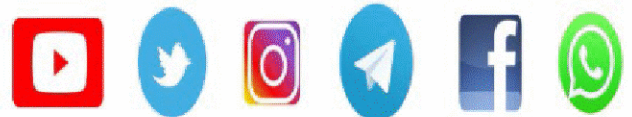


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## History of 14th July

- ◆ **1636** : Mughal emperor **Shahjahan** appointed Aurangzeb as the Viceroy of Deccan.
- ◆ **1789** : The **Persian Revolution** began.
- ◆ **1456** : Hungary defeated the **Ottomans** in the Battle of Belgrade.
- ◆ **1969** : People died in the **collision between a goods train** and a **passenger train** in Jaipur.
- ◆ **1900** : Famous patriot, freedom fighter and journalist **Deshbandhu Gupta** was born.

## Current Affairs Related to 14th July 2024

- ◆ **The government has decided to reopen the window to accept fresh applications** from companies willing to invest under the production-based incentive scheme for white goods, including ACs and LED lights. The application window will be open for 90 days from July 15 to October 12. Under this scheme, the government will provide fiscal incentives to increase the sales of goods manufactured in India. Under Yohana's guidelines, applicants will be eligible for incentives only for the remaining period of the scheme.
- ◆ **The Digital India Fund will replace the earlier Universal Service Obligation Fund.** The Department of Telecommunications released a draft to replace the Universal Service Obligation Fund with the Digital India Fund. The Digital India Fund was established under the Telecommunications Act, 2023. It was established to provide telecommunication services at affordable prices to remote and rural areas through a Universal Access Levy. The payments received for DBN will first be credited to the Consolidated Fund of India under Section 25 of the Telecommunications Act 2023.
- ◆ **LIC increases stake in IDFC First Bank.** Life Insurance Corporation of India has increased its stake in IDFC First Bank from 0.20% to 2.68%. LIC purchased 18,60,34,900 shares at a price of Rs 80.63 each through a private placement offer.
- ◆ **Dr. Tripathi Chopra received the prestigious award for his pioneering work in homeopathy.** Dr. Arpana Chopra, an eminent homeopathic physician, was honored with the Plenary Award at the NDTV MSME Summit in Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh as a significant recognition for her contribution to alternative medicine. Many high ranking officials of the state and industry leaders were present in this award ceremony organized at Marriott Hotel.
- ◆ **The Union Cabinet has approved the signing of the Biodiversity Convention Beyond National Jurisdiction** by India. Areas outside national jurisdiction often referred to as the High Seas are areas of sustainable global use of marine resources, all for internationally legitimate purposes such as navigation, overflight, laying of submarine cables and pipelines etc. Are open to. The Ministry of Earth Sciences will lead the implementation of the BBNJ agreement in the country.
- ◆ **AI Hub inaugurated at Eastern Naval Command in Visakhapatnam.** Vice Admiral Rajesh P, Eastern Naval Command inaugurated the Artificial Intelligence Experience Hub at the Maritime Reference Library in Visakhapatnam. Indian Navy launches AI Hub as part of its efforts to adopt cutting-edge technologies. The AI ??Hub is equipped with modern AI tools and applications to encourage employees to benefit from revolutionary developments in Artificial Intelligence.
- ◆ **SBI Research, India's largest public sector bank, suggested that the government should aim for a fiscal deficit target of 4.9% for the 2024-2025 fiscal year.** SBI Research recommends focusing on fiscal prudence and continued consolidation. The report has been prepared by a team led by Soumya Kanti Ghosh, the group's chief economic advisor. The report expects higher dividends from PSUs and the Reserve Bank of India as well as strong growth in GST revenues.
- ◆ **Rachel Reeves becomes Britain's first female Chancellor of the Exchequer.** Angela Rayner has been appointed Deputy Prime Minister of Britain. David Lammy was appointed Foreign Secretary. Yvette Cooper was appointed Home Secretary.
- ◆ **HCL Tech Chairman Roshan Nadar Malhotra** has been honored by France with the Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur, the country's highest civilian award.

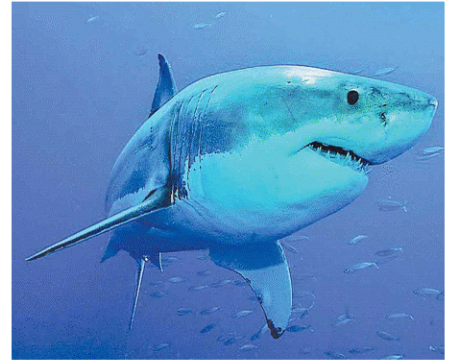


## National & International Current Affairs

1. When is International Shark Awareness Day celebrated every year?

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

(D) International Shark Awareness Day is observed every year on 14 July. There are 71 species of sharks, skates and rays found in Irish waters, of which 58 have been studied in detail and are listed on the Irish Red List of cartilaginous fishes. The purpose of Shark Awareness Day is not to stand on the beach and warn frightened swimmers and surfers, even though that can provide hours of mischievous entertainment.



