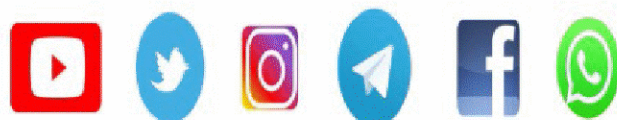


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## History of 12th July

- ◆ **1674** : Shivaji signed a treaty of friendship with the **East India Company**.
- ◆ **1823** : Diana, the first ship built in India, was displayed in **Calcutta**.
- ◆ **1949** : The attack on **RSS** after the assassination of **Mahatma Gandhi** in 1949 was dropped.
- ◆ **1970** : A massive flood in the **Alaknanda River** took the lives of **600 people**.

## Current Affairs Related to 12th July 2024

- ◆ **Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited**, a **Maharatna and Fortune Global 500 company**, proudly announces its role as the Official Principal Partner of the Indian Olympic Association for four years from the Paris Olympics in 2024 to the Los Angeles Olympics in 2028. BPCL's partnership aims to respect and support the fair spirit of Indian athletes, who hail from underprivileged backgrounds in many countries. This collaboration reflects BPCL's progress in showcasing sporting talent and promoting national unity through initiatives designed to inspire and elevate Indian artists in Paris.
- ◆ **Important duty concessions and safeguards for the petroleum and explosives sector were unveiled** by Union Minister Piyush Goyal during stakeholder consultation in New Delhi. The stakeholder consultation was organized by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade. The objective of the program was to increase efficiency within the Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organization and improve communication with industry stakeholders. During the program, Goyal announced 80% rebate in license fee for women entrepreneurs and 50% for MSMEs for licenses granted by PESO.
- ◆ **Under the AGR-2 scheme of the government, the scheme will provide 50% assistance** to farmers for the purchase of nano-fertilizers for the financial year 2024-2025. Shah unveiled the scheme during the Sahakar Se Samridhhi conference in Gandhinagar. Along with this, Shah initiated the payment of three farmers in the program and demonstrated the immediate implementation of the scheme.
- ◆ **The Department of Skills for Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment**, Government of India, in collaboration with the National Finance and Development Corporation for Persons with Disabilities, is all set to host a remarkable event that celebrates the talent and craftsmanship of entrepreneurs and artists with disabilities from across the country. Are.
- ◆ **NITI Aayog has constituted dedicated multi-sectorial committees to formulate policies** and create a roadmap to achieve its goal of becoming a net zero economy by the year 2070. This comes three years after India announced its goal of becoming a net zero economy by 2070. NITI Aayog has formed 6 working groups. These groups will focus on developing policy frameworks, working models for key areas such as macroeconomic indicators, climate finance, critical minerals and social aspects of energy transition.
- ◆ **In an important initiative towards enhancing the safety, quality and efficiency of kitchen utensils**, the Government of India has made the Bureau of Indian Standards guidelines mandatory for stainless steel and aluminum utensils. According to the quality control order issued on March 14, 2024 by the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, ISI mark will be mandatory for such utensils.
- ◆ **Gati Shakti University Vadodara and Airbus signed an agreement for aerospace education and research**. A definitive agreement was signed at Rail Bhawan, New Delhi following the signing of the MoU in September 2023. Minister of Railways, Information & Broadcasting, Electronics and IT Shri Ashwini Vaishnav and other officials were present at the signing of the agreement.
- ◆ **There has been no change in the Cabinet Committee on Security, which includes** Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defense Minister Rajnath Singh, Home Minister Amit Shah, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar. There has also been no change in the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet, which includes Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Shah.
- ◆ **Vidyut Ranjan Sarangi has been appointed Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court**, replacing Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court Sanjay Kumar Mishra, who will retire on December 28, 2023.

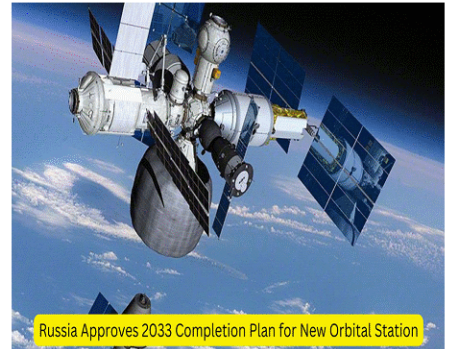


## National & International Current Affairs

1. Recently, till which year has Russia approved the plan for the new orbital station?

- (A) 2027 (B) 2030  
(C) 2033 (D) 2035

(C) Russia has approved a schedule for the construction of a Russian orbital station by 2033. This schedule includes the design and construction of the space module, flight testing of the new generation manned spacecraft, launch and construction of the space infrastructure on Earth, and the work of scientific components supporting the project. The agency has confirmed plans to launch an initial scientific and energy module in 2027.



2. When is Paper Bag Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 12th July (B) 13th July  
(C) 14th July (D) 15th July

(A) Paper Bag Day is celebrated every year on 12th July. So as to recognize the importance of the invention of the paper bag which we mostly take for granted. In 1852 Francis Woolley, a school teacher, invented the first machine to produce paper bags on a large scale.



