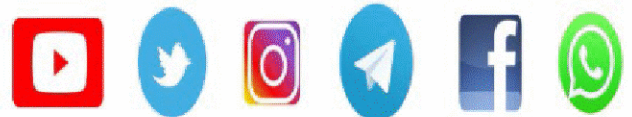


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## History of 19th July

- ◆ **1943** : During **World War II**, 500 Allied troops attacked Rome.
- ◆ **1974** : The ashes of **Indian revolutionary** Udham Singh were brought from **London** to New Delhi.
- ◆ **1969** : The **Government** of India decided to nationalize 14 big **banks of the country**.
- ◆ **1969** : America launches **Explorer 35** to enter lunar orbit.

## Current Affairs Related to 19th July 2024

- ◆ **Government will launch Agri Fund for Start-ups and Rural Enterprises.** Agri Fund for Startups and Rural Enterprises Fund will support startups and agri entrepreneurs through sector specific, sector agnostic and debt alternative investment fund investments. It will promote innovation and sustainability in India's agriculture sector by setting up a Category II Alternative Investment Fund of Rs 750 crore. The fund will provide equity and debt support specifically targeting high-risk, high-impact activities in the agricultural value chain.
- ◆ **India and Bhutan have committed to cooperate on climate change, air quality improvement,** forest conservation, wildlife management and capacity building in the environment and climate change sectors. A Bhutanese delegation led by Energy and Natural Resources Minister Jam Tshering met Union Minister of State for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Kirti Vardhan Singh in New Delhi. The two leaders discussed issues related to air quality, climate change, forests, natural resources, wildlife and renewable energy.
- ◆ **The government has increased the annual interest rate of EPF to 8.25% for the financial year 2024-2025.** The Union Finance Ministry has approved the proposal to increase the annual interest rate of EPF from 8.15% to 8.25%. The rate revision decision will benefit lakhs of EPF members across the country. The interest rate for EPF members is not declared quarterly.
- ◆ **India's largest transshipment port, Vizhinjam International Sea Port in Kerala welcomed** its first container ship. A huge cargo ship named San Fernando arrived at Vizhinjam International Sea Port from China. India's largest transshipment port welcomed the ship's arrival with a water salute from four tugs. San Fernando, a 300 meter long cargo ship, will offload 1900 containers at Vizhinjam International Seaport Limited.
- ◆ **The 2025 Presidential Transition Project, known as Project 25, has published a 900-page document titled The Conservative Promise to Mandate for Leadership 2025.** This document contains several highly controversial policy proposals. Project 2025 has established a personnel database to help future presidents make administrative appointments and also includes a training program to develop future conservative leaders.
- ◆ **Prime Minister Excellence Colleges in all 55 districts of Madhya Pradesh were inaugurated** by Union Home Minister Amit Shah from Indore. Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav also participated in this program. Mr Shah stressed that the new education policy aims to reconnect Indian students with their rich cultural heritage and languages. He stressed that the new education policy also aims to prepare them to compete globally for the next 25 years.
- ◆ **NITI GyrasShift Challenge was launched by NITI Aayog under the e-Fast India initiative.** The launch of this initiative was announced by NITI Aayog in collaboration with IIM Bangalore, Smart Freight Center India, CalStart/Drive to Zero and WRI India. This pioneering hackathon aims to promote innovative business models to drive adoption of zero emission trucks in India, addressing the country's critical economic and environmental challenges.
- ◆ **According to the data released by the Income Tax Department, the net direct tax collection for the financial year 2024-2025 has increased to Rs 5.74 lakh crore by July 11, 2024,** which shows an increase of 19.54% compared to the previous financial year.
- ◆ **Andhra Pradesh Community Managed Natural Farming Program has received** the prestigious Gulbenkian Prize for Humanity 2024. This announcement was made by Dr. Angela Merkel, chairperson of the jury and former Federal Chancellor of Germany.



## National & International Current Affairs

### 1. Who will host the first Audio Visual Entertainment Summit Webs recently?

- (A) Delhi (B) Goa  
(C) Rajasthan (D) Maharashtra

**(B)** India will host the First World Audiovisual and Entertainment Summit along with the International Film Festival of India in Goa in November, at which Information and Broadcasting Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw will review the ecosystem for protection of intellectual property rights in the media and entertainment sector. Has promised to strengthen. Announced the first World Audiovisual and Entertainment Summit to be held from 20.24 November in Goa.



### 2. Which fund will the government launch recently to promote agricultural startups?

- (A) AgriSURE (B) AgriNIRMAN  
(C) AgriHELP (D) None of these

**(A)** The government is planning to launch a fund of Rs 750 crore to promote startups and rural enterprises. Under this, the government is preparing to start an Aggie Fund for startups and rural enterprises. The government said that through this fund, investments will be made in specific sectors and startups working in agriculture and related sectors will be given direct equity support along with debt alternative investment fund.



