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Today in History on 05 July

➤ 1953 - Andhra Pradesh High Court established

In 1953, Andhra State was formed by the Andhra State Act, 1953, by carving it out of Madras State (now Tamil Nadu). It was the first state in India formed on a linguistic basis. Subsequently, in 1956, Hyderabad State was merged with Andhra Pradesh, leading to the formation of the state of Andhra Pradesh. The Andhra Pradesh High Court was established in 1954, and was located in Guntur. In 1956, after the reorganisation of the state, the High Court was renamed as Andhra Pradesh High Court.



➤ 1968 - India's first submarine arrives

In 1968, India's first diesel-electric submarine, INS Kalvari, arrived in Visakhapatnam. It was commissioned into the Indian Navy on December 8, 1967 at the Riga port in the then Soviet Union. It took three months to bring INS Kalvari to India, and during this time it travelled more than 30,500

kilometres. The submarine was named after the Kalvari mountain in Himachal Pradesh.



➤ 1811 - Venezuela declares its independence from Spain.

In 1811, Venezuela declared its independence from Spain. This declaration was made on July 5, and Venezuela was the first South American nation to do so. Following this declaration, the Venezuelan War of Independence began, which lasted until 1823. In 1810, a revolution for independence began in Venezuela, and on April 19, Venezuela declared semi-independence from Spain.





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➤ 1962 - Algeria gains independence from France.

In 1962, Algeria gains independence from France. In a referendum on July 1, 1962, Algerians voted overwhelmingly for independence, and on July 3, France recognized Algeria as an independent state. This marked the end of 132 years of French colonial rule.



Important NEWS on 05 July

➤ 1865 - The Salvation Army is founded

In 1865, William Booth and his wife Catherine Booth founded the Salvation Army as the East London Christian Mission in the East End of London, later known as The Salvation Army. In 1865, William Booth, a Methodist minister, and his wife Catherine Booth founded a mission for the poor in the East End of London.

➤ Coal Ministry to Launch RECLAIM Framework for Sustainable Mine Closure

In a significant step toward sustainable mining and community welfare, the Ministry of Coal is set to launch the RECLAIM Framework—a structured guide to ensure inclusive mine closures and repurposing. This initiative places strong emphasis on community participation, gender inclusivity, and the involvement of vulnerable groups, aiming to make the post-mining transition equitable, transparent, and locally aligned.



Coal Ministry to Launch RECLAIM Framework for Just Mine Closure Transition

➤ Indore Launches India's First QR-Based Digital House Address System

In a landmark move under India's Smart Cities Mission, the Indore Municipal Corporation (IMC) has launched the Digital House Address Project, integrating QR codes and GPS technology to replace conventional address formats. This first-of-its-kind initiative in the country is set to redefine urban administration, improve civic service delivery, and bring standardisation to India's chaotic addressing system.



➤ India Plans to Build More Oil Reserves for a Safer Future

India is working on a smart plan to make sure it never runs out of oil, even in times of trouble. The government wants to build three new strategic oil

reserves. These are very large storage areas where the country can keep crude oil safe for future use. This extra oil can help the country if there is a problem with supply from other countries or if prices go too high. With more oil saved, India will be better prepared for emergencies.



➤ Zohran Mamdani Stuns NYC: Wins Democratic Mayoral Primary Over Cuomo

In a dramatic political upset, Zohran Mamdani, a 33-year-old democratic socialist and State Assembly member, has officially clinched the New York City Democratic Mayoral Primary, defeating former Governor Andrew Cuomo. Despite Cuomo's extensive political legacy and fundraising capabilities, Mamdani's grassroots campaign focusing on affordability, equity, and social services resonated with a broad base of voters, securing him a decisive 12-point lead after the ranked choice vote count.



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➤ PM Modi Honoured in Ghana with 'Order of the Star'

In a historic diplomatic gesture, Prime Minister Narendra Modi has been conferred with Ghana's highest civilian award, the "Officer of the Order of the Star of Ghana", during his landmark visit to the country. The honour, bestowed by President John Dramani Mahama, recognizes PM Modi's global statesmanship, commitment to South-South cooperation, and his role in elevating India-Ghana bilateral ties.



➤ CBDT Raises Cost Inflation Index to 376 for FY26

In a move aimed at easing the tax burden on long-term capital gains, the Central Board of Direct Taxes (CBDT) has announced a hike in the Cost Inflation Index (CII) from 363 to 376 for the financial year 2025-26 (FY26). This index is used to adjust the purchase price of assets for inflation, ensuring that tax is levied only on real gains when assets are sold. Though the scope of indexation has been reduced under the Finance Act 2024, the updated index still provides significant relief for certain taxpayers, especially those holding assets acquired before July 23, 2024.



