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History of 31st July

- ◆ **1658** : Mughal emperor **Aurangzeb** declared himself the Mongol king.
- ◆ **1924** : Father of the Nation **Mahatma Gandhi** departed from Sabarmati Ashram forever.
- ◆ **1940** : The **British government** hanged the revolutionary freedom fighters and social reformer **Udham Singh** in London.
- ◆ **1948** : The first state **transport service** in India, **State Transport Corporation**, was established in West Bengal.

Current Affairs Related to 31st July 2024

- ◆ **Indian Army contingent left for multinational military exercise Khan Quest.** The exercise will be conducted in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia from 27 July to 9 August 2024. The exercise will bring together military forces from around the world to collaborate and enhance their peacekeeping capabilities. The previous edition of Exercise Khan Quest was held in Mongolia from 19 June to 2 July 2023.
- ◆ **The Israeli parliament, the Knesset, has approved a bill to declare the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestinian Refugees (UNRWA) a terrorist organization.** The move proposes cutting ties with the agency, which Israel accuses of collaborating with Hamas and other terrorist groups in Gaza.
- ◆ **Ronald L. Rowe Jr. has been appointed acting head of the US Secret Service following the resignation of Kimberly Cheatle.** Cheatle stepped down after criticizing the Secret Service for significant security lapses during the assassination attempt on former President Donald Trump. During a Trump rally on July 13, 2024, a man named Thomas Matthew Crooks, 20, who was armed with a AR-style rifle,
- ◆ **Curator and writer Rahab Allana has been awarded the insignia of Officier dans l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres by the Government of France.** This prestigious honor is given to individuals who have made significant contributions to art, culture and literature or who have influenced the global art scene. The ceremony was organized at the Embassy of France in New Delhi. This honor is given to those who have excelled in their field and have contributed to the promotion of French art and culture at the international level.
- ◆ **The Directorate of Atomic Minerals Exploration and Research, a unit of the Department of Atomic Energy, has identified lithium resources in Mandya and Yadagiri districts of Karnataka.** Union Minister of State Dr Jitendra announced the discovery of 1600 tonnes of lithium in Marlagalla area of Mandya district. Preliminary survey and limited underground exploration was also carried out in Yadgiri district.
- ◆ **C-DOT joins hands with IIT Roorkee and Mandi for development of cell free 6G access points.** This agreement has been signed under the Telecom Technology Development Fund Scheme of the Department of Telecommunications. The fund is designed to provide financial assistance to domestic companies, Indian startups, academicians and R&D institutions involved in technology design, development, commercialization of telecom products and solutions. The objective of this scheme is to provide affordable broadband and mobile services.
- ◆ **2024 World Leaders Summit UK Held in the House of Lords of Parliament.** This provides the perfect environment for dialogue to determine global policy. This summit reflects the commitment to cooperation among world leaders. The main topics discussed at the summit were sustainable development, artificial intelligence and its impact on society, access to healthcare and the role of technology in shaping future policies.
- ◆ **A report by the Food and Agriculture Organization says India has made significant progress in its forest area, increasing by 266,000 hectares every year from 2010 to 2020.** This achievement places India at third position among the top ten countries in terms of forest area increase. India tops the list with a strong growth of 1,937,000 hectares, followed by Australia with 446,000 hectares.

National & International Current Affairs

- Recently, which will be the fourth capital city of the North-Eastern region to come under railway connectivity by July next year?

(A) Itanagar (B) Agartala
(C) Aizawl (D) None of these

(C) Mizoram's Aizawl will be the fourth capital city of the Northeast region to come under railway connectivity by July next year, with the Northeast Frontier Railway laying a new broad gauge track up to Sairang near Aizawl. Guwahati, Tripura's capital Agartala and Arunachal Pradesh's Naharlagun are already connected with the railway network.
- By which year will India's installed nuclear power capacity triple?

(A) 2025-26 (B) 2031-32
(C) 2032-2035 (D) 2035-2040

(B) India's installed nuclear power capacity will increase three times by 2031.32. By 2031.32 the current installed nuclear power capacity will increase from 8180 MW to 22480 MW. Dr Singh also highlighted India's commitment to achieve net-zero emissions by 2070 and estimated a national nuclear capacity requirement of approximately 1000000 MW by 2047.
- Which ministry has recently launched the Emergency Import Monitoring System 2.0 portal?

