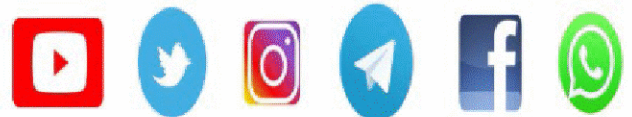


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History of 5th July

- ◆ **1658** : Mughal ruler Aurangzeb imprisoned his elder brother Murad Baksh.
- ◆ **1947** : The Indian Independence Act was presented in the British Parliament, which later received royal rule.
- ◆ **1968** : India's first submarine arrived from Soviet Russia.
- ◆ **1981** : Rajan Mahadevan created a world record in mathematics by calculating 31 thousand 811 digits of Pi.
- ◆ **1954** : Andhra Pradesh High Court was conceived.

Current Affairs Related to 5th July 2024

- ◆ **Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister Ajit Pawar announced Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana for women.** Under this scheme, all women between the age of 21 to 60 years will get financial assistance of Rs 1500 per month. This scheme will be implemented from July 2024. The state government has allocated Rs 46000 crore for this scheme. This scheme seems to be inspired by Ladli Brahmin Yojana of Madhya Pradesh. The state government had launched Lake Ladki Yojana in 2023-2024 to provide financial assistance to families with girl children and to prevent girls from dropping out of school.
- ◆ **Ursula Bonn der Leyen, Antonio Costa and Kaja Kallas nominated to lead the European Union.** Ursula von der Leyen received her second term as President of the European Commission. Antonio Costa was appointed President of the European Council. Antonio Costa is the former Prime Minister of Portugal. Costa's appointment as President of the Council is automatic due to his previous position. He will assume charge on December 1. The European Parliament still has to approve the appointments of von der Leyen and Kallas.
- ◆ **Market regulator SEBI eased norms for delisting and raising debt capital for companies.** SEBI has introduced a fixed price process for delisting frequently traded stocks and also introduced a delisting framework for investment and holding companies. SEBI has approved norms to regulate individual financial influencers, also known as influencers.
- ◆ **India has got an excellent result in the mutual assessment conducted by the Financial Action Task Force during 2023-2024.** India was classified under the regular follow-up category in India's mutual assessment report. Only four other G-20 countries have this distinction. India's Mutual Assessment Report was adopted at the FATF Plenary Session in Singapore.
- ◆ **Central Railways has installed floating solar plant for the first time.** Railways has taken this step under Green Earth. The Government of India is taking several steps to promote green energy. Now Indian Railways also came forward to help the government. The National Transporter has set a target of building a green railway by the year 2030. To achieve this goal, Indian Railways has started working. Indian Railways has installed solar panels on the roofs of many stations.
- ◆ **The Reserve Bank of India, with the consent of the Government of India, has decided** that a preliminary framework on C central arrangement for SAARC countries will be implemented by 2024-2027. Under this framework, the Reserve Bank will engage in a composite frame with SAARC central banks who wish to avail of the five facility. A separate post premium window has been included under the framework for 2024-2027 with various facilities for premium support in Indian Rupees.
- ◆ **The Employees' Pension Scheme 1995 was amended by the Government of India to ensure** that withdrawal benefits are also available to Employees' Pension Scheme members with less than 6 months of contributory service. This amendment will benefit more than 7 lakh Employees' Pension Scheme members every year who leave the scheme after less than 6 months of contributory service. Further the Central Government has modified Table D and ensured that every completed month of service is taken into account to give proportionate withdrawal benefit to the members.
- ◆ **The Artificial Intelligence Readiness Index dashboard was released by the International Monetary Fund** on its website. It tracked 174 economies globally for AI readiness. The index categorized each country into an advanced economy, emerging market economy and low-income country. Singapore, Denmark and the United States are among the highest-rated AEs.

National & International Current Affairs

1. Recently, when will 12 lakh saplings be planted simultaneously under the Ek Ped Maa ke Naam campaign?

- (A) 5th July (B) 6th July
(C) 7th July (D) 8th July

(B) Under the Bharatiya Janata Party's 'Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam' campaign, on July 6, the people of Bhopal will plant 12 lakh saplings in honor of their mother. Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav himself is monitoring the plantation. In order to ensure maximum plantation, CM Dr. Yadav gave guidelines in the meeting and talked about making the campaign successful.



