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Today in History on 03 July

➤ 1979 – Construction of Vidyasagar Bridge begins

In 1979, the construction of Vidyasagar Setu in Kolkata began. This bridge is built over the Hooghly River and is also known as the "Second Howrah Bridge". Its construction began on July 3, 1979 and it was commissioned on October 10, 1992. This bridge is India's first cable-stayed bridge.



➤ 1938 – First successful helicopter flight

In 1938, Igor Sikorsky designed and began building the Vought-Sikorsky VS-300 helicopter, which was first flown on September 14, 1939, according to Sikorsky Archives. This helicopter was a single-engine, three-bladed rotor and had a single vertical-plane tail rotor for anti-torque. The VS-300 is considered "the world's first successful single lifting rotor helicopter." This helicopter, which could reach

speeds of 90 kilometers per hour, demonstrated a new degree of stability and control in flight.



➤ 1986 – Reinauguration of the Statue of Liberty

In 1986, the Statue of Liberty was reinaugurated. The reinauguration took place as part of the Statue's centennial celebration. President Ronald Reagan presided over the ceremony to re-light the restored statue. The celebration ran from July 3 to July 6 and included several events, including a parade and fireworks in New York City. In 1984, an extensive restoration of the Statue of Liberty began, which was completed by the 1986 centennial.





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➤ 1947 – Maharaja Hari Singh signs the Instrument of Accession

In 1947, Maharaja Hari Singh signed the Instrument of Accession to merge the princely state of Jammu and Kashmir with India. This event took place on October 26, 1947. This event took place after the independence of India in 1947, when Maharaja Hari Singh of Jammu and Kashmir agreed to merge with India. Signing the Instrument of Accession meant that Jammu and Kashmir became part of India, and the Indian Army entered Kashmir on October 27, when the state was attacked by Pakistani forces and tribal invaders.

divided into administrative departments, was considered an inseparable part of the French national territory.



Important NEWS on 03 July

➤ MoSPI Launches GoIStats App for Seamless Access to Official Data

On Statistics Day 2025, the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI), through its arm the National Sample Survey Office (NSO), launched the GoIStats mobile application. This innovative app offers on-the-go access to real-time official data, marking a major step toward data transparency, citizen empowerment, and digital inclusion. It combines visual storytelling, interactive dashboards, and user-friendly features to transform how Indian citizens interact with government statistics.

➤ 1962 – Algeria gains independence

Algeria gained independence from France in 1962. On March 18, 1962, the Evian Accords were signed, after which Algerians voted for independence in a referendum on July 1, 1962. On July 3, 1962, France recognized Algeria as an independent state. Algeria, which had been annexed to France since 1834 and





Indian Railways Ticket Booking Gets Smarter: New Charting System, Tatkal Ticketing & Modern PRS by 2025

The Indian Railways has announced a comprehensive set of reforms aimed at modernising the reservation system to make it more passenger-friendly, transparent, and efficient. These changes, which will be rolled out in phases, reflect a strong focus on passenger convenience and technological transformation.



India's First Wooden Gurdwara Opens in Fazilka, Symbol of Devotion and Design

In a heartfelt tribute to faith and service (seva), India's first-ever wooden Gurdwara, Sri Nanak Niwas, has been built in Fazilka, Punjab, inside the police lines. Constructed entirely from imported Finnish Deodhar wood, the shrine stands as a unique architectural marvel and spiritual sanctuary, attracting devotees from across the country and beyond. This one-of-a-kind Gurdwara was the vision of SSP Bhupinder Singh Sidhu, whose personal devotion led to its creation in 2023.



QUAD Launches First-Ever At Sea Observer Mission to Boost Maritime Security

In a landmark initiative to promote regional maritime security and operational synergy, the Coast Guards of India, Japan, the United States, and Australia have launched the first-ever 'QUAD at Sea Ship Observer Mission'. Conducted aboard the US Coast Guard Cutter (USCGC) Stratton, the mission includes cross-embarkation of two officers, including women officers, from each QUAD nation.



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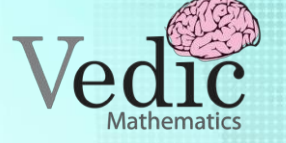
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➤ India's Bank GNPA's Fall to Multi-Decade Low of 2.3%: RBI

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has reported that gross non-performing assets (GNPAs) in the banking sector declined to a multi-decade low of 2.3% in March 2025, down from 2.6% in September 2024. However, the central bank warned that GNPA's could rise to 2.6% by March 2027, according to its biannual Financial Stability Report (FSR).



