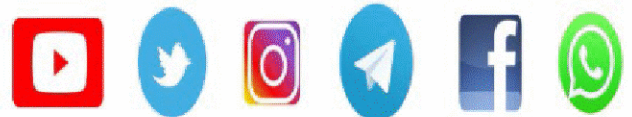


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History of 8th July

- ◆ **1918** : The **Montague Chelmsford** Report was published to reform the Indian **Constitution**.
- ◆ **1497** : **Vasco da Gama** left Europe with a 170 meter high crew to reach **India by sea**.
- ◆ **1858** : **Lord Canning** had declared peace after the fall of **Gwalior Fort**.
- ◆ **1954** : **Prime Minister Jawaharlal** launched the hydroelectric project on the Bhakra-Nagal of Punjab, the **world's largest canal**.

Current Affairs Related to 8th July 2024

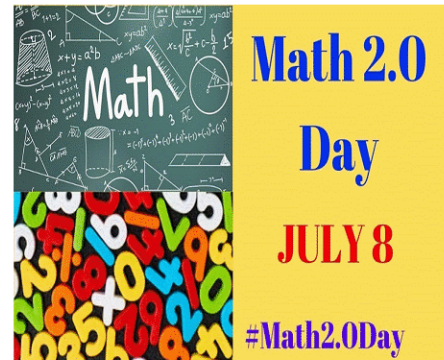
- ◆ **Air India is setting up South Asia's largest flight training school in Maharashtra's Amravati** district with an investment of over Rs 200 crore. This school is going to appear in the first quarter of the next financial year. The initiative aims to secure a stable pipeline of pilots for the airline, which will require 500.700 pilots in 2023 to support its expansion plans following the mega order of 470 Airbus and 100 Boeing 700 aircraft.
- ◆ **Nomadic Elephant exercise started in Umroi, Meghalaya. This is the 16th edition** of the India-Mongolia joint military exercise Nomadic Elephant. This is a two-week training program which will end on July 16. Its objective is to improve communication between the troops of the two countries in semi-conventional operations in semi-urban and hilly areas. Every year this training program is alternated between Mongolia and India. The status of several bilateral defense cooperation projects was reviewed in the meeting.
- ◆ **25 countries including India participated in the third UN-led conference on Afghanistan.** This meeting is important because for the first time the Taliban are participating in the talks. India was represented in this meeting by J.P. Singh, Joint Secretary, Pakistan, Afghanistan and Iran Division of the Ministry of External Affairs. The conference was strongly criticized by women's rights activists, who expressed concern over the plight of women in Afghanistan.
- ◆ **India and Belarus held consular talks for the first time in Minsk.** The welfare of Indian students in Belarus was also among the many consular issues discussed during the meeting. The meetings also focused on initiatives to increase tourism between the two countries. Both sides decided to follow up the discussions and review the progress in the next edition of the talks.
- ◆ **State Bank of India has introduced a revolutionary online business solution called MSME Sahaj**, which is tailor-made for MSMEs. This web-based platform allows MSMEs to avail loans against their GST registered sales faster and without any fraud. MSMEs have leveraged data from GSTIN, bank details and credit information companies to make seamless credit assessments. Its objective is to complete the functioning of MSMEs under the GST regime.
- ◆ **A new banking malware called SnowBlind has targeted Android users** to steal banking credentials. This malware uses a built-in security feature to bypass anti-tamper protection in apps that handle sensitive information. Snowblind uses a feature called SECAMP, which stands for secure computing.
- ◆ **Bangladesh Navy and India's Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers signed an agreement** for the 800 tonne seaplane. This agreement has been made under the \$500 million line of credit given by India to Bangladesh. As per the contract the ship will be handed over to Bangladesh within 24 months. This ship will be approximately 61 meters long and 15.80 meters wide, with a maximum speed of at least 13 knots. This deal will strengthen bilateral defense relations between India and Bangladesh.
- ◆ **Akhilesh Pathak has taken charge as the new Chief General Manager of Southern Region Network System-1 of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited.** Pike Touch will oversee the network system including sub-stations and projects in parts of Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka. With over 31 years of experience in the virtual sector, he is in charge of operations and maintenance, short-term management and commercial operations.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is Mathematics Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 6th July (B) 7th July
(C) 8th July (D) 9th July

(C) Mathematics Day is celebrated every year on 8th July. Mathematics 2.0 Day celebrates Mathematics Day, without which life becomes very difficult. Whether we know about mathematics or not, we use it many times every day. Many people always hate mathematics because of the complicated lesson plans in schools and colleges, but in real life it is not that boring and difficult.



