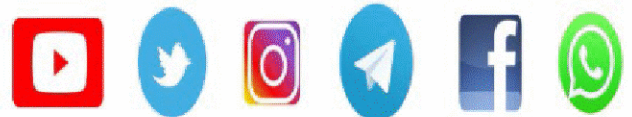


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## History of 13th July

- ◆ **1945** : The Indian Independence Act was passed by the British Parliament.
- ◆ **1905** : Calcutta's weekly newspaper Sanjivani first suggested boycotting British goods.
- ◆ **1977** : During the Emergency, public honors like Bharat Ratna, Padma Vibhushan etc. were withdrawn.
- ◆ **1803** : Raja Ram Mohan Roy and Alexander Duff started the Scottish Church College with five students.

## Current Affairs Related to 13th July 2024

- ◆ **Under the Tree Plantation Mass Campaign 2024**, the Uttar Pradesh government has announced to establish Mitra Van. Mitra Forest will be established on the borders of UP and neighboring country Nepal. Uttar Pradesh Forest Department, along with neighboring states and the country, is working to plant 35 crore saplings in an effort to increase greenery. The Forest Department will also involve dignitaries from other states in this mega campaign. After the target date of 20th July, the Forest Department is committed to make the Tree Plantation Mass Campaign 2024 a success.
- ◆ **The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization has revised its estimate** of world grain production in 2024 to a record-breaking 2854 million tonnes. The report said corn forecasts were kept high due to expectations of better corn crops in Argentina and Brazil, as well as Turkey and Ukraine, which offset the downgrade in forecasts for Indonesia, Pakistan and several southern African countries. will do it.
- ◆ **Women Entrepreneurship Forum and TransUnion CIBIL have launched Human Resource Empowerment Society programme.** It will empower women entrepreneurs in India with financial literacy content and business skills. The Women Entrepreneurship Forum aims to create an enabling ecosystem for women entrepreneurs in India. It is a public private partnership platform incubated at NITI Aayog.
- ◆ **LIC has launched Jeevan Samarth Project to meet the changing needs of its customers.** LIC has teamed up with AT Kearney to execute this transformative project. To execute this project, LIC will review its existing agency structure from beginning to end. LIC hopes to transform its agency ecosystem through this project to better meet the ever-changing demands of millions of Indian families.
- ◆ **ISRO Chairman launches Indian Space Hackathon.** Twelve problem statements have been identified for the hackathon in geospatial domain, space science, image processing and AI/ML areas. A team of three to four students can participate in the hackathon and solve challenges with innovative solutions. Initially 100 teams will be selected based on their ideas, and later 30 teams will be shortlisted by an expert committee for the finals.
- ◆ **Aiming to further the indigenization and modernization efforts of the Indian Armed Forces**, state-owned DRDO unveiled the Zoravar light tank at its plant in Hazira, Gujarat. This 25 tonne light tank has been designed and developed in a record two years through a public-private partnership between DRDO and Larsen & Toubro. The prototype light tank is powered by a 750 hp Cummins engine, which will be replaced by a domestically developed engine in future units.
- ◆ **The Food Safety and Standards Authority of India has approved a proposal to display** nutritional information such as total sugar, salt and saturated fat in large and bold letters on the labels of packaged food items. In the 44th meeting of FSSAI, it was decided to amend the Food Safety and Standards Regulations 2020 regarding nutrition information labeling. The draft notification for the amendment will now be placed in the public domain for further suggestions and objections.
- ◆ **The Secretary level meeting between the Defense Ministries of India and the Democratic Republic of Congo** was held in New Delhi. The Indian delegation was led by Defense Secretary Shri Giridhar Aramane, while the Congolese delegation was led by DRC Major General Lukwikila Matikwija Marcel. Representatives of both the countries discussed ways to promote cooperation in training and defense industry.



## National & International Current Affairs

1. Recently, when will the Durand Cup 2024 football tournament be organized?

- (A) 15th July (B) 18th July  
(C) 23rd July (D) 27th July

(D) Durand Cup 2024 football tournament will start from July 27 and the final will be held on August 31 at Vivekananda Yuva Bharati Krirangan, Kolkata. First played in 1888, the Durand Cup is the oldest football tournament in India and opens the Indian domestic season. The upcoming edition will be the 133rd season of the heritage competition.



2. Recently, when will Tamil writer Sivashankari be honored with the Vishwambhara Dr. C. Narayana Reddy National Literary Award 2024?

- (A) 20th July (B) 24th July  
(C) 29th July (D) 30th July

(C) Shivshankari will be given this award for his contribution in the field of literature. Shivshankari will be given a cash prize of Rs 5 lakh, a memento and a shawl. Sivashankari will be given the award during the 93rd birth anniversary celebrations of Dr. C. Narayana Reddy in Hyderabad on July 29. Telangana CM Revanth Reddy will be the chief guest.



