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Today in History on 02 July

➤ 1949: Vietnam received international recognition.

It first received international recognition in 1949 as the State of Vietnam within the French Union, with its capital at Saigon, before becoming a republic in 1955. The country was renamed the "Republic of Vietnam" in 1955. Its capital was Saigon. South Vietnam was bordered by North Vietnam to the north, Laos to the northwest, Cambodia to the southwest, Thailand across the Gulf of Thailand to the southwest, and the Philippines, Malaysia, Brunei, and Indonesia across the South China Sea to the east and southeast.



➤ 1897: Guglielmo Marconi receives a patent for radio.

Guglielmo Giovanni Maria Marconi, 1st Marquess of Marconi, was an electrical engineer, inventor, and politician best known for his creation of a practical radio wave-based wireless telegraph system. This

led to Marconi being credited as the inventor of radio. Marconi was also an entrepreneur and businessman who founded the Wireless Telegraph & Signal Company (later known as the Marconi Company) in the United Kingdom in 1897.



➤ 1983: The first unit of the nuclear power station started operating at Kalpakkam on this day.

The Madras Atomic Power Station (MAPS), located at Kalpakkam, about 80 kilometres (50 mi) south of Chennai, India, is a comprehensive nuclear power generation, fuel reprocessing and waste treatment facility that includes plutonium fuel fabrication for fast breeder reactors (FBRs). It is also India's first fully indigenously built nuclear power station, with two units generating 220 MW of power. The station's first and second units became critical in 1983 and 1985, respectively.





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➤ 1985: Andrei Gromyko is elected President of the Soviet Union.

Andrei Andreyevich Gromyko was a Soviet politician and diplomat during the Cold War. He served as Foreign Minister (1957–1985) and Chairman of the Presidium of the Supreme Soviet (1985–1988). Gromyko was responsible for many top decisions on Soviet foreign policy until he retired in 1988. In the 1940s, Western pundits called him Mr. Nyet ("Mr. No"), or Grim Grom, because of his frequent use of the Soviet veto in the United Nations Security Council.



➤ 1962: The first Walmart store opens in Rogers, Arkansas.

On July 2, 1962, Sam Walton opens the first Walmart store in Rogers, Arkansas. The Walton family owns 24 stores with sales of \$12.7 million. The company officially incorporates as Wal-Mart Stores, Inc., with the goal of providing quality goods at low prices. His vision and inspiration made Walmart the world's largest retailer and provides value to millions of customers every day, helping them save money and live better lives.



Important NEWS on 02 July

➤ Post Offices to Accept UPI Payments Nationwide by August 2025

In a major move toward financial inclusion and digital empowerment, the Department of Posts has announced that all post offices in India will start accepting digital payments at their counters by August 2025. This transformation is enabled by a robust IT infrastructure upgrade known as IT 2.0,





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which introduces dynamic QR code-based payment integration with UPI (Unified Payments Interface), making postal transactions more secure and user-friendly.



➤ Centre Unveils Model Rules to Ease Agroforestry Regulations and Boost Rural Economy

In a major step towards promoting sustainable agriculture and enhancing the ease of doing business in agroforestry, the Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change (MoEFCC) has released the 'Model Rules for Felling of Trees in Agricultural Lands'. Aimed at simplifying regulatory procedures and encouraging tree-based farming, these model rules will assist States and Union Territories in promoting agroforestry as a viable economic and ecological solution.



➤ Amit Shah Inaugurates Turmeric Board HQ in Nizamabad

In a major move to empower turmeric farmers and boost exports, Union Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the National Headquarters of the Turmeric Board in Nizamabad, Telangana on June, 2025. The initiative reflects the government's focused effort to enhance turmeric production, branding, research, and global trade. With a strong backing of ₹200 crore and the vision of achieving \$1 billion in turmeric exports by 2030, the board is poised to play a transformative role in India's spice economy.





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➤ G7 Nations Agree to Exempt U S Firms from Global Minimum Tax

In a significant policy shift, the Group of Seven (G7) nations have agreed to exempt U.S. multinational companies from the global minimum tax framework, offering them a special “side-by-side” taxation solution. The arrangement, pushed by U.S. President Donald Trump’s administration, will ensure that American corporations are taxed solely by the United States on both domestic and foreign profits, potentially reshaping the global tax architecture negotiated under the OECD framework since 2021.



➤ Ravi Agrawal’s Tenure as CBDT Chairman Extended Till June 2026

The Government of India has extended the tenure of Ravi Agrawal as the Chairman of the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) till June 2026. This reappointment, approved by the Appointments Committee of the Cabinet (ACC), ensures leadership continuity in India’s apex direct tax policy-making body.



