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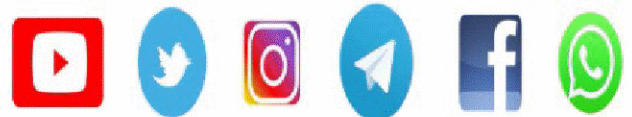
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History of 9th July

- ◆ **1875** : India's first **stock exchange**, Bombay Stock Exchange, **was established**.
- ◆ **1951** : India's first **five-year plan** was **started**.
- ◆ **1972** : The **Soviet Union** conducted an underground **nuclear test**.
- ◆ **1944** : **Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose** accepted the leadership of **Azad Hind Fauj** to liberate India from British rule.
- ◆ **1877** : The **first Wimbledon tennis tournament** was organized.

Current Affairs Related to 9th July 2024

- ◆ **South Asia's largest flying school** will be set up in **Amravati by Air India**. This school will strengthen the pilot training capacity available in India. Recently the runway of Amravati Airport was expanded by the state-owned Maharashtra Airport Development Company. The flying school will be operational by mid-2026 and will graduate 180 commercial pilots every year. This is the first school to be opened by any Indian airline in the country, which will have 31 single engine and 3 twin engine aircraft for training.
- ◆ **Indian Air Force Chief Air Chief Marshal VR Choudhary** has **inaugurated the Weapon Systems School** in Hyderabad. The objective of the WSS is to reorganize the Indian Air Force with a view to the future and modify it with time. According to a statement issued by the Air Force, the formation of this new training institute is a big leap for the armed forces in general and the Indian Air Force in particular. The Weapon Systems School will prepare officers of the newly formed branch as per the requirements of the Indian Air Force.
- ◆ **An MoU has been signed between the National Informatics Center and the Spices Board** of India. This MoU has been signed to develop artificial intelligence tools to detect and classify diseases of large cardamom in Sikkim. The project is being led by the Center of Excellence in AI of NIC in Kolkata. The objective of this project is to identify diseases early by analyzing images of cardamom leaves.
- ◆ **Dr.B.N. Gangadharan** has been appointed **chairman of the National Medical Commission**. He previously served as the Chairman of the Medical Assessment and Rating Board. Dr. Sanjay Bihari is the Director of Sree Chitra Tirunal Institute for Medical Sciences and Technology, Thiruvananthapuram. Dr. Sanjay Bihari has been appointed Chairman of the Medical Assessment and Rating Board.
- ◆ **Niti Aayog launched Sampoorita Abhiyan**. This is a **3-month campaign running from 4th July to 30th September 2024**. A sustained effort is being launched in the form of this campaign to achieve saturation of six key indicators in aspirational districts and six key indicators in aspirational blocks. Sampurna Abhiyaan under the Aspirational District Program and Aspirational Block Program aims to achieve saturation in each of the six selected indicators in 112 Aspirational Districts and 500 Aspirational Blocks. Blocks and districts will make a three-month action plan to fully implement the six key performance indicators.
- ◆ **The Ministry of Information and Broadcasting issued a new advisory to advertisers** and advertising agencies for advertisements related to food and health sector. Advertisers and advertising agencies will have to upload annual self-declaration certificate for advertisements related to food and health sector. As per the instructions, it will be the responsibility of the advertisers/advertising agencies to comply with the applicable Indian laws.
- ◆ **A \$170 million policy-led loan was signed by the Government of India and the Asian Development Bank** to strengthen India's health system preparedness and response capacity to future pandemics. Ms. Juhi Mukherjee, Joint Secretary, Department of Economic Affairs, on behalf of the Government of India, and Ms. Mio Oka, Director, ADB's India Resident Mission, on behalf of ADB, signed the Strong and Scalable Action for Strengthening and Transformative Health Systems Program.
- ◆ **India's Under-23 wrestling team performed brilliantly in Amman, Jordan, winning** a total of 19 medals in women's wrestling, Greco-Roman and freestyle. Women wrestlers showed dominance in their respective years and won three gold medals. Meenakshi, Pushpa Yadav and Priya Malik performed brilliantly and won in various ways including Vijay getting superiority and Vijay getting fall.