2. Which ministry has recently launched Project Pari?

- (A) Ministry of External Affairs (B) Ministry of Health  
(C) Ministry of Finance (D) Ministry of Culture

(D) The Ministry of Culture has launched Project Pari with the 46th World Heritage Committee meeting to be held in New Delhi on 21-31 July 2024. Implemented by the Lalit Kala Akademi and the National Museum of Modern Art, the initiative aims to blend India's rich artistic heritage with modern themes.



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3. Which country will recently host the prestigious Malabar naval exercise with the United States, Japan and Australia in the Bay of Bengal?

- (A) India (B) Sri Lanka  
(C) Germany (D) England

(A) India is set to host the prestigious Malabar naval exercise with the United States, Japan and Australia in the Bay of Bengal in October. The exercise is taking place amid rising regional tensions due to China's aggressive activities in the South China Sea and its growing influence in the Indian Ocean region. The 28th edition of the exercise will focus on advanced anti-submarine warfare and aims to enhance military interoperability between the four countries.



4. In which state has President Draupadi Murmu recently visited Udayagiri Caves?

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

(D) President Draupadi Murmu visited the historic Udayagiri caves in Bhubaneswar after returning from Puri. These caves are rare examples of early Indian rock-cut architecture. These caves reflect about 1200 years of civilization and cultural heritage, starting from the first century BC. These caves associated with the great king Kharavela, who became a follower of Jainism, are a priceless heritage of Odisha.



5. Which country has recently approved human consumption of 16 insects?

- (A) China (B) Singapore  
(C) England (D) Japan

(B) Singapore's food regulator has approved the use of about 16 species of insects like crickets, grasshoppers and locusts as human food. The much-awaited announcement is good news for industry players who supply and cater to insects found in China, Thailand and Vietnam in Singapore, reports The Stratus Times newspaper.





**6. Where has President Draupadi Murmu recently launched the Lifestyle Campaign for Sustainability?**

- (A) Bhubaneswar (B) Mumbai  
(C) Bengaluru (D) Calcutta

**(A)** President Draupadi Murmu inaugurated the Divine Retreat Center of Brahma Kumaris at Haridamda village near Bhubaneswar, Odisha. He also launched the national campaign Lifestyle for Sustainability of Brahma Kumaris. In his address on this occasion, the President said that Mother Nature has abundant wealth.



**7. Who has recently started the annual survey of manufacturing companies?**

- (A) PNB (B) SBI  
(C) RBI (D) None of these

**(C)** The Reserve Bank of India has introduced its quarterly Order Book Inventory and Capacity Utilization Survey for the manufacturing sector, which is aimed at informing monetary policy designs. Since 2008 this survey has provided important information to manufacturing companies across major brands such as new orders, production levels and capacity utilization.



**8. How many titles has Abhay Singh won in the Asian Doubles Squash Championship recently?**

- (A) 1 (B) 2  
(C) 3 (D) 4

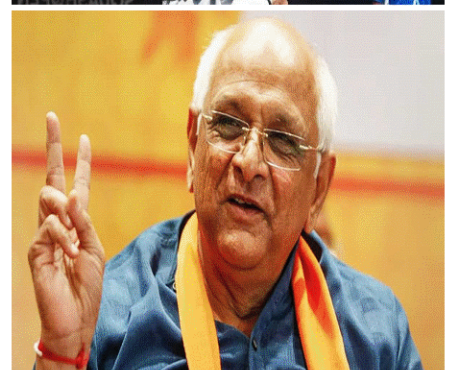
**(B)** Recently Abhay Singh has won two titles in the Asian Doubles Squash Championship. He won the men's doubles title with Velavan Senthilkumar. Abhay Singh and Velavan Senthilkumar defeated Malaysian second seeds Ong Sai Hung and Siafiq Kamal. Abhay and Joshna Chinappa defeated Hong Kong pair Tong Tsz Wing and Tang Ming Hong in the mixed doubles final.



**9. Recently, by what percent the FDI of Gujarat has increased to 7.3 billion dollars in the financial year 2023-2024.**

- (A) 40% (B) 55%  
(C) 70% (D) 75%

**(B)** According to a new data released by the Department of Industrial Promotion and Internal Trade, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, Government of India, Gujarat has led the country in FDI inflow by receiving 55% more i.e. \$2.6 billion FDI in the year 2024 as compared to \$4.7 billion in the last financial year. Has shown the highest growth.



**10. Recently, Philippines and which country strengthened security relations with a new agreement?**

- (A) Japan (B) China  
(C) England (D) Germany

**(A)** Philippines and Japan have taken a big step in their security. They have signed a new agreement that allows their military forces to enter each other's countries more easily. This comes at a time when concerns are rising in the Indo-Pacific region. This is an agreement that makes it easier for the military forces of both the countries to visit each other.