➤ Radhanath Swami Honoured by New York City for Spiritual and Community Leadership

Radhanath Swami, a globally respected spiritual teacher and senior monk of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON), was conferred with a New York City honour at a special interfaith event hosted at the Bhakti Centre. The recognition, presented by NYC officials, celebrates his decades-long commitment to community service, interfaith dialogue, and spiritual leadership.



➤ Tamil Nadu CM Stalin flags off 120 new low-floor electric buses in Chennai





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Chennai got its first fleet of low-floor electric buses with Chief Minister M.K. Stalin flagging off 120 vehicles from the Metropolitan Transport Corporation's (MTC) Vyasarpadi depot. Each bus, when fully charged one-time, can travel up to 200 kilometres, and features 39 seats with seat belts, CCTV cameras, and LED displays to provide information on bus stops.



Q.2. In which state has the two-day Rasong National Tribal Music Festival concluded recently?

- a. Assam
- b. Mizoram
- c. Meghalaya
- d. Sikkim

Answer:c. Meghalaya

The two-day Rasong National Tribal Music Festival concluded at the Soso Tham Auditorium in Meghalaya. Members of the tribal community from 12 states performed traditional music and dance in this festival. Apart from the Northeast, artists from the tribal community of Maharashtra, Rajasthan, Kerala and Madhya Pradesh were also present.

Q.3. Recently, the Railway Ministry has instructed to prepare the reservation chart how many hours before the train departure?

- a. 05
- b. 08
- c. 06
- d. 09

Answer:b. 08

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav has directed the Railway Board to start the process of preparing reservation charts in a phased manner eight hours before the departure of the train. This step will reduce the uncertainty of passengers with waiting list tickets. Also, there will be more time to make alternative arrangements in case the waiting list is not confirmed.

Q.4. Where was the annual meeting held recently to review the performance of public sector banks?

- a. Mumbai
- b. Bengaluru
- c. New Delhi
- d. Chennai

Answer:c. New Delhi

The annual meeting to review the performance of Public Sector Banks for the financial year 2024-25 was held in New Delhi. The meeting was chaired by Union Finance and Corporate Affairs Minister

Current affairs MCQS on 02 July

Q.1. Which state recently won the Women's Hockey India Masters Cup 2025?

- a. Punjab
- b. Bihar
- c. Odisha
- d. Maharashtra

Answer: c. Odisha

The first Hockey India Masters Cup 2025 was held at the Mayor Radhakrishnan Hockey Stadium in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. Odisha Women's Hockey Association defeated Punjab 1-0 in the final, the winning goal was scored by Ranjita Beck. In the men's category, Tamil Nadu won the title by defeating Maharashtra 5-0. In the women's category, Haryana won the bronze medal by defeating Tamil Nadu.





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Nirmala Sitharaman. The meeting was attended by Union Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Choudhary, Secretary, Department of Financial Services M. Nagaraju and Managing Directors (MDs) of 12 public sector banks of India.

Q.5. Recently, India has recorded how much percentage reduction in the mortality rate of children below five years of age?

- a. 61%
- b. 78%
- c. 70%
- d. 72%

Answer:b. 78%

India has reduced the mortality rate of children under five years of age by 78 per cent, as against the global rate of 61 per cent. According to the UN Child Mortality Assessment Report, neonatal mortality has also reduced by 70 per cent as against 54 per cent globally. With a continued focus on improving immunization, India has adopted a proactive and inclusive approach to reach out to underprivileged populations, the Union Health Ministry said.

Q.6. Who has recently released the book titled 'Celebrating V.V. Kumar @ 90'?

- a. CD Gopinath
- b. Rajiv Kumar
- c. Arvind Panagariya
- d. None of these

Answer:a. CD Gopinath

The book titled Celebrating VV Kumar @ 90 contains articles by former cricketers and other eminent personalities including GR Viswanath and S Venkataraghavan. It was released by CD Gopinath, the only surviving member of India's first Test win against England in 1952, and Kumar received its first copy.

Q.7. Who has recently written his new book 'A Billion Butterflies: A Life in Climate and Chaos Theory'?

- a. Prem Prakash
- b. Dr. Jagdish Shukla

- c. Nirmal Srivastava
- d. Suresh Sharma

Answer:b. Dr. Jagdish Shukla

Renowned climate scientist Dr Jagdish Shukla has devoted his entire life to improving seasonal weather forecasts and especially monsoon forecasts for India. He grew up in rural Uttar Pradesh and seeing how people's lives depended on information about the monsoon and its surroundings, forecasting seasonal weather events became his mission. In doing so, he has changed the direction of modern weather forecasting. He tells the story in his new book, A Billion Butterflies: A Life in Climate and Chaos Theory, which is both a personal memoir and a log about his path to weather and climate science.