2. In which country are the contingents of both the armies practicing in the recent India-Thailand joint military exercise Maitri?

- (A) Thailand (B) South Africa
(C) Germany (D) Sri Lanka

(A) The 13th edition of India-Thailand joint military exercise Maitri is being conducted from 1 to 15 July 2024 at Fort Wachirapakan, Tak Province, Thailand. The previous edition of the same exercise was conducted in Umroi, Meghalaya in September 2019. These mainly include a battalion of Ladakh Scouts along with personnel from other branches and armies.



3. SEBI has increased the basic demat account limit from the current Rs 2 lakh to how many lakh rupees?

- (A) 5 lakhs (B) 10 lakhs
(C) 15 lakhs (D) 20 lakhs

(B) SEBI has increased the basic demat account limit to Rs 10 lakh from the existing Rs 2 lakh. The limit has been increased to encourage more small investors to participate in the securities market. The revised rules will be effective from September 1. Basic Services Demat account price limit on shares has been increased to encourage small investors to participate in the stock market.



4. Who will be honored with the Career Achievement Award at the Lokano Festival recently?

- (A) Rohit Sharma (B) Virat Kohli
(C) Rishabh Pant (D) Shahrukh Khan

(D) Recently, Bollywood actor Shahrukh Khan will be given the Career Achievement Award at the Lokano Film Festival. Shahrukh Khan has worked in many great films in his 32 year career. He has received many awards in India. He has also been honored with many special awards across the world. He is recognized as a global star.



5. In which state NTR Bharosa Pension Scheme has been launched recently?

- (A) Andhra Pradesh (B) Himachal Pradesh
(C) Telangana (D) Maharashtra

(A) Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N Chandrababu Naidu has launched the NTR Bharosa Pension Scheme. The aim of this scheme is to provide increased pension amount to different groups of people. Naidu launched this scheme in Penumaka village of Tadepalli block of Amaravati. All the cabinet members and MLAs participated in the pension distribution program in their respective constituencies.



6. Which bank has recently launched Safiro Forex Card for international students?

- (A) Axis Bank (B) Yes Bank
(C) HDFC Bank (D) ICICI Bank

(D) Recently, ICICI Bank announced the launch of Student Safiro Forex Card, an ag premium prepaid forex card designed for Indian students pursuing higher education abroad. The card, powered by Visa, offers a range of benefits aimed at simplifying overseas financial management for students and their parents, the bank said in its press release.



7. Recently, which company's software engineer Christina Ernst has created the world's first AI dress with robotic snakes?

- (A) Meta (B) Microsoft
(C) Google (D) None of these

(C) A Google employee has recently created the world's first artificial intelligence dress and it has surprised everyone on the internet. Christina is a software engineer at Ernst Technology Company and also the founder of SheBuildsRobots.org. This is an organization that teaches girls to make robots.



8. Recently, the Chief Minister of which state has resigned?

- (A) Tamil Nadu (B) Jharkhand
(C) Manipur (D) Rajasthan

(B) Recently, Champai Soren has resigned from the post of Chief Minister of Jharkhand. Champai reached Raj Bhavan and submitted his resignation to the Governor. After this, former CM Hemant Soren staked claim to form the government. This means that Hemant Soren is going to become the Chief Minister of Jharkhand once again.



9. Where has a new species of horned frog been discovered recently?

- (A) Arunachal Pradesh (B) Manipur
(C) Rajasthan (D) Karnataka

(A) A team of scientists from the Zoological Survey of India has identified a new species of horned frog in the Tail Wildlife Sanctuary of Arunachal Pradesh, part of the Eastern Himalayan Biodiversity Hotspot. The frog was collected from a water tank half a kilometer away from the forest guard camp of Pange inside the Tail Wildlife Sanctuary in the evening.



10. Who has recently become the new CMD of PGCIL?

- (A) Dinesh Khara (B) Manoj Kumar
(C) Ravindra Kumar Tyagi (D) None of these

(C) Recently Ravindra Kumar Tyagi has been appointed CMD of PGCIL. Ravindra Kumar Tyagi has been appointed as the new Managing Director of Power Grid Corporation of India Limited. They are K. Will replace Srikanth. Tyagi's appointment was approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet on December 18, 2023.

