programme.

Aim: adult functional literacy and numeracy, aligned with NEP 2020.

TRIBEX TRIBAL LEARNING PLATFORM LAUNCHED

The Ministry of Tribal Affairs launched TribeX, a digital learning platform on tribal culture.

Key Points

- **TribeX** is a digital learning platform launched by the **Ministry of Tribal Affairs**, offering free certificate courses and thousands of learning resources on tribal culture, heritage and knowledge systems.
- It aims to widen access to tribal knowledge and skilling, complementing schemes such as **Eklavya Model Residential Schools** (<https://ujiyari.com/schemes/emrs/>) (**EMRS**) and the **PM-JANMAN** and **Dharti Aaba** tribal-development initiatives.

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TribeX: digital learning platform on tribal culture by the Ministry of Tribal Affairs.

Offer: free certificate courses and thousands of resources.

Complements: EMRS, PM-JANMAN, Dharti Aaba tribal initiatives.

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