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History of 25th July

- ◆ **1813** : The first boat race was organized in **Calcutta**.
- ◆ **1837** : The electric telegraph was used for the first time in a **successful demonstration**.
- ◆ **1897** : **Rangaswamy Venkataraman** became Nike President of **India**.
- ◆ **1978** : The world's first **IVF church**, Louise Brown, was born in **Oldham, England**.
- ◆ **1997** : **KR Narayan** became the **tenth President of India**.
- ◆ **2017** : More than 70 people died due to **floods** in **Gujarat**.

Current Affairs Related to 25th July 2024

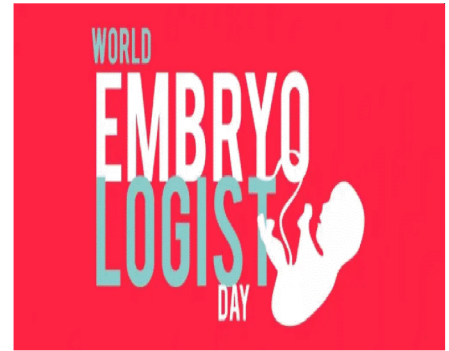
- ◆ **The Ministry of Minority Affairs** is organizing Lok Samvardhan Parv as part of the 100 day program to publicize its schemes, programs and achievements. The program will also showcase the activities being carried out in collaboration with partner organizations and highlight success stories under various schemes. On this occasion, Shri Kiren Rijiju also released a plan to provide loan facility of more than Rs. 1 thousand crore by National Minority Development and Finance Corporation to more than 2.5 lakh beneficiaries for the year 2024-2025.
- ◆ **National Film Development Corporation** has joined hands with **Netflix India** to launch **The Voicebox**, a skill upgradation program for voice over artistes in India. The Voicebox program will provide recognition of prior learning training for voice over artists, focusing on English, Hindi, Marathi, Bengali, Malayalam, Tamil, **Telugu** and Gujarati languages. Structured workshops including training will be organized as part of the programme.
- ◆ **Union Agriculture Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan** met **Malaysian Minister of Plantations** and Commodities **Datuk Seri Johari Abdul Ghani** in New Delhi. In the meeting they discussed opportunities to deepen bilateral agricultural cooperation between India and Malaysia. They also discussed market access issues related to agricultural and allied products. The ministers also discussed the National Mission on Edible Oils.
- ◆ **The 9th edition of the Women's Cricket Asia Cup** began in **Dambulla, Sri Lanka**, with **Nepal** women's team facing off against **UAE** women's team in the inaugural match. The 9th Women's Asia Cup is being held in the T20 format and all the final matches will be played at the colorful **Dambulla International Stadium** in Dambulla from 19 to 28 July 2024. The Asian Cricket Council is affiliated with the International Cricket Council, the global cricket governing body.
- ◆ **Chief Financial Officer Georges Elhadary** will become group CEO, according to **HSBC Holdings Plc**. Elhadary will replace outgoing chief **Noel Quinn** from September 2. Since 2020, Elhadary has been co-head of the Global Banking and Markets business, the division that operates HSBC's trade and investment banking advisory businesses. Elhadary started his career in banking as a rates trader before joining HSBC in 2005.
- ◆ **The Government of India** is likely to sign a **Headquarters Agreement with the Global Biofuels Alliance**. The diplomatic status and recognition as an international organization of the Global Biofuels Alliance will be similar to that given to the Disaster Resilient Infrastructure Alliance and the International Solar Alliance. After this agreement, the GBA will have an independent and international legal personality which will carry out its functions more efficiently at the international level.
- ◆ **The R&D roadmap** has been prepared after detailed academic scanning of the global automotive sector and identifying future cutting-edge technology requirements. The official launch event of the report was attended by government officials, members of the Advisory Group on e-Mobility, industry and think tank representatives, and members of the press and media. E-mobility and EVs have gained importance among policy makers in India.
- ◆ **National Film Development Corporation**, a public sector enterprise of the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, has launched **The Voicebox**, a skilling program for voice over artistes in India. It was attended by **Sanjay Jaju**, Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, **Vrinda Mirza**, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, **Aditya Kutty**, Legal Director, **Vodafone**, **Freddy Soames**, Head of Concert Policy, **Avasar**, and **Sharad Mehra**, President, **Pearl Academy**, among others.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is World Embryologist Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 25th July (B) 26th July
(C) 27th July (D) 28th July

(A) It is observed globally every year on 25th July to honor the contributions of embryologists and advancements in infertility and reproductive medicine. It is a global healthcare program where the medical community conducts workshops and seminars to upgrade their skills as per the latest assisted reproductive technology.