2. Where will Bioplastic Park be established in Uttar Pradesh recently?

- (A) Varanasi (B) Lakhimpur Kheri
(C) Mathura (D) None of these

(B) The Uttar Pradesh government has announced plans to set up a bioplastic park in Lakhimpur Kheri district. This innovative project aims to address environmental concerns while boosting the local economy. Bioplastic Park is a large-scale industrial project designed to promote the production and use of biodegradable plastics.



3. Who has recently been appointed as the new Foreign Secretary of India?

- (A) Vikram Mishri (B) Vinay Kwatra
(C) Manoj Kumar Singh (D) None of these

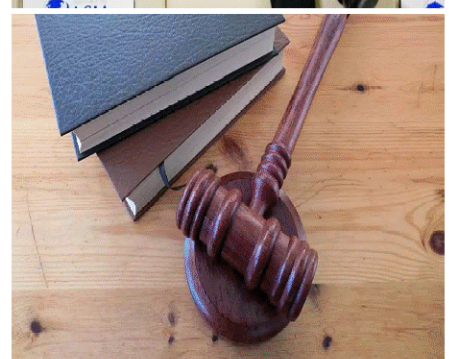
(A) The Government of India announced the appointment of Vikram Mishri as the country's new Foreign Secretary. Mishri will succeed Vinay Mohan Kwatra in this key diplomatic role. Mishri, who is currently serving as Deputy National Security Advisor, will assume his new assignment on July 15, 2024, after the completion of Kwatra's extended tenure on July 14.



4. Where has the first witness protection scheme been launched recently to provide justice?

- (A) Gujarat (B) Rajasthan
(C) Odisha (D) Assam

(D) The Assam Cabinet approved the Assam Witness Protection Scheme 2024 to ensure compliance with Section 398 of the Indian Civil Protection Code 2023, which protects witnesses from imminent danger during investigation and trial. The scheme was approved in a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma, under which witnesses will have to submit a witness protection application in a prescribed form to a competent authority through its member secretary to obtain protection order.



5. Which bank has recently approved a loan of \$ 1.5 billion for India's Green Hydrogen campaign?

- (A) ADB (B) NDB
(C) RBI (D) World Bank

(D) The World Bank has approved a loan of \$ 1.5 billion to help India accelerate the development of low-carbon energy. This fund will be used to promote the market of green hydrogen, electrolyzer and increase the penetration of renewable energy. This is the second round of funding from the World Bank to promote green energy in India.



6. Who recently became the female cricketer who scored the fastest double century in Test?

- (A) Shefali Verma (B) Mithali Raj
(C) Smriti Mandhana (D) Poonam Raut

(A) India's aggressive opening batsman Shafali Verma has become the player to score the fastest double century in the history of women's Test cricket, surpassing Australia's Annabel Sardland during the one-off Test against South Africa. Twenty-year-old Shafali left Sutherland behind by completing her double century in just 194 balls.



7. Which country has recently contributed 11 lakh 60 thousand dollars to promote Hindi in the United Nations?

- (A) America (B) India
(C) France (D) Japan

(B) The Government of India has contributed a huge contribution of 1169746 US dollars to the Hindi/UN Project to expand the use of Hindi in the United Nations. The Government of India is making continuous efforts to increase the use of Hindi in the United Nations. Its purpose was to promote the United Nations in Hindi language, as well as to spread greater awareness among millions of Hindi-speaking people about the global issue.



India Contributes USD 1.169 Mn To Continue Promotion Of Hindi At UN

8. Who has recently become the world's largest domestic aviation market?

- (A) America (B) India
(C) China (D) Russia

(A) According to recent data compiled by aviation analytics firm OAG, airlines like IndiGo and Air India have increased the size of their fleets to cater to the increasing number of air passengers, due to which India is now the world's largest air traveller, after the US and China. Has become the third largest domestic aviation market.



9. Who has recently been appointed as its brand endorser by Bank of Baroda?

- (A) Deepti Sharma (B) Sumit Nagal
(C) Uday Bhatia (D) None of these

(B) Bank of Baroda has announced that the bank has signed rising Indian tennis player Sumit Nagal as its brand endorser. The move is in line with the Bank's long-standing philosophy of supporting emerging talented and ambitious Indian players as they strive to compete with the best players globally.



10. Who has recently been elected President of the European Council?

- (A) Mark Root (B) William James
(C) Antonia Costa (D) None of these

(C) It was recently a historic moment for Portugal and the European Union as former Prime Minister of Portugal António Luís Santos da Costa has been elected as the President of the European Council in Brussels. He becomes the first Portuguese leader to hold this position and the appointment marks an important milestone in European politics.

