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A roundup of the key current affairs for July 17, 2026, covering the items not taken up as separate deep-dive articles.

INDIA'S SOCIAL PROTECTION COVERAGE CROSSES ONE BILLION

India announced that its social protection coverage has crossed one billion people, recognised by the ILO.

Key Points

- India's **social protection coverage** rose from about **19 per cent (roughly 250 million people) in 2015** to about **68.4 per cent (over 100 crore people) in 2026**, a jump acknowledged by the **International Labour Organization (ILO)**.
- The recognition, by ILO Director-General **Gilbert Hounbo**, came at the **12th BRICS Labour and Employment Ministers' Meeting in Hyderabad**, held under **India's BRICS chairship** for 2026. The ILO, founded in **1919** and headquartered in **Geneva**, is the United Nations agency for the world of work.

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Coverage: from about 19 per cent (2015) to about 68.4 per cent (2026), over 100 crore people.

Recognition: ILO, at the 12th BRICS Labour Ministers' Meeting, Hyderabad.

ILO: founded 1919, headquartered in Geneva.

WORLD DAY FOR INTERNATIONAL JUSTICE

July 17 is observed as the World Day for International Justice.

Key Points

- The **World Day for International Justice**, observed on **July 17**, marks the **1998** adoption of the **Rome Statute**, the treaty that established the **International Criminal Court** (<https://ujjayi.com/terms/international-criminal-court/>) (**ICC**).
- The **ICC**, seated at **The Hague** in the Netherlands, tries individuals for genocide, war crimes, crimes against humanity and the crime of aggression, and has around **125 member states**. **India is not a signatory** to the Rome Statute, citing concerns over **sovereignty** (<https://ujjayi.com/vocab/sovereignty/>) and the powers of the UN Security Council.

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Day: World Day for International Justice, July 17.

Rome Statute: adopted 1998; established the ICC (The Hague), about 125 members.

India: not a signatory to the Rome Statute.

DELHI APPROVES A START-UP AND INCUBATION POLICY

The Delhi Cabinet approved a new Start-up and Incubation Policy.

Key Points

- The **Delhi** government, under Chief Minister **Rekha Gupta**, approved a **Start-up and Incubation Policy** with an outlay of over **Rs 400 crore** for five years, aimed at fostering entrepreneurship among students and young innovators.
- The policy will roll out through **state universities, government-aided colleges, polytechnics and ITIs**, with milestone-based funding and an annual start-up festival to build an innovation ecosystem in the capital.

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Policy: Delhi Start-up and Incubation Policy (over Rs 400 crore, five years).

Rollout: state universities, colleges, polytechnics, ITIs.

Chief Minister: Rekha Gupta.

DURAND CUP TROPHY TOUR REACHES GUWAHATI

The trophies of the 135th Durand Cup were unveiled in Guwahati.

Key Points

- The three historic trophies of the **135th edition of the Durand Cup** were unveiled during a trophy tour in **Guwahati**, ahead of the tournament.
- The **Durand Cup**, established in **1888** and named after **Sir** (<https://ujiyari.com/terms/sir-special-intensive-revision/>) **Mortimer Durand**, is **Asia's oldest football tournament** and one of the oldest in the world, reflecting India's long football heritage.

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Tournament: 135th Durand Cup, Asia's oldest football tournament.

Established: 1888, named after Sir Mortimer Durand.

Event: trophy tour unveiling in Guwahati.

STATE OF INDIA'S ENVIRONMENT REPORT FLAGS CHANGING TIGER BEHAVIOUR

A State of India's Environment report highlighted changing tiger behaviour and habitat.

Key Points

- A **State of India's Environment** assessment, brought out by the **Centre for Science and Environment (CSE)** and **Down To Earth**, flagged that tigers are increasingly moving into thickets of the invasive shrub **Lantana camara** (<https://ujiyari.com/terms/lantana-camara/>) and shifting behaviour, amid rising human-tiger conflict.
- The report noted a significant number of **tiger-attack fatalities**, and that **Lantana camara**, a species introduced in the colonial era, now occupies a large share of India's forests and scrublands, degrading native habitat.

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Report: State of India's Environment (CSE and Down To Earth).

Issue: tigers moving into invasive Lantana camara thickets; rising conflict.

Lantana camara: invasive shrub introduced in the colonial era.

UPSC RELEVANCE

These items span GS Paper 2 (governance, international institutions, social justice) and GS Paper 3 (economy, environment). Revise them as quick prelims pointers alongside the day's deep-dive articles.

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World Day for International Justice: July 17; Rome Statute (1998), ICC at The Hague; India not a signatory.

Delhi Start-up Policy: over Rs 400 crore for five years, under CM Rekha Gupta.

Durand Cup: 135th edition; established 1888; Asia's oldest football tournament.

State of India's Environment: tigers moving into invasive Lantana camara; rising human-tiger conflict.

Sources: Press Information Bureau (<https://pib.gov.in>), International Labour Organization (<https://www.ilo.org>), Centre for Science and Environment (<https://www.cseindia.org>)

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