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History of 18th July

- ◆ **1290** : King Edward of England ordered the killing of Jews.
- ◆ **1857** : Bombay University was established.
- ◆ **2002** : Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam was elected the 12th President of the country.
- ◆ **1947** : The Indian Parliament passed a law for the independence of this country.
- ◆ **1955** : Electricity produced from nuclear energy was sold commercially for the first time.

Current Affairs Related to 18th July 2024

- ◆ The Government of India is going to launch Agri Fund for Startups and Rural Enterprises, which will provide support through investments in sector specific, sector non-civilian and alternative investment funds. It will also provide direct benefits to fresh ups working in agriculture and related sectors. The initiative aims to promote innovation and sustainability in India's agriculture sector by setting up a Category II Alternative Investment Fund of Rs 750 crore.
- ◆ England's best fast bowler James Adderson has said goodbye to Test cricket. The last match of his career was the first Test match played against West Indies at Lord's. In his last match, Anderson took a total of 4 wickets. In this way, he departed from Test cricket as the third highest wicket taker. England won this match by an innings and 114 runs.
- ◆ NITI Aayog released SDG India Contract 2023-2024 and said that despite global adversities, India is moving towards the Sustainable Development Goals. The SDGs India are the country's key tools to promote national and sub-national progress on the Sustainable Development Goals. The index was launched in the presence of NITI Aayog CEO BVR Subramadhyam and others. Uttarakhand and Kerala have emerged as top performing states in NITI Aayog's SDG India Contract 2023-2024.
- ◆ The first woman Chief Justice of Lahore High Court, Alia Neelam, took oath. Due to which she became the first woman to become the top judge of this court. Punjab Governor Sardar Salim Haider Khan administered the oath to him. Maryam Nawaz, the first woman Chief Minister of Punjab province, was also present at the swearing-in ceremony.
- ◆ Scientists from the Zoological Survey of India discovered the species from the Shaktikulangara fishing port in Karel along the Arabian Sea.
- ◆ Haryana Cabinet has approved IT Saksham Yuva Yojana 2024, which aims to provide 5,000 youth coaches in the first phase. This initiative is in line with Mission 60A000 emanating from the Budget 2024.2025, which aims to provide employment to 60A000 youth from poor families. Under this scheme, graduates in IT disciplines or connecting courses will participate in specially designed short-term courses, lasting a minimum of three months.
- ◆ A team of Indian scientists have made important contributions in the field of astronomy. Indian scientists develop open source tool to prepare infrared star catalog for Thirty Meter Telescope. The Thirty Meter Telescope is one of the largest ground-based telescopes to become operational in the next decade. This innovative tool will produce a comprehensive catalog of near-infrared stars, which will be important for the telescope's adaptive optics system.
- ◆ The regional security grouping Colombo Security Conference officially welcomed Bangladesh as its fifth member state. The announcement was made during the 8th Deputy National Security Advisor level meeting held virtually by Mauritius. Bangladesh was warmly welcomed by existing members India, Sri Lanka, Mauritius and Maldives, while Seychelles participated as an observer state.
- ◆ The Supreme Court ruled that divorced Muslim women can seek maintenance from their husbands under Section 125 of the CrPC. The Supreme Court said that any discrimination against Muslim women in the matter of alimony would be regressive and against gender justice and equality. The Supreme Court bench rejected the argument that the provisions of Section 125 of the CrPC do not apply to the issue covered by the Muslims, Women Act 1986.

National & International Current Affairs

- 1. When is Nelson Mandela International Day celebrated every year?**

(A) 17th July (B) 18th July
(C) 19th July (D) 20th July

(B) Nelson Mandela International Day is celebrated every year on 18 July by the United Nations to commemorate the birth anniversary of Nobel Peace Prize-winning former South African President Nelson Mandela. It was decided to celebrate it every year since Mandela turned 92 on 18 July 2010.
- 2. Who has recently partnered with the Indian Olympic Association for Paris Olympics 2024?**

(A) PUMA (B) Nike
(C) Adidas (D) None of these

(A) Sports brand PUMA India has announced its partnership with the Indian Olympic Association, as per which they will become the official footwear partner of the Indian contingent at the Paris Olympics 2024. This is an important step in helping Indian players on the global stage and boosting the sporting reputation in the country. PUMA's role as the official footwear partner includes providing essential gear to the Indian Olympic team.
- 3. Which university will recently establish a center for Hindu, Buddhist and Jain studies?**