3. Who will lead the Indian team in the recent Paris Olympics?

- (A) Avinash Sable (B) Neeraj Chopra  
(C) Beijing (D) None of these

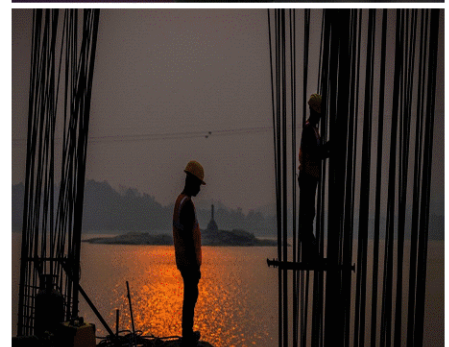
(B) Olympics 2024 is going to start in Paris from 26th July. Olympics are being organized in Paris for the third time after 100 years. In which about 10,500 athletes from 206 National Olympic Committees are participating. This time a group of 28 athletes from India are going to hoist the flag of their country in the Paris Olympics, which will be led by world champion Neeraj Chopra.



4. Recently India and which country will renew the Ganga Water Treaty?

- (A) Bhutan (B) Nepal  
(C) Japan (D) Bangladesh

(D) India and Bangladesh will renew the Ganga Water Treaty. The treaty is due for renewal in 2026 and during Hasina's official visit to New Delhi last month, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had announced that the two sides had decided to initiate technical negotiations to renew it.



5. Recently in which state will ADB build a 400 MW solar power plant?

- (A) Gujarat (B) Maharashtra  
(C) Rajasthan (D) Haryana

(A) Asian Development Bank said it has arranged a loan of Rs 1,460 crore for Engie Group for the construction of a 400 MW photovoltaic power plant in Surendranagar, Gujarat. The Manila-based multilateral financing agency said in a statement that ADB was the authorized lead manager for the entire ₹14.6 billion loan, of which ADB and the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank both provided ₹7.3 billion.

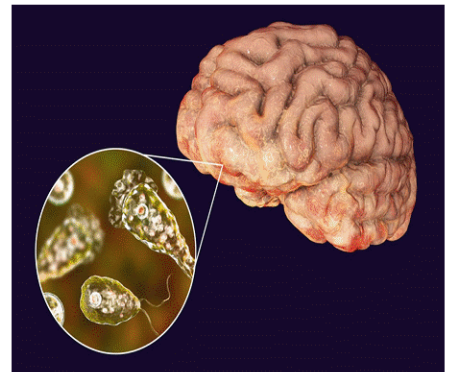




6. Recently in which state has the fourth case of rare brain-eating amoeba infection been reported?

- (A) Goa (B) Karnataka  
(C) Odisha (D) Kerala

(D) Another case of amoebic meningoencephalitis, a rare brain infection caused by a free-living amoeba found in contaminated water, has been reported in Kerala. A 14-year-old boy, resident of Payyoli in this district of North Kerala, is suffering from this disease. This was told by the deceased in the private hospital where he was undergoing treatment.



7. When is National Simplicity Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 11th July (B) 12th July  
(C) 13th July (D) 14th July

(B) National Simplicity Day is celebrated every year on July 12 in honor of Henry David Thoreau who was a writer, philosopher, historian, tax abolitionist, abolitionist, development critic, surveyor and leading transcendentalist. Basically he was an advocate of living a simple life. National Simplicity Day encourages individuals to adopt a simpler, more purposeful lifestyle and find happiness in the small things.



8. Who has recently been appointed Director General of PIB?

- (A) Dharendra Ojha (B) Sheel Nagu  
(C) Chirag Mital (D) None of these

(A) Recently, senior officer Dharendra Ojha has been appointed Director General of PIB. Senior Indian Information Service officer Dharendra Ojha has been appointed Director General of Press Information Bureau. Mr. Ojha will replace Shefali Sharan. Who has been appointed Director General of Publications Department.



9. Recently, which MP of Indian origin has been made a minister in Britain?

- (A) Usha Sinde (B) Preeti Nair  
(C) Lisa Nandy (D) None of these

(C) Recently, Lisa Nandy of Indian origin has been made the Culture Minister. She has been re-elected from Wigan. Nandy, 44, said it was an incredible privilege to lead the UK Department for Culture, Media and Sport. Prime Minister Keir Starmer called his first cabinet meeting.



10. Who has been recently re-nominated by LIC & MD and CEO?

- (A) Vidyut Ranjan (B) Siddharth Mohanty  
(C) Ravindra Kumar Tyagi (D) None of these

(B) Life Insurance Corporation of India has reappointed its Chairman Siddharth Mohanty as Chief Executive Officer and Managing Director. It is not yet known whether the life insurance company will appoint a new chairman or not. Siddharth Mohanty took over as the Chairman of Life Insurance Corporation of India in April 2023.

