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History of 20th July

- ◆ **1296** : Alauddin Khilji declared himself the Sultan of Delhi.
- ◆ **1997** : India-Bangladesh agreement on sharing of water of Tista river.
- ◆ **1969** : Man took the first step on the surface of the Moon. Astronaut Neil Armstrong created this history.
- ◆ **1654** : Portugal became subject to England under the Anglo-Portugal Treaty.
- ◆ **1761** : Madhav Rao became the first Peshwa.

Current Affairs Related to 20th July 2024

- ◆ France, Germany, Italy and Poland will jointly develop long-range cruise missiles. The range of these cruise missiles will be more than 500 kilometers. The first draft of the missile may come by the end of 2024. The main objective of this project was to meet NATO's demand for such a capability. The INF Treaty, signed in 1987, outlawed nuclear and conventional ground-launched missiles with a range of 500 to 5500 kilometers.
- ◆ Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Indian Newspaper Society Secretary IPS Towers in Mumbai. After the inauguration, Prime Minister Modi said that India will soon become the third largest company. PM Modi also talked about how India has become a leader in digital payments. Prime Minister Modi said that there was a time when some politicians used to say that digital transactions were not for India. His preconceived notion was that modern technology could not work in this country.
- ◆ Paytm Payments Bank, a subsidiary of One97 Communications Institutions, has appointed Arun Kumar Bansal as its new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer. Bansal, who is a former executive director of IDBI Bank, retired from IDBI Bank after his appointment was approved by the RBI.
- ◆ Jio Finance Limited has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India for transformation from a non-banking financial company to a core investment company. After this announcement, the company's shares have seen an increase of more than 2% on NSE. Jio Finance Services had applied to RBI to change its status to CIC in November 2023. This approval allows the company to organize its business operations, such as lending, asset management and insurance, into separate subsidiaries under the CIC structure.
- ◆ Master Directions on Fraud Risk Management for Regulated Entities have been issued by RBI. These Master Instructions on Fraud Risk Management will be applicable to commercial banks and all India financial institutions, co-operative banks and non-banking finance companies. These master directions are principle based and will enhance the role of the Board in governance. These directions also emphasize the need to put in place strong internal audit and control framework in regulated entities.
- ◆ India signed MoU with Marshall Islands to implement four community development projects. The embassy in Tokyo also oversees relations with the Marshall Islands. The MOU will make it possible to establish community centers in Arno and Wotje Atoll, an airport terminal on Mejit Island and a community sports center in Ailuk Atoll. External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar said, the Marshall Islands are also working on desalination and dialysis machine proposals.
- ◆ The government has said it is optimistic about reaching its annual target of US\$800 billion. According to Commerce Ministry data, India's total exports, including both goods and services, reached US \$ 65.47 billion in June, 5.4% more than the previous year. Merchandise exports increased from US\$ 34.32 billion to US\$ 35.20 billion.
- ◆ Carlos Alcaraz won the Wimbledon title by defeating Novak Djokovic 6-2, 6-2, 7-6 in the Wimbledon 2024 final. The 21-year-old Alcaraz became the youngest player in the Open era to win men's singles at Wimbledon and Roland Garros. In the women's category, Barbara Krejcikova defeated Jasmine Paolini in her Wimbledon 2024 singles showdown at the All England Lawn Tennis and Croquet Club in London.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is World Chess Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 20th July (B) 21st July
(C) 22nd July (D) 23rd July

(A) World Chess Day is celebrated every year on 20th July. This day is celebrated to mark the establishment of the International Chess Federation in Paris in 1924. On this day we can teach someone or play a game. The brain gets exercised a lot in the game of chess, hence it is also called mind game.



2. According to the recent UN report, the population of which country will start decreasing in the next 38 years?

- (A) China (B) Japan
(C) Pakistan (D) India

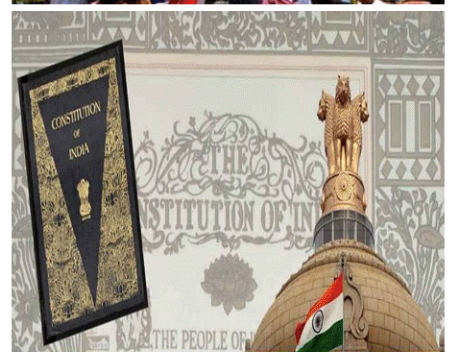
(D) India's population is said to be 142 crores and it is estimated that it may see a huge increase in the next 38 years. According to the World Population Prospect Report released by the United Nations, India's population is likely to reach its peak in 2062, whose estimated figure could be 1.701 billion. This means that the country's population will reach its peak in the next 38 years.