(A) Ministry of Steel (B) Ministry of Finance
(C) Ministry of Culture (D) Ministry of Coal

(A) Union Steel and Heavy Industries Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy launched the advanced steel monitoring system SIMS 2.0. On this occasion, Minister of State for Steel and Heavy Industries Bhupathiraju Srinivas Verma, Secretary of the Ministry of Steel Nagendra Nath Sinha and other senior officials of the Government of India were present. SIMS, launched in 2019, has played an important role in providing detailed steel import data to the domestic industry.
- Where has Ashwini Vaishnav recently inaugurated India's 500th community radio station?

(A) Mumbai (B) Kochi
(C) Aizawl (D) None of these

(C) India's 500th community radio station is Aizawl-based Apna Radio FM. This radio station is operated by the Indian Institute of Mass Communication, Aizawl. The Union Minister described it as an important milestone in the Act East policy of the government. He said that this will bring a massive change in the lives of the people of the area.
- Recently, what has been the name of the Durbar Hall located in the Rashtrapati Bhavan of India changed?

(A) Namo Mandap (B) Republic Pavilion
(C) Ashoka Mandap (D) None of these

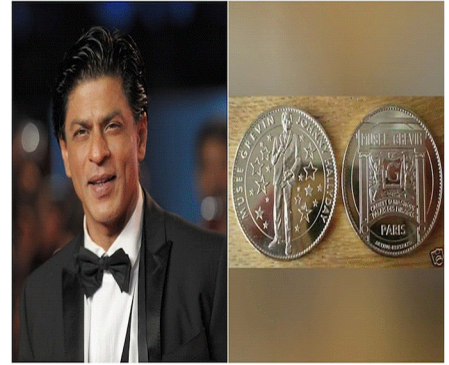
(B) President Draupadi Murmu, taking a big decision, changed the names of two important halls of Rashtrapati Bhavan. President Murmu has renamed Durbar Hall as Gantantra Mandap and Ashoka Hall as Ashoka Mandap. Rashtrapati Bhavan has issued a statement regarding this. Rashtrapati Bhavan Secretariat has said in the statement that the purpose of changing the name is to make the atmosphere of Rashtrapati Bhavan a reflection of Indian cultural values and ethos.



6. Recently, the Gravin Museum of Paris has issued a golden coin in honor of which Indian actor?

- (A) Akshay Kumar (B) Amitabh Bachchan
(C) Shahrukh Khan (D) None of these

(C) Bollywood superstar Shahrukh Khan has been honored with a customized gold coin by the Grevin Museum in Paris. With this, Shahrukh Khan became the first Indian actor to get a coin of his name in the Grevin Museum. This museum is known for its wax statues of celebrities. The Grevin Wax Museum also has a wax statue of Shahrukh Khan.



7. Where has ReNew recently inaugurated a 400 MW solar project?

- (A) Rajasthan (B) Odisha
(C) Karnataka (D) Andhra Pradesh

(A) Recently, India's leading renewable energy company ReNew inaugurated a 400 MW solar project in Rajasthan. Signed with Solar Energy Corporation of India Limited for production of clean energy in Rajasthan for the next 25 years. This project has been launched under 600 MW PPA.



8. Who has recently become the High Commissioner of Bahamas Commonwealth?

- (A) Manoj Soni (B) Vinod Ganatra
(C) Mayank Joshi (D) None of these

(C) Mayank Joshi, currently High Commissioner of India to Jamaica, has also been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Commonwealth of Bahamas, his residence will be in Kingston. Mayank Joshi is an Indian Foreign Service officer of 2003 batch. Shri Mayank Joshi, currently the High Commissioner of India to Jamaica, has been appointed as the next High Commissioner of India to the Commonwealth of Bahamas, the Ministry of External Affairs said in an official release.



9. Who has recently been appointed as the next manager of REIL?

- (A) Shiva Chauhan (B) Brijesh Dixit
(C) Supreetha C.T. (D) None of these

(B) Recently the Public Enterprises Selection Board selected Brijesh Dixit for the post of Managing Director of Rajasthan Electronic and Instruments Limited. It is a Schedule C Central Public Sector Undertaking. A total of 12 people were interviewed. Dixit is currently serving as the Executive Director of the Indian Railways Mechanical Engineers Service.



10. Where has the Indian Army recently participated in the multinational military exercise Khan Connect?

- (A) Russia (B) Japan
(C) China (D) Mongolia

(D) A contingent of the Indian Army left for Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia for the multinational military exercise Khan Quest. This exercise will run from 27 July 2024 to 9 August 2024. There are forty people in this contingent. It includes soldiers of Madras Regiment battalion and personnel of other Arms and Services. This contingent also includes two women soldiers and one woman officer.