➤ SBI to Solarize 4 Million Indian Homes by 2027

In a significant push toward India's clean energy transition, the State Bank of India (SBI) has

announced its ambitious goal of solarizing 4 million homes by the financial year 2026–27. This initiative is part of SBI's broader sustainability vision aligned with India's Net Zero 2070 commitments. The announcement came as SBI celebrated its 70th anniversary, underscoring its legacy and future vision as a leader in not only banking but also national development.



➤ CM launches Success Guarantee Project, Rs 12,000 incentive

Chief Minister M.K. Stalin launched the "Vijay is certain" project while attending the function organized to mark the completion of three years of the "I am the First" project held at the Jawaharlal Nehru Indoor Stadium in Chennai.





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Current affairs MCQS on 03 July

Q.1. Recently a new flowering plant species named Begonia Nishiorum was discovered in which state?

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh
- (b) Assam
- (c) Sikkim
- (d) Manipur

Answer: (a) Arunachal Pradesh

Arunachal Pradesh forest officials have recently discovered a new flowering plant species called Begonia nyishiorum in East Kameng district. Begonia nyishiorum is a flowering plant that grows only in East Kameng, making it an endemic species. It grows on moist, shady hill slopes at an altitude of 1,500 to 3,000 metres above sea level. The name "Nyishiorum" is named in honour of the Nyishi tribal community for their forest conservation efforts.

Q.2. Recently which airline was awarded the title of the world's best airline at the 2025 Skytrax Awards?

- (a) Emirates
- (b) Singapore Airlines
- (c) Qatar Airways
- (d) Air New Zealand

Answer: (c) Qatar Airways

Qatar Airways has been named the world's best airline at the 2025 Skytrax World Airline Awards, widely regarded as the "Oscars of aviation." Singapore Airlines came in second, while Cathay Pacific came in third. Israel's national carrier, El Al, was again absent from Skytrax's list of the world's top 100 airlines.

Q.3. Recently who announced a donation of \$1 billion to five charitable institutions?

- (a) Elon Musk
- (b) Warren Buffett
- (c) Jeff Bezos
- (d) Bill Gates

Answer: (b) Warren Buffett

Renowned investor and billionaire philanthropist Warren Buffett, chairman and CEO of Berkshire

Hathaway, has announced a donation of \$6 billion in company stock to five charitable organizations. This latest act of generosity brings his total donations since 2006 to nearly \$60 billion. The bulk of the donation will benefit the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation Trust as well as foundations closely associated with Buffett's family.

Q.4. Recently which country launched a climate change monitoring satellite using the H2A rocket?

- (a) China
- (b) United States
- (c) Japan
- (d) India

Answer: (c) Japan

Japan successfully launched a climate change monitoring satellite on its mainstay H-2A rocket, which made its final flight before being replaced by a new flagship designed to be more cost competitive in the global space market. The H-2A rocket took off from the Tanegashima Space Center in southwestern Japan, carrying the GOSAT-GW satellite as part of Tokyo's effort to mitigate climate change. The satellite was released into the planned orbit about 16 minutes later.

Q.5. Recently, India's foreign debt has increased by how much percent to reach \$736.3 billion?

- (a) 8%
- (b) 10%
- (c) 12%
- (d) 15%

Answer: (b) 10%

The Reserve Bank of India said that India's external debt increased by 10 percent to \$ 736.3 billion by the end of March 2025, as against \$ 668.8 billion in the same period a year ago. Foreign debt as a percentage of GDP increased from 18.5 percent a year ago to 19.1 per cent by the end of 2024-25. The RBI said that the financial year under review witnessed some volatility in the currency markets and the 'valuation effect' was \$ 5.3 billion due to the increase in the





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value of the US dollar against the rupee and other currencies.

Q.6. Who was recently awarded the title of 'Dharma Chakravarti'?

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Amit Shah
- (c) Rajnath Singh
- (d) Jagdeep Dhankhar

Answer:(a) Narendra Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was conferred with the title of 'Dharma Chakravarti' at the centenary celebrations of Jain spiritual guru Vidyanand at Vigyan Bhavan in New Delhi. This title, which symbolises a righteous ruler and protector of religion, was conferred on PM Modi.

Q.7. Who recently took over the post of Colonel of the Regiment for Garhwal Rifles?

- (a) Suresh Chauhan
- (b) D.S. Rana
- (c) Anil Chauhan
- (d) Manoj Pandey

Answer:(b) D.S. Rana

In a ceremony reflecting the glorious traditions of the Indian Army, Lieutenant General Dinesh Singh Rana, Commander-in-Chief of the Andaman and Nicobar Command, took over as the 23rd 'Colonel of the Regiment' of the Garhwal Rifles. He will replace Vice Army Chief Lieutenant General NS Raja Subramani.

