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## History of 2nd July

- ◆ **1306** : When **Alauddin Khilji** attacked Siwana, this fort was under the control of **Chauhan Sardar Shitaldev**, the protector of Kanhaddev.
- ◆ **1916** : The **Scientific Survey** of India was established.
- ◆ **1940** : **Subhash Chandra Bose** was arrested by the British government on **charges of inciting** rebellion.
- ◆ **1972** : Prime Minister **Indira Gandhi** and Pakistan President Zulfikar Ali Bhutto signed an **agreement**.

## Current Affairs Related to 2nd July 2024

- ◆ **Council of Scientific and Industrial Research and AIIMS** will run **One Week One Theme** campaign from June to December 2024. The campaign will showcase India's recent success stories in various fields of science and technology. The campaign will showcase projects that promote innovation, create employment opportunities and showcase the research and development work of CSIR. The main objective of this initiative is to promote the achievements of CSIR laboratories and promote collaboration with industry.
- ◆ **Under the ULAS-Nav Bharat Literacy Programme**, **Ladakh** has become the first administrative body to achieve full functional literacy. More than 97% of the people in the union territory are literate. ULAS is a centrally sponsored programme, also known as the New India Literacy Program or Nav Bharat Saksharta Karyakram, being implemented from 2022 to 2027. This is in line with the recommendations of the National Education Policy 2020. Additionally it tries to integrate them into the society so that they can further contribute to the progress of the nation.
- ◆ **Kotak Mahindra Bank in India** plans to increase its **branch network by 175 to 200 percent** in FY 2025. The decision comes despite the Reserve Bank of India's new regulatory norms on digital customer acquisition and credit card issuance due to IT-related issues. Mr. Virat Diwanji, Group President and Head of Consumer Bank, highlighted the bank's drive for this expansion strategy, noting its historical growth rate of nearly 150 per cent.
- ◆ **Garden Reach Shipbuilders & Engineers Limited** has been awarded the **Outlook Planet Sustainable Governance Champion Award 2024**. This recognition highlights GRSE's continuous efforts towards a sustainable structure and governance system. Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers Limited is a major shipyard in India, located in Kolkata.
- ◆ **Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana** is making a scheme of **affordable housing for the urban poor**. It was launched in 2015 and has been extended till December 2024. Its main objective is to overcome the shortage of urban housing among poor and middle income group people living in slums. The Ministry of Urban Affairs had also announced the Scheme of Special Assistance to States for Capital Investment 2023.2024 and 2022.2023. Its main objective is to encourage states to improve and accelerate the basic urban planning ecosystem in cities.
- ◆ **The market capitalization of ICICI Bank** has crossed the **\$100 billion mark for the first time**, and it has also become the sixth company in the country whose market value is more than \$100 billion. Earlier, Infosys had also achieved this feat. After touching the record high of Rs 1207, ICICI Bank shares last closed at Rs 1199 with a rise of 2.5 percent.
- ◆ **Defense Research and Development Organization** organized an event in **New Delhi** to develop medium range **Web Obscurant Chaff Rocket** for the Indian Navy. This rocket creates a microwave bright cloud in space, which forms an effective shield against attacks with radio free bassists. Developed by DRDO's Defense Laboratory in Jodhpur, this technology exposes radar, creates a microwave shield all around the surface and thickness to reduce radar detection.
- ◆ **The Comptroller and Auditor General of India** inaugurates **Chadwick House** : Navigation Audit Heritage Museum. This museum is an important milestone in preserving and celebrating the rich heritage of the institution and its contribution to the governance of the country. Chadwick House is an important site with a rich and extensive history.



## National & International Current Affairs

### 1. When is World UFO Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 1st July (B) 2nd July  
(C) 3rd July (D) 4th July

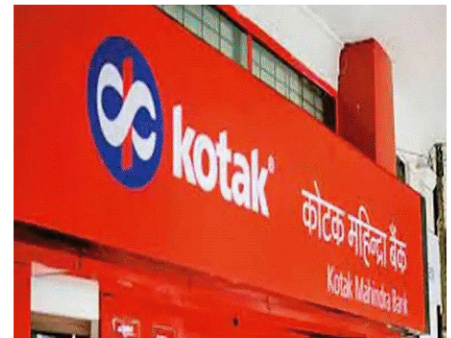
**(B)** World UFO Day is celebrated on 2 July. World UFO Organization started celebrating World UFO Day. The reason for celebrating this day is to make people aware about UFOs so that they can share information about unknown things seen in the sky. The first World UFO Day was celebrated in 2001 and created awareness among people to look to the skies in search of unidentified flying objects.



