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Today in History on 01 July

➤ 1862: Calcutta High Court inaugurated.

The Calcutta High Court, formerly known as the High Court of Judicature at Fort William, was brought into existence on May 14, 1862 by Letters Patent issued under the High Courts Act, 1861, which provided that the jurisdiction and powers of the High Court were to be defined by Letters Patent. The High Court of Judicature at Fort William was formally opened on July 1, 1862, with Sir Barnes Peacock as its first Chief Justice. Justice Sumbu Nath Pandit, appointed on February 2, 1863, was the first Indian to assume office as a judge of the Calcutta High Court



➤ 1867: The British North America Act came into force and Canada became a self-governing dominion.

In 1867, the British North America Act came into force, resulting in Canada becoming a self-governing

dominion. The act came into force on July 1, 1867, and this day was celebrated in Canada as Dominion Day, now known as Canada Day



➤ 1964: Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) established.

Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) was established in 1964. It is a financial institution established under the Industrial Development Bank of India Act, 1964. Its objective was to provide financial assistance for industrial development in India. IDBI was established on July 1, 1964, and started as a wholly owned subsidiary of the Reserve Bank of India. Later, in 1976, the Government of India took over the ownership of IDBI.





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➤ 1979: Sony introduces the Walkman.

In 1979, Sony introduced a portable cassette player called the Walkman. It was a revolution that allowed people to listen to music on the go. In 1979, the launch of the Walkman changed the way music was listened to and became a cultural phenomenon. Earlier, listening to music required a large stereo system or a radio. The Walkman made it personal and portable, allowing people to listen to their music anywhere, anytime.



➤ 2017: Goods and Services Tax (GST) introduced in India.

The Goods and Services Tax Act was passed in the Parliament on 29 March 2017 and came into effect on 1 July 2017. In other words, Goods and Services Tax (GST) is levied on the supply of goods and services. The Goods and Services Tax law in India is a comprehensive, multi-stage, destination-based tax levied on every value addition.



Important NEWS on 01 July

➤ India's Longest Animal Overpass Corridor Unveiled on Delhi-Mumbai Expressway

In a landmark move combining conservation with infrastructure, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has constructed the country's first wildlife overpass corridor on a national highway. Spanning a 12-kilometre stretch of the Delhi-Mumbai Expressway, which cuts through the Ranthambore Tiger Reserve's buffer zone, the project includes five overpasses and India's longest wildlife underpass, all designed to enable safe animal movement without disturbing natural habitats.





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➤ Centre Launches 'Adi Karmyogi' to Train Officials for Better Tribal Scheme Execution

In a major push towards improving tribal development outcomes, the Union Ministry of Tribal Affairs has launched the "Adi Karmyogi" programme, a nationwide initiative aimed at strengthening the execution of tribal welfare schemes by motivating and training field-level officials. Announced at the conclusion of the "Adi Anveshan" National Conference held at Vanija Bhavan, New Delhi, the programme targets systemic reform by building a cadre of purpose-driven implementers across states and districts.



➤ India to Host Global Potato Research Hub in Agra

In a major step toward strengthening agricultural research and food security, the Union Cabinet has approved the establishment of the CIP-South Asia Regional Center (CSARC) in Singna, Agra district. The center will serve as a regional wing of the Peru-based International Potato Center (CIP)—a global leader in potato and sweet potato research.



➤ India Bans Jute Imports from Bangladesh via Land and Sea Ports

In a significant trade move, India has imposed port entry restrictions on jute and allied products from Bangladesh, citing concerns over subsidized imports that harm the Indian jute sector. The restrictions, effective immediately from June, 2025, will apply to all land and seaports, with the sole exception of Nhava Sheva seaport in Mumbai, according to a notification from the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT).





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➤ Amitabh Kant Joins Fairfax as Senior Adviser After G20 Sherpa Role

Canada-based investment firm Fairfax Financial Holdings Ltd has appointed Amitabh Kant, India's former G20 Sherpa and ex-CEO of NITI Aayog, as a Senior Adviser. With deep experience in economic policy and transformative development initiatives, Kant's new role is expected to strategically support Fairfax's long-term investments in India, particularly aligning with the nation's ambitious Viksit Bharat 2047 goals.



➤ Praggnanandhaa Wins UzChess Cup, Becomes India's Top-Ranked Chess Player

Indian Grandmaster R Praggnanandhaa has clinched the UzChess Cup Masters 2025 title in Tashkent, marking his third major classical tournament victory this year. The win propelled the 19-year-old to a live rating of 2778.3, making him World Number 4 and India's top-ranked player, ahead of fellow Grandmasters D Gukesh and Arjun Erigaisi.