Q.8. What is the name of the operation launched by the CBI recently to deal with cyber crime related to mule bank accounts?

- a. Operation Cyber Shield
- b. Operation Chakra-5
- c. Operation Digital Strike
- d. Operation Safe Net

Answer:b. Operation Chakra-5

In a major crackdown against cybercrime and digital arrest scams, the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) launched searches at 42 locations in Rajasthan, Delhi, Haryana, Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh under Operation Chakra-5. The probe found that over 700 bank branches across the country had opened nearly 8.5 lakh mule accounts without proper Know Your Customer (KYC) checks or risk assessment. Operation Chakra-5 was launched by the CBI. Its main objective is to combat international cybercrime networks involved in digital arrests, online financial frauds, data theft and impersonation.

Q.9. Which state government has recently withdrawn the order of Shri-language policy?

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





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d. Kerala

Answer:a. Maharashtra

The Maharashtra government has cancelled its two orders (GR) related to the three language policy. The opposition was continuously opposing this order of the government. Under this, the government had issued an order in April this year making Hindi compulsory as the third language from class 1 to 5. CM Devendra Fadnavis and both the deputy CMs held a press conference. The CM said - A committee has been formed under the chairmanship of educationist Narendra Jadhav regarding the three language policy. The final decision on the role of Hindi will be taken only after its report.

Q. 10. Recently, Foreign Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar has gone on a three-day visit to which country?

- a. China
- b. France
- c. Japan
- d. America

Answer:d. America

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will visit the US on a three-day official visit. He will attend the meeting of the Quad Group of Foreign Ministers at the invitation of Secretary of State Marco Rubio. The Ministry of External Affairs has said that the Quad Group will focus on new proposals to advance the shared vision for a free and open Indo-Pacific region. This will be the first meeting of the Quad ministers after the Pahalgam attack.

Q.11. Who has topped the recently released Global Unicorn Index 2025?

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

Answer:c. America

The 2025 edition of the Hurun Global Unicorn Index highlights the growing strength of Europe's startup ecosystem. While the US still leads in the total number of unicorns, five European countries have

emerged as global leaders – producing some of the world's most valuable and innovative startups. From fintech and AI to green tech and SaaS, these countries are shaping the next wave of billion-dollar companies and showing that Europe is a powerhouse in global innovation.

Q.12. Recently, in which country has the 13th case of polio been registered this year?

- a. Sri Lanka
- b. Pakistan
- c. Indonesia
- d. Singapore

Answer:b. Pakistan

Pakistan reported its 13th polio case of the year. The Regional Reference Laboratory for Polio Eradication in Islamabad confirmed the virus in an 18-month-old girl from southern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. This is the seventh case reported in the province this year, raising fresh concerns about the spread of the virus in high-risk areas. Four cases were confirmed in Sindh and one each in Punjab and Gilgit-Baltistan. Pakistan and Afghanistan are the two countries in the world where wild poliovirus is still endemic.

Q. 13. Recently, the cabinet of which state has approved the marriage building scheme of Rs 4026 crore in all the Gram Panchayats?

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

Answer:b. Bihar

The Bihar Cabinet approved the construction of marriage mandaps under the Mukhyamantri Kanya Vivah Mandap Yojana in all the 8,053 gram panchayats of the state, with an estimated expenditure of ₹4,026 crore. "The marriage mandaps will be constructed by the gram panchayats at a cost of ₹50 lakh. It will be implemented in a phased manner over a period of five years starting from this financial year," Chief





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Secretary Amrit Lal Meena said at a post-Cabinet media briefing in Patna.

Q.14. Recently, where has Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the National Turmeric Board?

- a. Kerala
- b. Odisha
- c. Telangana
- d. Tamil Nadu

Answer:c. Telangana

Home Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the headquarters of the National Turmeric Board in Nizamabad, Telangana. This initiative reflects the government's commitment to promote turmeric production, branding, research and global trade. The central government has provided assistance of ₹ 200 crore for this and has set a target of taking turmeric exports to \$ 1 billion by 2030. This board can prove to be helpful in giving a new shape to India's spice economy.

Q.15. Who has recently launched the free open source AI agent tool GEMINI CLI?

- a. Meta
- b. Google
- c. Microsoft
- d. AZZUR

Answer:b. Google

Google has launched a new agentic AI tool called Gemini CLI, which will bring the capabilities of Gemini AI directly to developer terminals. Once plugged into a Gemini AI model, developers can easily request debugging, code generation, and running commands in natural language.

