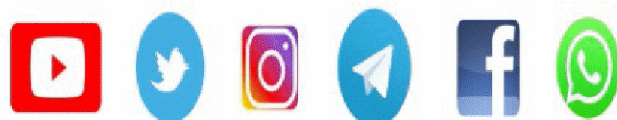


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## History of 21st July

- ◆ **1658** : Aurangzeb celebrated his unofficial coronation.
- ◆ **1883** : India's first public theater hall, Star Theatre, was started in Kolkata.
- ◆ **1947** : The Constitution adopted the national flag.
- ◆ **1962** : There was a war on the border between India and China.
- ◆ **1969** : Neil Armstrong stepped on the moon.
- ◆ **2007** : Pratibha Patil became the first woman President of India.

## Current Affairs Related to 21st July 2024

- ◆ The World Bank's Board of Executive Directors approved financial assistance of \$1.5 billion for India, which will help accelerate the development of low carbon energy. The objective of this operation will be to promote the development of a vibrant market for green hydrogen, further scale up critical energy, and incentivize finance for low carbon energy investments.
- ◆ The Government of India has released \$2.5 million from \$5 million for the year 2024-2025 to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East. The money will be used to provide education, health care and other services to Palestinian refugees. According to the Government of India, they have provided \$35 million to the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East until 2023-2024.
- ◆ Indore created a world record by planting 11 lakh saplings in a day. By planting more than 11 lakh saplings in just 24 hours, Indore achieved a new Guinness World Record in the category of most trees planted by a team in 24 hours. This program was organized by the state government. Earlier in the day, Union Home Minister Amit Shah participated in the Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam campaign and planted a sapling.
- ◆ Maharashtra government introduced bill to curb Naxalism in urban areas. Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis introduced the bill in the Assembly. This bill gives power to the government and police mantra to deal with illegal activities. The bill also proposes a prison sentence of three to seven years and a fine of Rs 3 to 5 lakh.
- ◆ The Institute of Translational Health Sciences and Technology under the Council of Biotechnology Research and Innovation hosted IHC 2024. The objective of the event was to strengthen scientific and industry collaboration across NBFCs, with a focus on advancing bio-production and bio-innovation.
- ◆ Claiming to increase the value of zero electricity bill for domestic consumers, the Himachal Pradesh Cabinet has also approved limiting electricity connections to one meter per household and linking electricity connections to ration cards. Earlier, electricity bill up to 125 units per month was free in Himachal Pradesh.
- ◆ One Scientist One Product Program has been launched by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research to improve research in the field of agriculture and animal husbandry. These crops include 289 climate resistant varieties and 27 biofortified varieties. Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan inaugurated the One Scientist, One Product programme. ICAR is also working on developing 100 new seed varieties and 100 agricultural technologies in 100 days under the Centre's 100-day action plan.
- ◆ State Bank of India and Bank of Baroda have increased their marginal cost of funds based lending rates. State Bank of India has increased MCLR by between 5 to 10 basis points over various tenures. It has revised its one-month MCLR by 5 basis points from 8.3 percent to 8.35 percent. This is the second time the MCLR has been increased in the last two months.
- ◆ National Narcotics Helpline Manas and Narcotics Control Bureau Zonal Office in Srinagar were launched by the Home Minister. Along with this, Shri Amit Shah will also release NCB's Annual Report 2023 and Compendium on Drug Free India. The objective of this meeting is to coordinate and coordinate the efforts of various central and state government agencies involved in combating drug trafficking and abuse in India.
- ◆ The research wing of the Uttarakhand Forest Department established the first bird gallery of Uttarakhand at Jolly Grant. This gallery displays highly regarded photographs of birds of Uttarakhand, providing tourists with fascinating glimpses of the birds of the state.



## National & International Current Affairs

1. Recently, for the first time since when, India is hosting the meeting of the prestigious World Heritage Committee of UNESCO in Delhi.

(A) 21-30 July 2024 (B) 21-31 July 2024  
(C) 22-31 July 2024 (D) 23 July to 1 August 2024

(B) For the first time, India is hosting the meeting of the prestigious World Heritage Committee of UNESCO in New Delhi from 21 to 31 July 2024. The Ministry of Culture is hosting the 2024 World Heritage Young Professionals Forum. It is being organized from 14.23 to 2024 under the theme World Heritage in the 21st Century: Building Capacity and Exploring Opportunities for Youth.



2. Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of several projects costing how many crores of rupees in Mumbai.

(A) Rs 15200 crore (B) Rs 21400 crore  
(C) Rs 25,400 crore (D) Rs 29,400 crore

(D) Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate and lay the foundation stone of projects worth Rs 29400 crore at Nesco Exhibition Center in Mumbai. He will lay the foundation stone of Thane Borivali Tunnel Project costing Rs 16,600 crore. This twin tube tunnel between Thane and Borivali will pass under the Sanjay Gandhi National Park.



3. According to the United Nations' World Population Prospects 2024 report, India's population is expected to reach 1.7 billion by which year?

(A) 2030 (B) 2040  
(C) 2050 (D) 2060

(D) According to the United Nations' World Population Prospects 2024 report, India's population is projected to reach 1.7 billion in the early 2060s, after which it will decline by 12%. Despite the decline, India will remain the world's most populous country in the 21st century. India, the world's most populous country, will remain the most populous country with 150 crore people by the end of the century.



4. Who will host the United Nations Climate Fund Board recently?

(A) Singapore (B) Philippines  
(C) Sri Lanka (D) Indonesia

(B) The Philippines has been selected to host the board of the UN-negotiated Losses and Damage Fund, another step towards providing financial assistance to countries to recover and rebuild from the effects of global warming. Last month the World Bank's board approved a plan for it to act as interim host of the fund for four years.



Philippines Selected To Host The Board Of The Fund For Responding To Loss And Damage

5. Where has the first bird gallery been opened recently to promote conservation?

(A) Uttarakhand (B) Delhi  
(C) Chandigarh (D) None of these

(A) Recently, the research branch of Uttarakhand Forest Department has established the first bird gallery of Uttarakhand at the Nature Education Center located at Jolly Grant in Dehradun. High resolution photographs of birds of Uttarakhand are displayed in this gallery, which gives visitors a fascinating glimpse of the birds of the state.





6. Who has recently started testing the world's first 3D printed Abra?

- (A) Iran (B) Saudi Arabia  
(C) UAE (D) France

(C) Dubai's Roads and Transport Authority, in collaboration with the private sector, has started trial operations of the world's first electric Abra manufactured using 3K printing technology. Capable of carrying 20 passengers, the Abra was designed and built to retain the identity of the traditional Abra.



7. Who has topped the recently released NITI Aayog's SDG India Index 2023-2024?

- (A) Sikkim (B) Kerala  
(C) Mizoram (D) Andhra Pradesh

(B) Recently NITI Aayog's SDG India Index 2023-2024 Kerala retains top position, Bihar worst performer National Institute for Transforming India releases 4th edition of Sustainable Development Goals India Index and Dashboard for 2023-2024 in New Delhi, Delhi Is.



8. Who has recently been appointed by Paytm Payment Bank as its new CEO?

- (A) Arun Bansal (B) Pradeep Singh  
(C) Akhil Gupta (D) None of these

(A) Recently, Paytm Payments Bank, a subsidiary of One97 Communications, has appointed Arun Kumar Bansal as its new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer. Bansal, who is a former IDBI Bank executive director, resigned from IDBI Bank following RBI approval of his appointment.



9. Recently IPS Rajiv Kumar has been re-appointed DGP of which state?

- (A) Haryana (B) Maharashtra  
(C) Arunachal Pradesh (D) West Bengal

(D) The West Bengal government reappointed senior IPS officer Rajeev Kumar as the Superintendent of Police of West Bengal. Mr Kumar will succeed Sanjay Mukherjee, who was recently appointed as the state DGP on the instructions of the Election Commission of India during the recent Lok Sabha elections. Shri Kumar will also serve as Additional Chief Secretary, Department of Information Technology and Electronics in his present post.



10. Who has recently taken charge as the Foreign Secretary?

- (A) Vinay Mohan (B) Vikram Mistry  
(C) Sanjay Mariwala (D) None of these

(B) Recently Vikram Mistry has taken charge as Foreign Secretary. Presently he is working as National Deputy Security Advisor. Meanwhile, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar praised outgoing Foreign Secretary Vinay Kwatra for his dedication and contribution in the field of foreign policy and national security.