➤ Revamped Valluvar Kottam

TN CM inaugurated the newly renovated Valluvar Kottam recently. Valluvar Kottam is dedicated to the classical Tamil poet philosopher Valluvar. It was inaugurated in April 1976 by the then President of India Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed.





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Current affairs MCQS on 01 July

Q.1. Who has been appointed as the next Secretary of Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) recently?

- a. Rajiv Ghai
- b. Parag Jain
- c. Sanjay Gowda
- d. Suresh Sharma

Answer: b. Parag Jain

The government has appointed senior Indian Police Service officer Parag Jain as the next secretary of Research and Analysis Wing (RAW) for two years. Parag Jain, a 1989 batch IPS officer of Punjab cadre, will replace Ravi Sinha. The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Parag Jain.

Q.2. Who topped the medal table of the 78th Senior National Aquatic Championship recently?

- a. Kerala
- b. Maharashtra
- c. Karnataka
- d. Tamil Nadu

Answer: c. Karnataka

Karnataka topped the 78th Senior National Aquatics Championship 2025 held recently in Bhubaneswar by winning 41 medals (including 16 gold). Tamil Nadu and Maharashtra finished second and third respectively. Karnataka's Shoan Ganguly also broke the national record in the 200m individual medley. These achievements reflect Karnataka's superiority and India's progress in swimming.

Q.3. Operation 'Bihali' has been launched by the Indian Army at which place recently?

- a. Rajouri
- b. Srinagar
- c. Udhampur
- d. Pahalgam

Answer: c. Udhampur

A joint counter-terrorism operation codenamed 'Operation Bihali' is underway in the Bihali area of Basantgarh in Udhampur district. Launched by the Indian Army in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir Police, the operation began following specific intelligence reports of the presence of terrorists in the area. The security forces exchanged fire with the suspected terrorists, resulting in an ongoing gunfight. The area has been secured and additional forces have been rushed in to neutralise the threat.

Q.4. Who has won the UzChess Cup Masters title recently?

- a. Javohir Sindharov
- b. R Pragyanananda
- c. Nodirbek Abdusattarov
- d. None of these

Answer: b. R Pragyanananda

India's young Grandmaster R. Praggnanandhaa won the UzChess Cup Masters 2025 title. He not only won the tournament but also made a big jump in live rating to become the country's top chess player. With this win, his rating reached 2778.3, taking him three places up to fourth in the world rankings. This is the highest ranking of his career so far.

Q.5. The recently launched book 'History That India Overgrew' has been written by whom?

- a. Prem Prakash
- b. Rajiv Kumar
- c. Arvind Panagariya
- d. Prakash Goyal

Answer: a. Prem Prakash

Union Minister Jitendra Singh released a book 'History That India Ignored' authored by Asian News





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International (ANI) Chairman and senior journalist Prem Prakash. Speaking at the release event, Singh, Minister of State for Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions, highlighted an excerpt from the book's preface about the early political stance of the Congress party. "Till 1930, the Congress Party's demand was only for self-rule under the status of a Dominion of the British Empire, with the British monarch appointing a Governor General," he said.

Q.6. Who has recently launched the book Ambedkar Ke Sandesh written by DS Veeraya?

- a. Piyush Goyal
- b. Jagdeep Dhankhar
- c. Nirmala Sitharaman
- d. Dharmendra Pradhan

Answer: b. Jagdeep Dhankhar

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar reacted sharply to the changes made in the Preamble of the Indian Constitution during the Emergency. He termed the words added to the Preamble under the 42nd Constitutional Amendment of 1976 as a betrayal of the spirit of the Constitution and a betrayal of Indian civilization. At a function held at the Vice President's residence, former MLC from Karnataka and writer DS Veeraiah presented the first copy of the book 'Ambedkar's Message' to the Vice President.

Q.7. At which place was the 76th NATO summit held recently?

- a. Rome
- b. Paris
- c. The Hague
- d. Tokyo

Answer: c. The Hague

The 76th NATO summit was held in The Hague, Netherlands. The summit discussed global security, the Ukraine crisis and NATO's strategic plans. The NATO Secretary General always chairs the NATO summit. The Hague summit was chaired by the current Secretary General, former Prime Minister of the Netherlands Mark Rutte.

Q.8. Who has recently topped the National Assessment of Protected Areas for 2020-2025?