National & International Current Affairs

1. Who will host the 46th session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee recently?

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

(B) India will host the 46th session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee at the Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi from 21-31 July. More than 2500 representatives of State Parties, advisory bodies, senior diplomats, heritage experts, scholars and researchers from 195 countries will participate in this session. It will be inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi on July 21.



2. Till when has the Smart City Mission been extended recently?

- (A) March 2025 (B) July 2026
(C) January 2027 (D) March 2028

(A) The Government of India has extended the period of the Mission till 31 March 2025 to complete the remaining 10 projects. The Mission is receiving several requests from government representatives of some States/cities to grant some more time to complete the remaining 10% projects. Cities have been informed that this expansion will not involve any additional cost over and above the financial allocation already approved under the Mission.



3. Who has recently become the first Indian to get first rank in ICC T201?

- (A) Rishabh Pant (B) Virat Kohli
(C) Suryakumar Yadav (D) Hardik Pandya

(D) Hardik Pandya has become the first Indian to get first rank in ICC T201 Mobile 2011. He has moved up two places to join Sri Lanka captain Wanindu Hasaranga at the top following his all-round performances in India's unbeaten T20 World Cup campaign. Hardik scored 144 runs at an average of 48 and strike rate of 151 during the T20 World Cup played in West Indies and USA.



4. Recently, after the case of Zika virus from which state, the government issued an advisory to the states.

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

(A) The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare issued an advisory to the states to keep an eye on Zika virus. States have been urged to direct health facilities in affected areas to screen pregnant women for Zika virus infection. States should advise health facilities/hospitals to identify a nodal officer for monitoring Zika virus cases.



5. Who has recently been appointed by Puma India as its brand ambassador?

- (A) Riyan Parag (B) Nitish Kumar Reddy
(C) A & B Both (D) None of these

(C) Recently, PUMA India, a leading sports brand has announced two new brand ambassadors Ryan Parag and Nitish Kumar Reddy. This exciting news marks the way for PUMA to support young talent and connect with the youth of India. The decision to partner with these young cricketers reflects their dedication to supporting outstanding sporting stars in India.



6. Which UN agency has recently released the annual World Drug Report?

- (A) WHO (B) UNICEF
(C) UNESCO (D) UNODC

(D) Recently, the United Nations agency dealing with crime and drug abuse has released its annual World Drug Report. The report said the number of people using drugs is projected to increase to 292 million by 2022, an increase of 20 percent over the last ten years.



7. Which country has recently taken over the rotating presidency of the European Union Council?

- (A) Germany (B) Poland
(C) Hungary (D) China

(C) Hungary will recently hold the presidency of the Council of the European Union for the next six months. Under the leadership of Prime Minister Viktor Orban, Hungary aims to prioritize EU professionalism, defense policy, migration control and agricultural reform. The motto of the Presidency, Make Europe Great Again, perfectly reflects its stance emphasizing unity and active global activity.



8. Which country has recently increased the student visa for foreign students from \$710 to \$1600?

- (A) Russia (B) Australia
(C) Ukraine (D) Kazakhstan

(B) Visa fee in Australia was increased from \$710 to \$1600. If we look at it in terms of Indian Rupees, then whereas earlier Indian students had to pay approximately Rs 59,277, now they will have to pay Rs 133,584 for this. The Australian Federal Government has increased the student visa fees, saying that this will increase the country's revenue.



9. Which Union Minister has recently launched the construction portal?

- (A) G Kishan Reddy (B) Ashwani Vaishnav
(C) Chirag Paswan (D) None of these

(A) Union Coal and Mines Minister G Kishan Reddy has recently launched Nirman Portal to help the candidates of National Civil Services Examination Main Examination. Under this initiative, UPSC will provide assistance of Rs 1 lakh to the eligible candidates, it will be provided to those candidates whose annual family income is less than Rs 8 lakh and who belongs to Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe, Female or Third Gender.



10. Where recently has India participated in the third conference led by Afghanistan and the United Nations?

- (A) Kabul (B) Tehran
(C) Couplet (D) None of these

(C) India is among the 25 countries that participated in the third UN-led conference on Afghanistan that began in Doha. The aim of which is to find ways to improve the lives of the Afghan people in the Taliban ruled country. The United Nations has denied that the latest round of talks in Doha are aimed at paving the way for international recognition for the Taliban.

