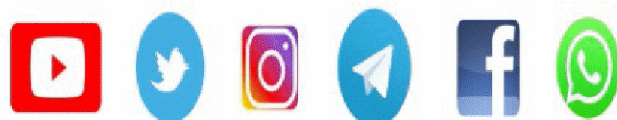


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History of 23rd July

- ◆ **1555** : **Sikandar Suri** defeated Mughal ruler Humayun at **Sirhind** and entered **Delhi**.
- ◆ **1856** : **Mathematician**, theist and militant nationalist **Bal Gangadhar Tilak** was born.
- ◆ **1881** : The **International Gymnastic** Federation established the sports federation. This is the oldest sports **organization** in the world.
- ◆ **1927** : **Regular radio** broadcasting in India started from **Mumbai**.
- ◆ **1903** : **Ford Motor** Company **launched** its first car.

Current Affairs Related to 23rd July 2024

- ◆ **Union Ministry of Education and UGC** launched **Asmita Project** to produce **22,000 books** in Indian languages over the next five years. Asmita Project was launched by Higher Education Secretary Sanjay Murthy. This is one of the many initiatives taken by the government to promote Indian languages in the education system. The project aims to produce 1,000 books in 22 languages within five years. Under this initiative, 1800 textbooks covering Arts, Science and Commerce streams will be prepared by June 2025.
- ◆ **Uttar Pradesh government** will **increase the income of farmers through carbon finance**. With this, farmers will be encouraged to participate in the tree plantation campaign. Uttar Pradesh government planted 36.50 crore saplings. The UP government has set a target of achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2070. Farmers will get additional income from carbon credits by planting fast growing trees like Chinara, Melia, Dubia and Semal.
- ◆ **Government launches India's first toll-free national anti-narcotics helpline number**. The government has started helpline 1933 which is also known as MANAS. Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched it during the seventh top-level meeting of the Narco Coordination Centre. With this, people will be able to inform the Narcotics Control Bureau about illegal drug trade and related issues. The helpline named Manas aims to establish a user-friendly platform for every citizen, where they can easily report drug related cases 24x7.
- ◆ **The International Monetary Fund, in its latest forecast, has increased India's growth projections** for 2024 to 7% from the earlier 6.8%. This will ensure that India remains the fastest growing country among emerging markets and developing economies. IMF has estimated India's growth rate to be 6.5% for the year 2025. It attributed the growth forecast to strong and robust domestic demand and a growing working population. India and China's growth will account for almost half of global growth in 2024.
- ◆ **According to the scientific survey report of the Archaeological Survey of India**, the existing structure in the Bhojshala complex in Dhar districts of Madhya Pradesh was constructed using the remains of the temple. As per the instructions of the High Court, ASI has conducted a scientific survey of the Bhojshala Temple Kamal Maula Masjid complex. ASI has submitted its report to the Indore bench of Madhya Pradesh High Court.
- ◆ **Asia's first health research related pre-clinical network facility was inaugurated under CEPI**. It was inaugurated at the Regional Center for Biotechnology under the aegis of Translational Health Science and Technologies Institute, Faridabad. The Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations has selected BRIC THSTI as a pre-clinical network laboratory based on its capacity to handle BSL3 pathogens.
- ◆ **The government has amended the structure of NITI Aayog**. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will remain the chairman of NITI Aayog. Suman Berry will continue on the post of Vice Chairman of NITI Aayog. There has been no change in the full-time members. The full-time members include VK Saraswat, Prof. Ramesh Chand, Dr. VK Paul and Anand Viryani.
- ◆ **E-mobility R&D roadmap for India has been released by the government**. It is a comprehensive roadmap that aims to establish India as a world leader in electric vehicle technology. The roadmap was launched by Professor Ajay Kumar Sood, Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India, at Vigyan Bhawan Annexe in New Delhi. Energy storage cells, EV assemblies, materials and recycling and charging and refueling are the four main focus areas of the roadmap.
- ◆ **India and Switzerland have set a target of \$100 billion investment and 1 million jobs in the next 15 years**.

National & International Current Affairs

1. Recently in which country will the second Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference be held?

- (A) China (B) India
(C) Japan (D) Indonesia

(B) India is set to host the second Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference on September 11 and 12, which will be attended by representatives of about 40 countries, including China and Pakistan. The Asia Pacific region is a significant contributor to global air traffic, and India is the world's fastest growing tourism market. The first Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference 2018 was held in Beijing.