- a. Kerala
- b. Karnataka
- c. Tamil Nadu
- d. Assam

Answer: a. Kerala

Kerala has been declared the best performing state in India in the Management Effectiveness Evaluation (MEE) 2020-2025 cycle of national parks and protected areas (PAs). The assessment was conducted by the Union Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change. Kerala scored 76.22% marks and is the only state to receive a "very good" rating.

Q.9. Recently, Asia Para Badminton Championship 2025 was held in which country in which the Indian team has got the first position?

- a. China
- b. India
- c. Japan
- d. Thailand

Answer: d. Thailand

India has performed its best ever by winning 27 medals at the 2025 Asia Para Badminton Championships to be held in Thailand. This is more than double the record of 13 medals won in Beijing in 2016. This historic achievement has put India on top of the medal tally.

Q.10. To which country has India recently exported two advanced locomotives?

- a. Ghana
- b. Namibia
- c. Mozambique
- d. Nigeria

Answer: c. Mozambique

Indian Railways has recently exported two locomotives to the African country Mozambique, which were manufactured at Banaras Locomotive Works (BLW), Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh. The locomotives have been sent to Mozambique by the





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Indian Railways' export agency, RITES (formerly Rail India Technical and Economic Service) Ltd. Recently, a diesel-powered locomotive manufactured at Marhora Diesel Locomotive Plant in Bihar by Wabtech Locomotives Private Limited was exported to Guinea.

Q.11. In which country was the Under 23 Asian Wrestling Championship 2025 held?

- a. Brazil
- b. Vietnam
- c. Indonesia
- d. Singapore

Answer: b. Vietnam

Recently, the Under-23 Asian Wrestling Championship 2025 was held in Vung Tau, Vietnam. Indian wrestlers performed brilliantly in this. In men's freestyle, India won six medals including five gold on the last day. Women wrestlers also won medals in all 10 categories and won the team title.

Q.12. Recently, which state government has approved the Shaktipeeth Expressway project?

- a. Bihar
- b. Maharashtra
- c. Madhya Pradesh
- d. Karnataka

Answer: b. Maharashtra

Shaktipeeth Expressway is an infrastructure project in Maharashtra. Approved by the Maharashtra Cabinet, the project aims to connect 12 districts from Pavnar in Wardha to Patradevi on the Maharashtra-Goa border. The project has a budget of ₹20,787 crore, of which ₹12,000 crore has been earmarked for land acquisition. However, there is strong opposition from farmers in the proposed corridor.

Q.13. What is the name of the first Fast Patrol Vessel (FPV) recently inducted under the Eight FPV Project for the Indian Coast Guard?

- a. Shaurya Fast Patrol Vessel
- b. Vikram Fast Patrol Vessel
- c. Admya Fast Patrol Vessel

d. Prahar Fast Patrol Vessel

Answer: b. Vikram Fast Patrol Vessel

Recently the first Fast Patrol Vessel 'Adamya' under the Eight Fast Patrol Vessel Project was commissioned into the Indian Coast Guard at Goa Shipyard Limited. Adamya is the first of the eight ships being built by Goa Shipyard Limited under the prestigious Eight Fast Patrol Vessel Project. It has controllable pitch propellers and indigenously developed gearboxes for better manoeuvring and flexibility at sea. Adamya reflects India's growing shipbuilding prowess and supports the Aatmanirbhar Bharat vision of Aatmanirbhar Bharat.

Q.14. Where is India's first Green Data Center being established recently?

- a. Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh
- b. Indore, Madhya Pradesh
- c. Jaisalmer, Rajasthan
- d. Sonapat, Haryana

Answer: a. Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh

Recently, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Union Minister of State for Science and Technology (Independent Charge) Jitendra Singh laid the foundation stone of India's first green data center at Sahibabad in Ghaziabad, Uttar Pradesh. The project costs around ₹1,000 crore and will have a 30 MW capacity with advanced energy-efficient and eco-friendly systems. The green data center will have a 30 MW capacity, energy-efficient design, use of renewable energy and eco-friendly systems like rainwater harvesting and smart cooling.

Q.15. Recently K-6 Hypersonic Submarine-Launched Ballistic Missile (SLBM) has been developed by which organization?

- a. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)
- b. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- c. Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)
- d. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)





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Answer: b. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

Recently, India is developing the K-6 hypersonic submarine-launched ballistic missile (SLBM) to strengthen strategic deterrence and naval power. It is being developed by the Advanced Naval Systems Laboratory of the Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO) in Hyderabad. The K-6 will be deployed on the Indian Navy's advanced S-5 class SSBNs (nuclear-powered ballistic missile submarines), which are larger than the Arihant class.