Q.8. Recently, which ministry launched the GOI Stats app?

- (a) Ministry of Finance
- (b) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (c) Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation
- (d) Ministry of Information and Broadcasting

Answer:(c) Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation

The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) through its unit National

Sample Survey Office (NSO) launched the GoIStats mobile application. This innovative app provides citizens easy access to official government statistics in real-time, anywhere, anytime. This initiative is a significant step towards data transparency, citizen empowerment and digital inclusion. The GoIStats app makes people's interaction with government statistics more easy, understandable and participatory by integrating interactive dashboards, visual storytelling and user-friendly design.

Q.9. Recently, which state government launched hedging desk for cotton, turmeric and maize farmers?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Telangana
- (d) Andhra Pradesh

Answer:(a) Maharashtra

The Maharashtra government has taken a major step in the development of the state's agriculture sector by launching a hedging desk in Pune. The hedging desk has been set up under the Balasaheb Thackeray Agribusiness and Rural Transformation (SMART) project. The hedging desk will help farmers get a fair price for their agricultural produce and increase their income.

Q.10. Recently which G7 countries agreed to exempt US companies from global minimum tax?

- (a) Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, UK, US
- (b) Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, UK, China
- (c) Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, UK, India
- (d) Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, UK, Russia

Answer:(a) Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, UK, US

Recently, the G7 countries (Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the UK and the US) have agreed to exempt US multinationals from the global minimum tax. This decision is a significant change from the OECD-led global tax agreement of 2021.





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Q.11. Recently India has banned the import of jute through land and sea ports from which country?

- (a) Nepal
- (b) Myanmar
- (c) Bangladesh
- (d) Sri Lanka

Answer:(c) Bangladesh

India has banned the import of certain jute products and knitted fabrics from Bangladesh through land route. However, the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) said in a notification that this is allowed only through the Nhava Sheva port. India imposed port restrictions on the import of certain items such as readymade garments and processed food items from Bangladesh. The products under these restrictions include jute products, single flax yarn, single yarn of jute, knitted fabrics or unbleached knitted fabrics of flax and jute.

Q.12. Who recently won the Shakti Bhatt Award 2025?

- (a) Arundhati Roy
- (b) Zara Choudhary
- (c) Jhumpa Lahiri
- (d) Salman Rushdie

Answer:(b) Zara Choudhary

The Shakti Bhatt Prize 2025 was awarded to debut writer Zara Choudhury for her memoir The Lucky Ones, about surviving the 2002 Gujarat riots. She will receive a cash prize of Rs 2 lakh along with the award. The last one this year is the Shakti Bhatt Prize, which was started in 2008 to honour debut writers in memory of publisher Shakti Bhatt, who died in 2007. The prize honours South Asian literature from countries such as India, Bangladesh, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, which remains independent and free of corporate sponsorship.

Q.13. Which ministry has recently launched the Adi Karma Yogi program?

- (a) Ministry of Education
- (b) Ministry of Tribal Affairs
- (c) Ministry of Labor and Employment

(d) Ministry of Social Justice

Answer:(b) Ministry of Tribal Affairs

Recently, the Ministry of Tribal Affairs launched the 'Adi Karmayogi' program at the "Adi Anveshan" National Conference. It aims to reduce the gap between policies and implementation at the ground level. The program aims to train and enhance the capacity of about 20 lakh stakeholders at the state, district and block levels, with 180 state, over 3,000 district and over 15,000 block level trainers to be prepared.

Q.14. Where is the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association India Region Zone II Annual Conference being held recently?

- (a) Shimla
- (b) Dehradun
- (c) Dharamshala
- (d) Mussoorie

Answer:(c) Dharamshala

Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla called for making legislatures more efficient by managing resources, protecting democracy and adopting innovations like Artificial Intelligence (AI). Inaugurating the Annual Conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region, Zone-II at Tapovan in Dharamshala, he urged state legislatures to share best practices, innovations and technology to strengthen democratic institutions, enhance efficiency and transparency of legislative work and better address the challenges and aspirations of their constituencies.

Q.15. Which company has recently become India's largest renewable energy company by crossing 15,000 MW renewable energy capacity?

- (a) Tata Power
- (b) Adani Green
- (c) Reliance Power
- (d) NTPC Green

Answer:(b) Adani Green

Adani Green Energy Limited (AGEL) reported that the company has achieved a significant milestone by



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crossing the 15,000 megawatt (MW) operational capacity mark, which now stands at 15,539.9 MW. The achievement represents the fastest and largest capacity addition ever in India. India's largest renewable energy company said the operational portfolio comprises 11,005.5 MW of solar, 1,977.8 MW of wind and 2,556.6 MW of wind-solar hybrid capacity.

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