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A roundup of the key current affairs for July 21, 2026, covering the items not taken up as separate deep-dive articles.

ANGEN: FIRST SANTHALI FILM TO WIN A NATIONAL AWARD

Angen became the first Santhali-language film to win a National Film Award.

Key Points

- **Angen**, a short film directed by **Ravi Raj Murmu** (a graduate of the Film and Television Institute of India, from Jaduguda, Jharkhand), won the **Best Debut Film of a Director (Non-Feature)** at the 72nd National Film Awards, becoming the **first Santhali-language film** to win a National Award.
- The roughly 12-minute film draws on an indigenous folktale; **Santhali** is one of the languages in the **Eighth Schedule** of the Constitution, spoken by the Santhal, a major tribal community of eastern India.

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Film: Angen (first Santhali film to win a National Award).

Director: Ravi Raj Murmu (FTII); award for Best Debut Film of a Director (Non-Feature).

Language: Santhali (Eighth Schedule).

RBI TRIMS ITS FY27 GROWTH FORECAST

The Reserve Bank of India revised its growth projection for FY27.

Key Points

- The **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** trimmed its **real GDP growth forecast** for **2026-27 (FY27)** to about **6.6 per cent**, citing global uncertainty and trade headwinds, while noting domestic resilience.

- The RBI has held the **repo rate** at **5.25 per cent** with a neutral stance; growth and inflation projections are set by the **Monetary Policy Committee (MPC)**.

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RBI FY27 GDP forecast: about 6.6 per cent.

Repo rate: 5.25 per cent (neutral stance).

Body: Monetary Policy Committee (MPC).

WEST BENGAL MARTYRS DAY

July 21 is observed as Martyrs Day (Shaheed Diwas) in West Bengal.

Key Points

- **July 21** is marked in **West Bengal** as **Martyrs Day (Shaheed Diwas)**, commemorating the people killed during a **1993** political march to the state secretariat (Writers' Building) in Kolkata.
- The day has since become a major annual political gathering in the state; it is distinct from the national **Martyrs' Day** observed on **January 30** (Mahatma Gandhi's martyrdom) and **March 23** (Bhagat Singh, Sukhdev and Rajguru).

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July 21: West Bengal Martyrs Day (Shaheed Diwas), from a 1993 march.

National Martyrs' Day: January 30 (Gandhi) and March 23 (Bhagat Singh and others).

ANNIVERSARIES: THE NATIONAL FLAG AND A PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Late July marks anniversaries tied to the National Flag and a presidential election.

Key Points

- The **Constituent Assembly adopted the national flag**, the tricolour, on **July 22, 1947**; the flag's design is based on the **Swaraj flag**, with the **Ashok Chakra** (a 24-spoke wheel) replacing the charkha.
- **July 21, 1977** marks the day **Neelam Sanjiva Reddy** was declared elected as the **sixth President of India**, notably **unopposed**.

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National Flag: adopted by the Constituent Assembly on July 22, 1947; Ashok Chakra has 24 spokes.

Neelam Sanjiva Reddy: 6th President of India; elected unopposed (1977).

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RBI FY27 forecast: trimmed to about 6.6 per cent; repo rate 5.25 per cent.

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Neelam Sanjiva Reddy: 6th President, elected unopposed (1977).

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