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1. A Bill to amend the law and ensure stricter punishment for those involved in examination malpractices, including question paper leaks, was introduced in the Lok Sabha.
 - i. Amid protests by Opposition members demanding that the Central Government explain the alleged excessive police action against students protesting in Delhi, Union Minister of State in the Prime Minister's Office Jitendra Singh introduced the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Amendment Bill, 2026.
 - ii. Owing to continuous disruptions, no discussion was held on the Bill, and the House was adjourned for the day.
 - iii. According to the Bill, anyone involved in question paper leaks or examination malpractices will face a minimum of 5 years' imprisonment and up to 10 years' imprisonment, along with a fine of up to ₹50 lakh.
 - iv. Those who deliberately engage in organized examination-related crimes will face a minimum of 7 years' imprisonment and a fine of up to ₹10 crore.
 - v. To ensure speedy disposal of cases related to question paper leaks and examination fraud, all States and Union Territories will be required to establish Fast-Track Courts. State Governments will be empowered to designate any Sessions Court as a Special Fast-Track Court.
 - vi. These courts must begin trial immediately, conduct hearings on a day-to-day basis, and complete the trial within three months of filing the charge sheet.
 - vii. The Bill lists 15 categories of examination-related offences, including question paper leaks, tampering with OMR answer sheets, creating fake websites to deceive candidates, and issuing fake admit cards.
 - viii. The amendment seeks to strengthen the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024, notified in June 2024, by providing stricter punishments for examination-related offences.

2. Tamil Nadu weightlifter Raja Muthupandi won a silver medal at the Commonwealth Games being held in Scotland.
- Competing in the Men's 65 kg weightlifting event in Glasgow, Raja lifted 126 kg in Snatch and 160 kg in Clean & Jerk, for a total of 286 kg, securing second place.
 - This was Raja Muthupandi's first appearance at the Commonwealth Games, and he won a medal on debut. It is also his second international medal, having earlier won silver at the 2025 Commonwealth Championships.
3. The Tamil Nadu Government has constituted a committee headed by economist Montek Singh Ahluwalia, a former member of former Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh's Economic Advisory Council, to suggest measures for increasing the State's revenue.
- According to the Government Order, the White Paper on Tamil Nadu's finances released in June highlighted the need to enhance revenue and undertake administrative reforms.
 - It revealed declining revenue from GST, Value Added Tax (VAT), and Excise Duty. Long-term reforms, prevention of corruption, and better utilization of Government resources are considered essential to bridge this revenue gap.
 - Accordingly, a six-member committee has been constituted under Montek Singh Ahluwalia, former Deputy Chairman of the Planning Commission. The committee includes:
 - K.P. Krishnan – Chief Professor, National Council of Applied Economic Research
 - Aravind Modi – Tax policy expert
 - Najeeb Shah – Former Chairman, Central Board of Excise and Customs
 - M.A. Siddique – Finance Secretary, Government of Tamil Nadu
 - M. Suresh Babu – Director, Madras Institute of Development Studies
 - The committee will recommend measures to increase State revenue by proposing policy and administrative reforms to enhance both tax and non-tax revenue.
 - It will also identify new revenue sources, suggest measures to curb tax evasion, improve administrative efficiency, and recommend changes in liquor regulation and taxation to increase revenue.

- vi. The committee has been directed to submit its report to the Tamil Nadu Government within three months.
4. At the Shooting World Cup in China, Esha Singh won the gold medal, while Olympic medallist Manu Bhaker secured the bronze medal.
- i. In the Women's 25m Pistol Final, Esha Singh finished first with 40 points, while Manu Bhaker secured third place with 28 points.
5. India's Gyaneshwari Yadav won the silver medal in the Women's 53 kg weightlifting event after lifting a total of 199 kg. She lifted 88 kg in Snatch and 111 kg in Clean & Jerk. She became the second Indian woman to win a medal in weightlifting at the Commonwealth Games after Mirabai Chanu.
- i. Nigeria's Anom Omolola Diti won the gold medal with a Commonwealth Games record total of 206 kg (93 kg + 113 kg). Canada's Rebecca Crooks won the bronze medal with 178 kg (83 kg + 95 kg).
6. India's Bindyarani Devi won the bronze medal in the Women's 58 kg weightlifting event, lifting a total of 199 kg.
7. The Hockey India Junior Men's National Championship began in Coimbatore on July 28 and will continue until August 8.
- i. Dilip Tirkey is the President of Hockey India.
8. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed printing currency notes on polymer on a pilot basis, Union Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary informed Parliament in a written reply.
- i. The RBI has proposed issuing ₹10 and ₹20 polymer banknotes as part of a pilot project. A total of 100 crore notes will be printed.
 - ii. If the pilot project proves successful, the use of polymer currency notes will be expanded. The Central Government has approved the proposal, as polymer is

considered superior to paper in several respects.