2. Recently, which state government has given 10% reservation to firefighters in the recruitment of Police, Mining and Jail Department?

- (A) Haryana (B) Gujarat
(C) Telangana (D) Rajasthan

(A) Haryana Chief Minister Naib Singh Saini said that fire warriors will be provided 10% reservation in direct recruitment to the posts of constable, mining guard, forest guard, jail warden and SPO in Haryana. He said that Agniveers will also get age relaxation of three years if they are recruited in Group D. This relaxation will be for five years for the first batch.



3. Recently visa free policy for 35 European countries has been started by Belarus, how long will it continue?

- (A) 31 August 2024 (B) 30 September 2024
(C) 29 November 2024 (D) 31 December 2024

(D) This policy has been started from 19 July 2024. This will continue till 31st December this year. Citizens of 35 countries, including European Union members and the United Kingdom, can enter Belarus for up to 30 days at a time without a visa. Belarusian President Alexander Lukashenko supports the temporary entry and stay of people from 35 European countries without the need for visas at road and rail checkpoints, according to a statement from the Belarusian Foreign Ministry.



4. Which bank has recently launched Amrit Vrishti Fixed Deposit Scheme?

- (A) PNB (B) SBI
(C) RBI (D) BOB

(B) Recently State Bank of India has started a new fixed deposit scheme. Its name is Amrit Vriddhi. In this you have a chance to earn more interest. This scheme is for both Indian and NRI customers. You can open this special FD from SBI branch, internet banking or Yono app.



5. Recently, which state government has ordered to include 50-75% Kannadigas in private jobs?

- (A) Karnataka (B) Kerala
(C) Andhra Pradesh (D) Odisha

(A) Recently, Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah announced on social media platform The Karnataka government decided to temporarily shelve the controversial Job Reservation Bill aimed at providing quota for Kannadigas in private sector organisations, industries and enterprises.



6. Who recently inaugurated India's first overseas Jan Aushadhi Center in Mauritius?

- (A) Narendra Modi (B) Amit Shah
(C) S. Jaishankar (D) Pravin Kumar Jagannath
(C) Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar inaugurated India's first overseas Jan Aushadhi Center in Mauritius. Jaishankar said the India-Mauritius Health Partnership Project will supply cost-effective, made-in-India medicines. Earlier, Dr. Jaishankar had inaugurated the Mediclinic project in Grand Bois, Mauritius with Indian grant assistance.



7. Which country's player Thomas Muller has recently retired from international football?

- (A) Japan (B) Germany
(C) Spain (D) Sri Lanka
(B) Germany's Thomas Muller announced his retirement from international football after the conclusion of Euro 2024. Muller, 34, played 131 matches for the national team, scoring 45 goals and winning the World Cup in 2014. He said I was always proud to represent my country and I want to thank everyone.



8. Recently, with whose cooperation the Ministry of Education has started the Asmita Project.

- (A) UGC (B) NITI Aayog
(C) UNICEF (D) None of these
(A) Recently, in collaboration with the Indian Language Committee under the leadership of UGC, Asmita aims to publish 22,000 books in 22 scheduled languages in the next five years. This new initiative will be a joint effort of the UGC and the Indian Languages Committee, a high-level committee under the ministry to promote Indian languages in education.



9. Where has Asia's first health research pre-clinical network facility been inaugurated recently?

- (A) Mumbai (B) New Delhi
(C) Faridabad (D) Lucknow
(C) Recently, Minister Dr. Aamir Singh inaugurated the Health Research Associated Pre-Clinical Network Facility. This institute, which has been selected for Epidemic Preparedness Innovation, is significant as the first facility in Asia and 9th globally to test the level of pathogens. This facility has one of the largest housing capacity for small scale industries in India.



10. Recently CSIR Chief has got an extension of 02 years. What is his name?

- (A) N Kalaiselvi (B) Ajoy Mehta
(C) Sanjay Mariwala (D) None of these
(A) Recently, the first woman Director General of India's premier research group Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, N. Kalaisevi has been given a tenure extension of two years. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi approved the extension for two years till 2026.