3. Where was the second regional program on Our Constitution Our Respect organized recently?

- (A) Mumbai (B) Prayagraj
(C) New Delhi (D) Lucknow

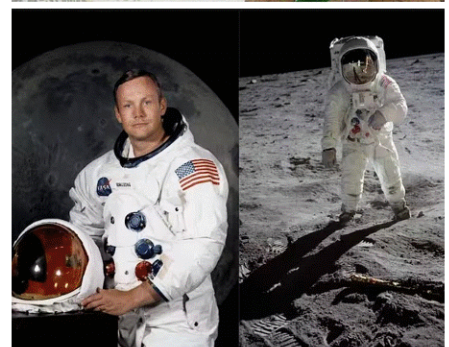
(B) The second regional program of Hamara Samvidha Hamara Samman Abhiyan left for Uttar Pradesh under the aegis of design and innovative ideas of holistic assistive devices for justice. The event was celebrated to commemorate the promotion of the Indian Constitution and the 75th anniversary of India becoming a republic. The campaign aims to raise awareness about the Constitution and spread awareness about legal rights.



4. When is International Moon Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 20th July (B) 21st July
(C) 22nd July (D) 23rd July

(A) International Moon Day is celebrated every year on 20th July. The day astronauts Neil Armstrong and Buzz Aldrin stepped on the Moon in 1969. The Moon landing is still considered one of humanity's greatest achievements, and so International Moon Day aims to remember the Apollo 11 mission and teach people about the Moon and astronomy.



5. Which state government has recently decided to ban the sale of high caffeine energy drinks near schools?

- (A) Bihar (B) Gujarat
(C) Uttarakhand (D) Maharashtra

(D) The Maharashtra government has decided to ban the sale of high-caffeine energy drinks within 500 meters of schools. State Food and Drug Administration Minister Dharmarao Baba Atram made this announcement during the Legislative Council session. The main objective of this directive is to protect the health of students by regulating caffeine intake.



6. Who has become the most followed global leader on social media platform X?

- (A) Narendra Modi (B) Donald Trump
(C) Vladimir Putin (D) None of these

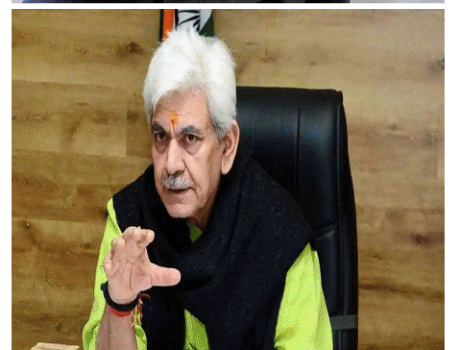
(A) PM has become the biggest global leader on Narendra Modi's social media platform PM Modi has crossed the mark of 100 million followers in this social media platform. PM Modi has become the first leader in the world to do so. PM Modi has left behind US President Joe Biden, Dubai's King Sheikh Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum and Pope Francis.



7. Recently the Central Government has amended the rules to give more power to the Lieutenant Governor of which state?

- (A) Delhi (B) Chandigarh
(C) Jammu and Kashmir (D) Ladakh

(C) The Home Ministry has amended the rules of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act 2019 to give more powers to the Lieutenant Governor. After this amendment, any elected government in the Union Territory will have limited powers in matters related to internal security, transfers, prosecution and appointment of government lawyers including the Attorney General.



8. Recently a road has been named after a doctor of Indian origin.

- (A) Kyrgyzstan (B) UAE
(C) Uzbekistan (D) China

(B) UAE has named a road in Abu Dhabi after Indian-origin doctor Dr. George Mathew. The award is part of the "Honoring UAE Visionaries: Memorial Roads" project launched by the Department of Municipalities and Transport. George Mathew Street is located near Sheikh Shakbooth Medical City in Al Mafraq.



9. In which state has the first transgender sub inspector been appointed recently?

- (A) Sikkim (B) Nagaland
(C) Kerala (D) Bihar

(D) Recently, Manvi Madhu Kashyap and two other transgender persons have created history by becoming the first transwoman sub-inspectors in Bihar Police. Despite training from coaching centers and facing discrimination, Kashyap took the Bihar Police Subordinate Selection Commission exam seriously. Their success is an important milestone for transgender rights and representation in law enforcement.



10. Who has recently been appointed Prime Minister of Nepal for the third time?

- (A) Pushp Kamal Dahal (B) K.P.Sharma Oli
(C) Somendra Chandra Poudel (D) None of these

(B) KP Sharma Oli has again become the Prime Minister of Nepal. Ramchandra Paudel has appointed KP Sharma Oli as the Prime Minister of the country for the fourth time to lead the new coalition government. Became Prime Minister with the support of Nepali Congress, the largest party in Parliament. Looking forward to working together to further strengthen the friendship between the two countries.

