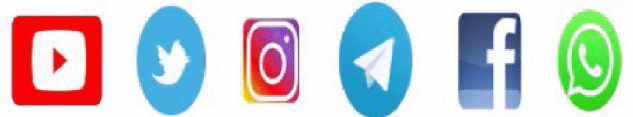


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## History of 28th July

- ◆ **1858** : Painting print was first used by Sir **William James Herschel** of the Indian Railway Service.
- ◆ **1983** : **NASA** launched the commercial communications satellite **Telstar-3A**.
- ◆ **2005** : The tenth planet of the **solar system** was claimed to be **discovered**.
- ◆ **2008** : **India's External Affairs** Minister **Pranab Mukherjee** visited **Tehran** to attend the meeting of the **Council of Ministers** of the **Non-Aligned State**.
- ◆ **1914** : The first **Pehalwan** war started.

## Current Affairs Related to 28th July 2024

- ◆ **The Climate Finance Action Fund** will receive annual contributions from fossil fuel producing countries and companies. This fund will help developing countries as well as other countries to reach the 1.5°C temperature target. Initially \$1 billion will be raised through members as a fixed amount or with annual contribution based on production volume. COP29 will be held in Baku from 11 to 22 November in 2024.
- ◆ **Sikkim has made it mandatory for tourist vehicles to carry garbage bags**. This decision has been taken to ensure community participation in achieving the goal of environmental sustainability. It will be the responsibility of tour operators, travel agencies and vehicle drivers to inform tourists about using garbage bags for garbage disposal. Awareness campaigns will be conducted to educate tourists about waste management and environmental sustainability.
- ◆ **The Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities has signed these MoUs to empower** the persons with disabilities socially, educationally and economically. During the signing of the agreements, Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment **Dr. Virendra Kumar** and Minister of State in the Ministry **B.L. Verma** was present. The MoU reflects the government's commitment towards persons with disabilities.
- ◆ **The Economic Survey highlighted for the first time the mental health issue and its importance** and implications for policy recommendations. It notes that overall economic status and mental health disorders are related to productivity loss due to absenteeism, decreased productivity, disability, and increased health care costs.
- ◆ **A letter of intent was signed by Atal Innovation Mission of NITI Aayog and World Intellectual Property Organization** in New Delhi. This MoU was signed to create joint programs towards innovation, entrepreneurship and intellectual property for the countries of the Global South.
- ◆ **Indian hockey goalkeeper PR Sreejesh**, who has played an important role in the game, has announced that he will retire from international hockey after the Paris Olympics 2024.
- ◆ **In a bid to boost India's goal of a self-reliant India**, global giant **Airbus** has said it is teaming up with its Indian arm **Tata** to set up a final assembly line for H-125 helicopters in upcoming real estate. European aircraft major **Airbus** has selected eight locations in India to set up its final assembly line for B125 helicopters.
- ◆ **BCCI Secretary Jay Shah said the Board of Control for Cricket in India has offered Rs 8.5 crore** to the Indian Olympic Association in support of the Indian contingent. This team will represent the country in the upcoming 2024 Paris Olympics. India will have the least number of athletes in Paris compared to the Tokyo Olympics held three years ago. However, the total team size will be larger. This is because there will be a higher number of coaches and other support staff who will accompany the players for Olympic glory.
- ◆ **State-owned company Hello Meghalaya launched a community lake primarily for regional beaches** with limited access or small markets. **Shri Sangma** said Hello Meghalaya is envisioned as a global destination for our talented young local musicians, film artistes and creative creators across various sectors.
- ◆ **Atal Innovation Mission in NITI Aayog and World Stock Exchange launched Hand Portfolio** towards creating a United Innovation Program in the Global South. Union Education and Skill Development Minister **Democrat Pradhan** said that innovation is India's strength. This ground-breaking collaboration between AIM and WIPO brings India's innovation models to the United Nations, which is on a similar development path, and will increase understanding and awareness about Intellectual Property Rights right from the school level.



## National & International Current Affairs

**1. When is World Nature Conservation Day celebrated every year?**

- (A) 27th July (B) 28th July  
(C) 29th July (D) 30th July

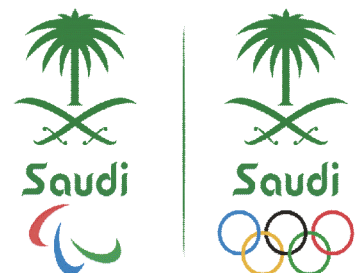
**(B)** World Nature Conservation Day is celebrated every year on 28th July to ensure that a healthy environment forms the foundation of a stable and productive society and future. We must protect, conserve and sustainably manage our natural infrastructure. In the present context, many species of animals and plants are becoming extinct.