3. Which state government will recently establish Mitra Van on the Nepal border?

- (A) Bihar (B) Uttar Pradesh  
(C) Chhattisgarh (D) Jharkhand

(B) Yogi Adityanath government will establish Mitra Van on the UP Nepal border. Yogi Adityanath government has announced to start Mitra Van on the border of Uttar Pradesh and Nepal under the Tree Plantation Mass Campaign 2024. For this initiative, at least 35 forest divisions will identify locations for setting up Mitra Van.



4. Recently in which state has Tata Power started the door to door solar initiative?

- (A) Uttar Pradesh (B) Madhya Pradesh  
(C) Kerala (D) Rajasthan

(A) Recently, Tata Power Solar System Limited has started the Ghar Ghar Solar initiative in Uttar Pradesh, which has started from Varanasi. Its objective is to provide clean energy to every home through rooftop solar energy solutions. The initiative promises substantial financial savings and environmental benefits to residents.



5. Recently Sanath Jayasuriya has become the coach of which country's cricketer team?

- (A) Bangladesh (B) Pakistan  
(C) India (D) Sri Lanka

(D) Former captain Sanath Jayasuriya has been appointed as the interim head coach of the Sri Lankan cricket team ahead of the limited overs home series against India this month. The country board said he is well placed to guide the team until a permanent solution is found in the next few months. The Indian team will tour Sri Lanka for three T20 Internationals and as many ODIs from July 27.





6. Recently in wrestling, which medal has Vinesh Phogat won in the women's 50 kg category at the Spain Grand Prix?

- (A) Gold Medal (B) Silver Medal  
(C) Bronze Medal (D) None of these

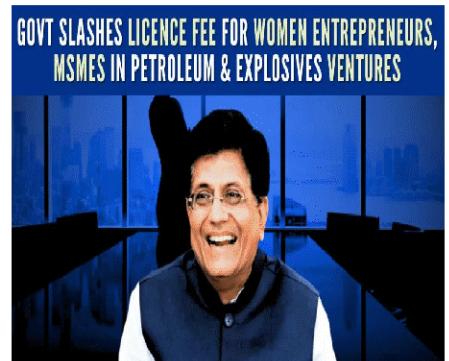
(A) Wrestler Vinesh Phogat has won the gold medal in the women's 50 kg weight category in the Spain Grand Prix. In the final she defeated Maria Tiumerekova of Russia by 10.5. After this competition in Spain, Vinesh has to go to France for 20 days of training for the purpose of preparation for the Paris Games.



7. Recently, Union Minister Piyush Goyal has given what percentage relaxation in license fees for women entrepreneurs?

- (A) 70% (B) 75%  
(C) 80% (D) 85%

(C) Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has announced a concession of 80% for women entrepreneurs and 50% for MSMEs in the fees for licenses given by the Petroleum and Explosives Safety Organization. The Minister has directed PESO to prepare guidelines to outline safety measures in consultation with the Central Pollution Control Board and the Ministry of Petroleum and Natural Gas.



GOVT SLASHES LICENCE FEE FOR WOMEN ENTREPRENEURS, MSMEs IN PETROLEUM & EXPLOSIVES VENTURES

8. Recently, which state government constituted a 3-member judicial commission for the Hathras stampede?

- (A) Uttar Pradesh (B) Madhya Pradesh  
(C) Rajasthan (D) Telangana

(A) The Uttar Pradesh government constituted a three-member judicial inquiry commission to investigate the Hathras stampede in which 123 people died. This commission will be headed by Justice Brijesh Kumar Srivastava, retired judge of Allahabad High Court. Retired IAS officer Hemant Rao and retired IPS officer Bhavesh Kumar will be the other members of this commission.



Judicial Commission Formed to Investigate Hathras Stampede

9. Which country has recently launched ALSO-4 satellite to bring revolution in disaster management?

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

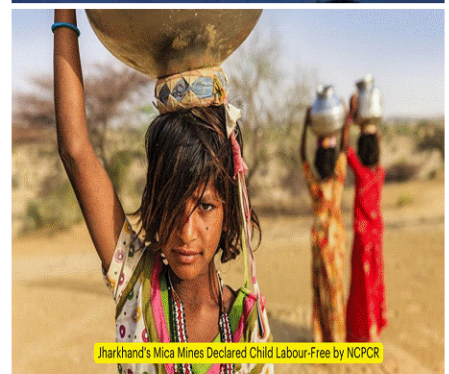
(C) Japan successfully launched an advanced Earth observation satellite, capable of monitoring military activities such as missile launches, using its new flagship H3 rocket. 3 took off from Tanegashima Space Center and released its payload, the Advanced Land Observation Satellite, about 16 minutes later than planned, the AP reports.



10. Recently NCPCLR has declared mica mines in which state as child labor free?

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

(A) Recently, the National Commission for Protection of Child Rights declared the minorities of Jharkhand child labor free in a program organized in Koderma, Jharkhand. Attending the function, NCMC Chairman Priyank Kanungo announced that this is the first successful effort to eliminate the supply chain of child labor in mica mining in the country. In India, induced children up to the age of 14 years are called child labour.



Jharkhand's Mica Mines Declared Child Labour-Free by NCPCLR