2. Who has recently become the captain of India's T-201 team?

- (A) Hardik Pandya (B) Shubman Gill
(C) Suryakumar Yadav (D) Virat Kohli

(C) Suryakumar Yadav has returned to the training ground and has started preparations for the limited overs series against Sri Lanka to be held later this month. The three-match T20 series and the same number of ODI series between India and Sri Lanka are starting from July 27. Suryakumar Yadav will have a huge responsibility during the series against Sri Lanka.



3. Which state government has released an amount of Rs 06 thousand crore for crop loan waiver of farmers?

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

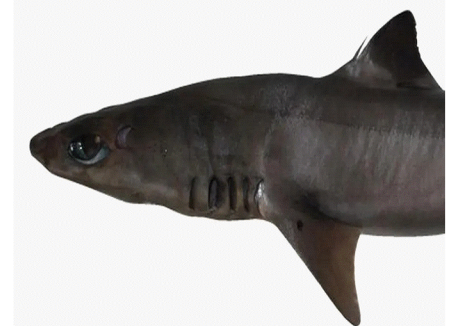
(A) Recently, Telangana government has released an amount of more than Rs 6 thousand crore for crop loan waiver for farmers. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has formally launched the first phase of crop loan waiver of up to Rs 1 lakh in Hyderabad. More than 11 lakh farmers will benefit in the first phase of crop loan waiver.



4. Where has a new species of dogfish shark been discovered recently by the Zoological Survey of India?

- (A) Madhya Pradesh (B) Goa
(C) Karnataka (D) Kerala

(D) Recently, scientists of the Zoological Survey of India have discovered a new species of dogfish shark off the coast of Kerala. The dogfish is known for its fins, liver oil and meat and is occasionally caught by fishermen, PTI reported. A newly discovered species of dogfish, which is a small shark.



5. When is National Refreshment Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 25th July (B) 26th July
(C) 27th July (D) 28th July

(A) National Refreshment Day is celebrated annually on the fourth Thursday of July. Which is being celebrated on 25th July 2024. This day is basically to celebrate the fun and freshness during the hottest time of the year i.e. summer. This drink holiday celebrates those moments of ice, cool freshness, especially a nice cold beer.



6. Which state has recently become the best performing state under the PM Swanidhi Scheme?

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

(C) The Union Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs said that Madhya Pradesh has secured the first position in the best performing state category in the Pradhan Mantri Swanidhi Yojana. During the COVID-19 pandemic in 2020, the Narendra Modi government launched a micro-credit scheme for urban street vendors, offering collateral-free loans up to Rs 50,000.



7. Who has recently been re-elected as the President of the European Commission for the term 2024-2029?

- (A) Robert Metzola (B) Ursula von der Leyen
(C) SpaceX (D) None of these

(B) In the recent vote in the European Parliament, the Fond Dei Line needed the support of 361 MPs to win. He got 401 votes in the Parliament of 720 seats. Earlier, at the European Council conference held in Brussels on 27 June, she was nominated to become the President of the European Commission, but she had to win the majority for the appointment.



8. Who has recently joined the United Nations Water Convention as the 10th African country?

- (A) Ivory Coast (B) Rwanda
(C) Tanzania (D) None of these

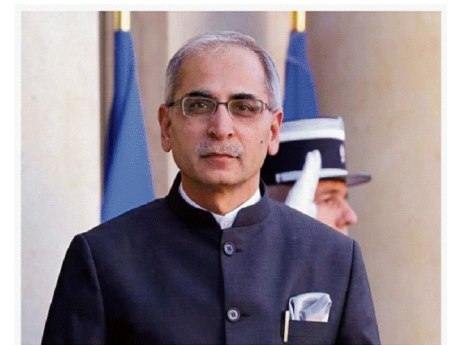
(A) Ivory Coast has become the 10th country to join the United Nations Water Convention. Ivory Coast has joined the Convention to Enhance Cooperative Water Management. It has also become the 53rd party to the 1992 United Nations Water Convention, also known as the Convention on the Conservation and Use of Transboundary Waterways and International Lakes.



9. Recently Vinay Mohan Kwatra has been made the Ambassador of India to which country?

- (A) Malaysia (B) Singapore
(C) Bhutan (D) America

(D) Vinay Mohan Kwatra will be the next Ambassador of India to the United States. He will take charge very soon. He is a 1988 batch officer who was appointed Foreign Secretary in April 2022. He has expertise in dealing with India's neighborhood as well as the US, China and Europe. He served as the Ambassador of India to France from August 2017 to February 2020.



10. Who has recently been appointed as the new CEO of HSBC?

- (A) Noel Quinn (B) Sanjay Mariwala
(C) Georges Elhedary (D) None of these

(C) HSBC Holdings PLC recently appointed Georges Elhedary as its new CEO, transitioning from a period of realignment to focus on growth. Elhadry, who was previously HSBC's Chief Financial Officer, brings extensive experience to his successor in the Middle East, North Africa and as CFO.