(A) AMU (B) BHU
(C) JNU (D) None of these

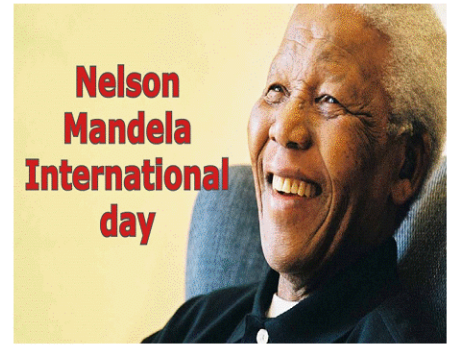
(C) Jawaharlal Nehru University announced that it would set up centers for Buddhist and Jain studies as well as centers for Hindu studies. These centers will be part of the School of Sanskrit and Indian Studies. Dean of Sanskrit School, Brijesh Pandey said that the service has not been received yet. There will be a thorough discussion on this, after which it will be found.
- 4. Recently the Central Armed Police Forces has announced what percentage of reservation will be given to former firefighters.**

(A) 10% (B) 12%
(C) 15% (D) 18%

(A) The Central Government will reserve 10 percent posts for former firefighters in the military forces. CISF has started preparations for this. And based on this decision, CISF will soon implement these rules for recruitment. BSF has started preparations for this. 10% vacancies of constables will be reserved for former firefighters.
- 5. Recently, where will the Indian Air Force participate in Exercise Pitch Black of 20 countries?**

(A) Russia (B) Japan
(C) Australia (D) Germany

(C) Recently the Indian Air Force will participate in a multinational military exercise. Arrived at Royal Australian Air Force Base Darwin, Australia on behalf of Indian Air Force to participate in military exercise Pitch Black 2024. This military exercise is being conducted from 12 July to 2 August.



6. Recently, India's young mountaineer Nitish Singh has hoisted the tricolor on which country's highest mountain peak Mount Kinabalu?

- (A) Kyrgyzstan (B) Malaysia
(C) Uzbekistan (D) Japan

(B) Recently, international mountaineer Nitish Singh, resident of Gorakhpur, UP, has created a new record by hoisting the tricolor on Malaysia's highest peak Kinabalu. He has become the first Indian to make the fastest climb in 19 hours. He has achieved this success in adverse conditions, amidst rain on a rocky mountain. With this record, another record has been added to his and the country's name.



7. Who recently inaugurated the Uttar Pradesh Mango Mahotsav 2024?

- (A) Ramnath Singh (B) Anandiben Patel
(C) Narendra Modi (D) Yogi Aditya Nath

(D) Recently, Uttar Pradesh Mango Mahotsav 2024 was inaugurated by Yogi Adityanath. On this occasion, he released the souvenir of the Mango Festival and honored the mango farmers for their excellent contribution. More than 800 varieties of mango are being displayed at the festival to showcase the diversity of mangoes.



8. Where has the second phase of construction of the world's largest Ramayana temple started recently?

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

(A) Recently, the second phase of construction of the world's largest Ramayana temple started in East Champaran district of Bihar. The construction of the three-storey temple spread over an area of 3.76 lakh square feet will begin in June 2023 and is expected to be completed in 2025. The work of the first phase started from June 20, 2023, in which the construction of 3200 underground pillars up to 100 feet depth under the ground was completed in 10 months.



9. Recently, IPS Dr. Jitendra has been appointed as the new Director General of Police of which state?

- (A) Bihar (B) Uttarakhand
(C) Odisha (D) Telangana

(D) Telangana has got the Director General of Police. Dr Jitendra, a 1992 batch IPS officer who was serving as Principal Secretary to the Government in the Home Department, has been appointed as the new DGP of Telangana state. He will hold the post with full additional charge in the state. Presently Ravi Gupta has been appointed to the post of Special Chief Secretary in the Home Department.



10. Who has recently become the President of NBDA, the largest organization of news channels?

- (A) Rajat Sharma (B) Sheel Nagu
(C) Dr. Arpit Chopra (D) None of these

(A) India TV's Manager and Editor in Chief Rajat Sharma has been elected President of News Broadcasters and Digital Association, the largest organization of news channels. This important decision was announced in the board meeting of NBDA. NBDA is the largest organization of news broadcasters in India.