### 3. Which state government has recently approved NEVA funding and jet purchase?

- (A) Maharashtra (B) Andhra Pradesh  
(C) Uttar Pradesh (D) Madhya Pradesh

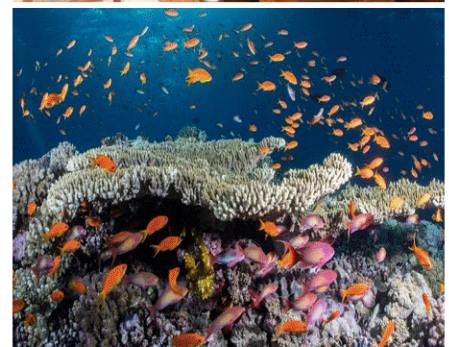
**(D)** Recently, Madhya Pradesh government sanctioned Rs 23.8 crore for the National e-Vidhan Application to digitalize legislative proceedings, of which 60% will be funded by the Central Government and 40% by the State Government. The Cabinet has planned to purchase Challenger 3500 jets worth Rs 235 crore, which is facing criticism from the Congress party over financial concerns.



### 4. Which country will recently sign the High Seas Treaty on Marine Conservation?

- (A) India (B) Iran  
(C) Bangladesh (D) Sri Lanka

**(A)** India will sign the High Seas Treaty to conserve marine biodiversity. India has decided to sign and ratify the United Nations Beyond National Jurisdiction Biodiversity Convention for the conservation of marine biodiversity in areas beyond national jurisdiction.



### 5. Where is the world famous Bahuda Yatra being organized recently?

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

**(D)** The world famous Bahura Yatra of the idols of Lord Jagannath, elder brother Lord Balabhadra and sister Devi Subhadra is being organized in Puri, Odisha. Bahura Yatra marks the return of Lord Jagannath and his siblings from Gundicha temple to Srimandir. Chhera Pahra (cleansing ceremony with a golden broom) will be performed in front of the three chariots by King Gajapati Dibya Singh Deb of Puri.





**6. Which state government has recently approved IT Saksham Yuva Yojana to provide jobs?**

- (A) Haryana (B) Bihar  
(C) Karnataka (D) Uttarakhand

**(A)** Recently, the Haryana Cabinet has approved the IT Saksham Yuva Yojana of 2024. The aim of which is to provide jobs to 5000 youth in the first phase. The initiative aligns with Mission 60A000 emanating from the 2024.2025 budget, which aims to provide employment to 60A000 youth from poor families.



**7. Where has Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently inaugurated the Indian Newspaper Society Towers?**

- (A) Pune (B) Kolkata  
(C) New Delhi (D) Mumbai

**(D)** The Prime Minister said that the country will benefit from the effective work done by the Indian Newspaper Society. After the inauguration, PM Modi said that India will soon become the third largest economy. PM Modi also talked about how India has become a leader in digital payments. Before 2014, most people were unaware of the word startup, but the media brought it to every household.



**8. Which state has recently become the first state to register biodiversity with the help of the local community?**

- (A) Sikkim (B) Kerala  
(C) Nagaland (D) Mizoram

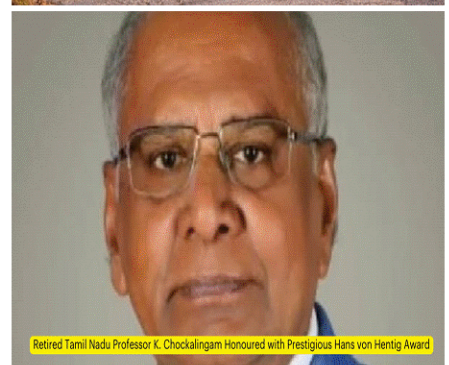
**(B)** Recently, Kerala has become the first state in the country to prepare People's Biodiversity Register for each local self-government body with the help of local people. National Green Tribunal has given deadline till January 31, 2020 to all the states to prepare PBR. Kerala has achieved this target in the first week of December, much ahead of the scheduled deadline.



**9. Who has recently been awarded the prestigious Hans von Hentig Award?**

- (A) K. Chokalingam (B) Dr. Usha Thakur  
(C) Sopana Kallingal (D) None of these

**(A)** Recently, in significant recognition for his contribution to the field of victims' studies, retired Professor K. Chokkalingam has been selected for the prestigious Hans von Hentig Award. This honor highlights the global impact of Indian scholarship in the study of crime victims and their experiences within the criminal justice system.



Retired Tamil Nadu Professor K. Chokkalingam Honoured with Prestigious Hans von Hentig Award

**10. Which medal has Sabira Harris won recently in the Shotgun Junior World Cup in Italy?**

- (A) Silver (B) Gold  
(C) Bronze (D) None of these

**(C)** India's Sabira Harris has won a bronze medal in the women's trap event at the ISSF Junior World Cup in Porpetto, Italy. He hit 29 out of 40 shots in the final. America's Carrie Garrison won the gold medal by shooting 40 out of 50. Italy's Sofia Gori won the silver medal by hitting 39 targets out of the total quota of 50 targets.