**2. Recently, who will host the first Olympic eSports Games in 2025?**

- (A) Iran (B) Indonesia  
(C) India (D) Saudi Arabia

**(D)** The International Olympic Committee announced that it has partnered with the National Olympic Committee of Saudi Arabia to host the first Olympic e-Sports Games in Saudi Arabia in 2025. This important step follows the IOC's recent announcement that the IOC Executive Board has established the Olympic e-Sports Games.



**3. Which state government has recently launched Shramik Basera Yojana for labourers?**

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

**(B)** Gujarat State Government has launched Shramik Basera Scheme 2024. People providing financial assistance under this scheme are facing difficulties. The Chief Minister Government of Gujarat established 17 housing structures in the cities of Pilgrims, Gandhinagar, Vadodara and Rajkot so that residential buildings and other buildings could be constructed.



**4. Who has recently launched the Wrestle for Glory program for women wrestlers?**

- (A) IndusInd Bank (B) Axis Bank  
(C) Yes Bank (D) UCO Bank

**(A)** IndusInd Bank has announced the launch of the CSR initiative Wrestle for Glory program in continuation of its long running association with Inspire Institute of Sports. It is a high performance Olympic training facility, headquartered in Vijayanagara, Bellary. The first part of the Wrestle for Glory program was launched as IndusInd for Sports, a non-banking gaming vertical, which was launched in 2016.



**5. Who has recently been honored with the International Olympic Order Award by the IOC?**

- (A) Abhinav Bindra (B) Neeraj Chopra  
(C) Saina Nehwal (D) None of these

**(A)** Abhinav Bindra has been awarded the Olympic Order by the International Olympic Committee. He is the first Indian to win an individual gold in the Olympics. He won the gold medal in the men's 10 meter air rifle event at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. Bindra is a member of the IOC Athletes Commission. He is the first Indian to receive this award.

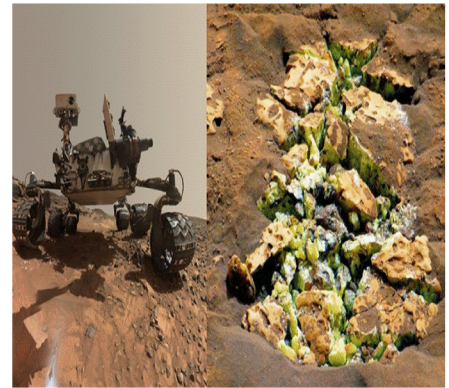




6. Which space agency has recently announced the discovery of sulfur on Mars?

- (A) ISRO (B) NASA  
(C) SpaceX (D) None of these

(B) Recently, the Curiosity Rover of the American space agency NASA has made a major discovery on Mars. The rover has found yellow colored pure sulfur crystals on the Red Planet. Scientists are surprised by this discovery because it is very difficult to form these crystals without water. Yellow crystals of sulfur have been found in the middle of an open part of a rock.



7. Recently IAS's Vasuki has been appointed as the secretary in-charge of matters related to external cooperation of which state?

- (A) Punjab (B) Karnataka  
(C) Chhattisgarh (D) Kerala

(D) BJP has termed the appointment of an IAS officer as Foreign Secretary by Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan as a gross violation of the Constitution. The Kerala government has appointed a senior IAS officer as the Secretary in-charge of matters related to external cooperation. Meanwhile, the Chief Secretary of Kerala has given a statement regarding this decision.



8. Which state government has recently launched the Gross Environment Product Index?

- (A) Maharashtra (B) Andhra Pradesh  
(C) Uttarakhand (D) Jharkhand

(C) Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami launched the Uttarakhand Gross Environment Product Index at the Secretariat to link ecology with the economy. Uttarakhand is the first state to launch GEP. Uttarakhand Gross Environment Product Index has been calculated on the basis of 4 main components water, air, forest and soil. The Chief Minister said that a cell will be formed for effective implementation of GEP.



9. Recently researchers of which IIT have discovered African swine fever virus protein?

- (A) IIT Mumbai (B) IIT Guwahati  
(C) IIT Kanpur (D) IIT Delhi

(B) Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati have investigated the biochemistry of African swine fever virus protein. In which the focus is on understanding the biochemical processes of infection to formulate effective control strategies. Pro. Sachin Kumar and his research scholars include Mr. Satyendru Nandi, Mr. Nilave Ranjan Bora and Mr. Shubham Gaurav.



10. Who has recently become the Indian player who has scored the most runs in Women T-20?

- (A) Deepti Sharma (B) Smriti Mandhana  
(C) Shafali Verma (D) PV Sindhu

(B) Recently, Smriti Mandhana has become the highest run-scorer in women's T-20. Mandhana crossed the 3000 thousand mark in the first T20 played against Australia. Before Mandhana, only Indian captain Harmanpreet Kaur had crossed this figure in women's cricket. In the first T10 played at DY Patil Sports Academy, India defeated Australia by 9 wickets.

