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History of 15th July

- ◆ **1662** : King Charles II of England enacted the Royal Society in London.
- ◆ **2011** : India successfully launched the modern communication satellite GSAT-12 into space orbit.
- ◆ **1955** : The first President Dr. Rajendra Prasad announced the award of Bharat Ratna, the highest civilian award, to the then Prime Minister of the country, Jawaharlal Nehru.
- ◆ **1926** : The first motorbus service started in Mumbai.

Current Affairs Related to 15th July 2024

- ◆ BPCL has partnered with the Indian Olympic Association as the lead sponsor from Paris 2024 to Los Angeles 2028. Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited, a Maharatna and Fortune Global 500 company, has announced its partnership with the Indian Olympic Association as the Official Principal Partner for four years. This partnership will run from Paris Olympics 2024 to Los Angeles Olympics 2028. BPCL will launch several campaigns as part of this partnership aimed at encouraging and supporting the Indian contingent traveling to Paris.
- ◆ SEHER, launched by TransUnion CIBIL and TransUnion CIBIL, is a credit education program that will empower women entrepreneurs in India with financial literacy content and business skills. This program helps them to access the financial facilities which are necessary for greater growth and job creation in the country's economy. Women's Literacy Platform is a public private partnership platform set up at NITI Aayog which aims to create an enabling environment for women's literacy in India.
- ◆ Market regulator SEBI has issued new guidelines for credit rating to simplify operations and ease of doing business. Specific time limits have been introduced to deal with appeals made by companies in relation to Rating Caravan. SEBI has introduced precise deadlines for symbols, including daily updates on the list of non-government issued symbols, so that symbols can be immediately informed about symbols that do not cooperate with ratings.
- ◆ Hong Kong, Singapore and Zurich are currently the most expensive cities for international flights in 2024, according to Mercer's cost-of-living data report. These three cities have maintained their positions in Mercer's rankings from last year. On the other hand, the cities with the lowest cost of living are Islamabad, Lagos and Abuja.
- ◆ The Reserve Bank of India has approved the reappointment of Govind Singh as the Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer of Utkarsh Small Finance Bank. His new tenure will begin from September 21, 2024 and will last for three years.
- ◆ Border Security Force in collaboration with State Bank of India organized Grow with the Trees plantation drive at BSF Headquarters in Srinagar. The initiative, aimed at creating an evergreen environment and promoting the importance of tree plantation, involved BSF officers, jawans, top brass and plantation children. The campaign aims to foster a sense of community and teamwork while promoting sustainability.
- ◆ Four-time Olympian and 2012 Olympic bronze medalist Gagan Narag has been appointed India's Chef de Mission for the 2024 Paris Olympics. This decision comes after Mary Kom stepped down from the post due to health issue. The role of Chef de Mission is important for the Olympic team. Boxing legend Mary Kom resigned from her post as chef de mission due to health issues.
- ◆ The Sixteenth Finance Commission has constituted the Fifth Advisory Council. This will help in broadening the scope of the Commission. The country's well-known economist Arvind Panagariya is its president. The Finance Ministry is issuing a statement that the 16th Finance Commission headed by Arvind Panagariya has constituted a five-tier advisory council. This five-tier advisory committee was chaired by Poonam Gupta, Chairperson of the National Council of Applied Economic Research.
- ◆ Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, former chief scientist of the World Health Organization, has been appointed as the Chief Advisor by the Government of India. He is responsible for the National Tuberculosis Eradication Program in the Health Ministry. Indian Council of Ayurvedic Research, New Delhi was established between 2015 and 2017. Dr. Soumya Swaminathan, besides being a pediatrician, has more than 30 years of experience in HIV infection.