### 2. Recently which bank will open 200 new branches in the financial year 2025?

- (A) SBI (B) RBI  
(C) PNB (D) Kotak Bank

**(D)** Kotak Mahindra Bank has planned to open 175,200 new branches in the financial year 2025. This decision has been taken despite the recent regulatory restrictions imposed by the Reserve Bank of India on digital customer acquisition and credit card issuance due to IT related issues. The focus will be on areas with high deposit potential to strengthen customer acquisition through the physical branch network amidst the current digital limitations.



### 3. Recently in which state flood relief camps will provide school in a box kits to children?

- (A) Assam (B) Bihar  
(C) Jharkhand (D) Chhattisgarh

**(A)** Designed by UNICEF for Assam, the kit has been available for a long time, this new look box caters to the educational needs of children and adolescents aged 6-18 years. The core aims of these resources are to protect children from harm, promote psychological and social well-being, and engage community and carer capabilities.



### 4. According to the recent report, who is on top in compressed biogas production in India?

- (A) Gujarat (B) Madhya Pradesh  
(C) Uttar Pradesh (D) Karnataka

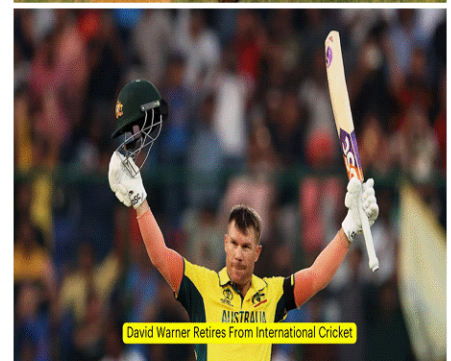
**(C)** Uttar Pradesh is a big player in India's renewable energy market, especially when it comes to producing compressed biogas. The Center for Science and Environment released an important report showing that Uttar Pradesh could produce 24% of India's CBG. This came to light in a seminar organized by CSE and Uttar Pradesh New and Renewable Energy Development Agency in Muzaffarnagar.



### 5. Which country's player David Warner has recently retired from international cricket?

- (A) England (B) New Zealand  
(C) Sri Lanka (D) Australia

**(D)** Recently the world of cricket said goodbye to one of its most dynamic players as David Warner officially retired from international cricket. Warner's illustrious 15-year career with the Australian national team came to an end after their Super Eight stage exit from the T20 World Cup.





6. Who has recently been appointed as MD&CEO of SBI General Insurance?

- (A) Naveen Chandra Jha (B) S Tripathi  
(C) Vinod Ganatra (D) None of these

(A) Recently, SBI General Insurance Company announced the appointment of Naveen Chandra Jha as its new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer. He was nominated for the post by parent company State Bank of India. He will replace Kishore Kumar Poludasu. Jha has been associated with State Bank of India since 1994 and has held many important positions during his tenure.



7. Recently, by what percent is India's growth rate likely to increase in the financial year 2024-2025?

- (A) 2.5% (B) 3.9%  
(C) 5.5% (D) 7.5%

(D) GDP growth during 2024-2025 could exceed 7% and even be close to 7.5%, indicating high indicators among the growth prospects in the Indian economy. This monthly economic review is released by the National Council of Applied Economic Research.



8. Who has recently won the Commonwealth Award for Sanjana Thakur's short story?

- (A) Aishwarya Rai (B) Alia Bhatt  
(C) Deepika Padukone (D) Sonam Kapoor

(A) Mumbai-based writer Sanjana Thakur, 26, announced the winner of the 5000 Commonwealth Short Story Awards 2024 held in London, beating 7359 entrants from across the world. The story, titled Aishwarya Rai, stars Bollywood actress Aishwarya Rai and reimagines the traditional adoption story.



9. Which state cabinet has recently abolished the government system of paying income tax of ministers?

- (A) Haryana (B) Uttar Pradesh  
(C) Madhya Pradesh (D) Haryana

(C) The Madhya Pradesh Cabinet decided that ministers in the state will themselves pay income tax on their salaries and allowances. In this way, the 1972 rule under which the state government used to pay income tax for them was abolished. The Cabinet has decided to abolish the provision allowing the state to pay these taxes.



10. Who has recently become the first Indian female cricketer to score consecutive centuries in ODI?

- (A) Jaya Sharma (B) Smriti Mandhana  
(C) Mithali Raj (D) None of these

(B) Smriti Mandhana became the first Indian woman to score two combined centuries in the second ODI against South Africa at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru. She recorded the record for most runs scored by an Indian woman in a One Day International series. Smriti Srinivas Mandhana was born on 18 July 1996.