National & International Current Affairs

- When is World Youth Skills Day celebrated every year?**

(A) 13th July (B) 14th July
(C) 15th July (D) 16th July

(C) In 2014, the United Nations General Assembly declared 15 July as World Youth Skills Day to commemorate the strategic importance of providing youth with skills for employment, decent work and entrepreneurship. The theme of World Youth Skills Day 2024, Youth Skills for Peace and Development, underlines the important role of youth in peacebuilding and conflict resolution.
- Who has recently become the female flag bearer of India for the Paris Olympics?**

(A) Priyanka Goswami (B) PV Sindhu
(C) Nikhat Zareen (D) None of these

(B) Recently, Paris Olympics 2024 will start from July 2024, in which PV Sindhu will take charge as the female flag bearer from India in the opening ceremony, in which Sharath Kamal will accompany her. The names of both these players were announced by Indian Olympic Association President PT Usha.
- Who has recently become the head coach of Team India?**

(A) Gautam Gambhir (B) Suresh Raina
(C) Mahendra Singh Dhoni (D) Anil Kumble

(A) Former veteran opener Gautam Gambhir has been appointed as the new head coach of Team India. BCCI announced this. Rahul Dravid's tenure ended after T20 World 2024. Gambhir will take charge from the Sri Lanka series. India has to play three ODIs and three T20 matches on the Sri Lanka tour. This series will start from 27th July.
- Who has recently been chosen as the ICC Player of the Month for June 2024?**

(A) Smriti Mandhana (B) Jasprit Bumrah
(C) Both of the above (D) None of these

(C) Jasprit Bumrah, who was the hero of India's victorious campaign in the T20 World Cup, was chosen by the ICC as the best male player for the month of June. Women's team vice-captain Smriti Mandhana has been chosen the best female player for the month of June. Mandhana was given this award for her strong performance with the bat in the ODI series against South Africa last month.
- Who has recently become the main sponsor of the Indian team for Paris Olympics 2024?**

(A) Adani Group (B) Jio
(C) Tata Group (D) None of these

(A) Adani Group has become the main sponsor of the Indian team for the Paris 2024 Olympics. He has written in his message that we are getting ready for the 2024 Paris Olympics. The tireless efforts and unwavering dedication of the players is a symbol of India's never-say-die spirit. I am confident that this time we will win the highest number of medals in the Olympics so far.



6. Which state government has recently waived registration tax on strong hybrid vehicles?

- (A) Bihar (B) Uttarakhand
(C) Gujarat (D) Uttar Pradesh

(D) Recently, the Uttar Pradesh government has completely waived the registration fees of hybrid cars. Apart from this, exemption will also be given in road tax. With this decision of the UP government, people in the state will be able to buy hybrid cars at a lower price, and companies like Maruti Suzuki, Toyota and Honda cars will also benefit from it.



7. What has been the percentage of unemployment rate in India recently in the financial year 2023-2024?

- (A) 0.5% (B) 6.6%
(C) 3.5% (D) 7.5%

(B) According to recent National Sample Survey Office data, India's urban unemployment rate for persons aged 15 years and above declined to 6.6% in the April-June period of 2023, from 7.6% in the same period last year. The data also shows changes in female and male unemployment rates.



8. Recently, Pankaj Aggarwal has become the new Chief Electoral Officer of which state?

- (A) Maharashtra (B) Karnataka
(C) Jharkhand (D) Haryana

(D) Before the assembly elections, senior Indian Administrative Service officer Pankaj Aggarwal has been appointed as the Chief Electoral Officer of Haryana. Pankaj Aggarwal is a 2000 batch IAS officer. This appointment comes after the administrative reshuffle when 12 IAS officers were transferred, among them Pankaj Aggarwal.



9. Recently received the award for the best agricultural state of 2024.

- (A) Maharashtra (B) Haryana
(C) Uttar Pradesh (D) Madhya Pradesh

(A) Recently, Maharashtra has been selected for the Best Agricultural State Award for the year 2024 for adopting new policies and developmental initiatives for agriculture and rural prosperity. The announcement to this effect was made by the 15th Agriculture Leadership Awards Committee headed by Justice P Sathasivam, former Chief Justice of India and Governor of Kerala.



Maharashtra Wins Best Agriculture State Award for 2024

10. Recently HCL Tech Chairman Roshni Nadar has received the highest civilian honor of which country?

- (A) Russia (B) Germany
(C) France (D) China

(C) The Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur, more recently instituted in 1802 by Napoleon Bonaparte, is the highest civilian award given by the French Republic for distinguished service to France. This time this honor has been given to HCL Tech President Roshni Nadar.



HCLTech's Roshni Nadar Malhotra Receives France's Highest Civilian Honour