➤ Ancient Keeladi Faces

For the first time in South India, the researchers have reconstructed faces from 2,500-year-old skulls found near Keeladi, Sivagangai District. The effort was led by the Madurai Kamaraj University and Liverpool John Moores University. The skulls were excavated from the Kondagai burial site, around 800 metres from Keeladi.





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Air Marshal S Shivakumar, VSM has assumed charge as Air Officer-in-Charge Administration (AOA) at Air Headquarters, New Delhi. His appointment marks a significant rise in the senior leadership of the Indian Air Force given his rich experience and distinguished service record.

Q.3. Recently, Divyanshi Bhowmik has won which medal in the 29th Asian Youth Championship TT U-15 Girls Singles?

- a. Silver
- b. Gold
- c. Bronze
- d. None of these

Answer: b. Gold

In table tennis, India's Divyanshi Bhowmik won the gold medal in the under-15 girls' singles at the 29th Asian Youth Championships in Tashkent, defeating China's Zhu Qihei 4-2 in the final. Seeded second, Divyanshi also secured a berth in the World Youth Championships with her win. Earlier, she defeated China's Liu Jiling in a tough seven-game semifinal. India finished the tournament with one gold, one silver and two bronze medals.

Q.4. Recently Suriya Juangroongruangkit has been appointed as the acting Prime Minister of which country?

- a. Cambodia
- b. Vietnam
- c. Thailand
- d. Jordan

Answer: c. Thailand

Thailand's acting prime minister will only lead the country for a full day, replacing suspended Prime Minister Patongtarn Shinawatra, before he is replaced in a cabinet reshuffle. Transport Minister and Deputy Prime Minister Suriya Jungrungruangkit began his engagements by attending a ceremony in Bangkok to celebrate the longevity of the prime minister's office.

Current affairs MCQS on 05 July

Q.1. Which country has recently launched the Global Observation Satellite for Greenhouse Gases and Water Cycle (GOSAT-GW)?

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

Answer: d. Japan

Recently, Japan launched the Global Observation Satellite for Greenhouse Gases and the Water Cycle (GOSAT-GW) from the Tanegashima Space Center. GOSAT-GW is an Earth observation satellite developed by the Japanese Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA). It was launched using an H-2A rocket. It aims to monitor global-average concentrations of greenhouse gases (GHGs), verify national anthropogenic GHG emission inventories, and detect GHG emissions from large sources such as large cities and power plants.

Q.2. Who has recently taken over as Air Officer-in-Charge-Administration?

- a. Ayush Shetty
- b. Praveen Sinha
- c. S. Shivkumar
- d. Deepak Kumar

Answer: c. S. Shivkumar



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Q.5. Where was the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation Defence Ministers' meeting held recently?

- a. Moscow
- b. Qingdao
- c. New Delhi
- d. Indore

Answer: b. Qingdao

Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh held a bilateral meeting with Russian Defence Minister Shri Andrey Belousov on the sidelines of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Defence Ministers' Meeting in Qingdao, China. The two Ministers held in-depth discussions on the current geopolitical situation, cross-border terrorism and India-Russia defence cooperation.

Q.6. Where has the second ship of Project 17A stealth frigate 'Udayagir' recently joined the Indian Navy?

- a. Kochi
- b. Mumbai
- c. Visakhapatnam
- d. Bangalore

Answer: b. Mumbai

In a major step towards strengthening India's maritime security and boosting indigenous defence production, the second stealth frigate INS Udaygiri under Project 17A was handed over to the Indian Navy. Built by Mazagon Dock Shipbuilders Limited (MDSL) in Mumbai, the warship has advanced stealth capabilities, modern weapon systems and faster construction timelines. Its induction is a leap in India's self-reliant naval engineering and blue-water operational strength.

Q.7. Who has recently been appointed as the Chief Advisor of 'India Energy Stake'?

- a. Prem Prakash
- b. Nandan Nilekani
- c. Nirmal Srivastava
- d. Satish Jain

Answer: b. Nandan Nilekani

The Ministry of Power has officially appointed Infosys co-founder Nandan Nilekani as the chief advisor of the task force responsible for creating the India Energy Stack. The initiative aims to establish a digital public infrastructure (DPI) to streamline and update processes in the energy sector.

Q.8. Recently, the National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development has been renamed after whom?

- a. Ratan Tata
- b. Manmohan Singh
- c. Savitribai Phule
- d. None of these

Answer: c. Savitribai Phule

The National Institute of Public Cooperation and Child Development (NIPCCD) has been officially renamed as Savitribai Phule National Institute of Women and Child Development. The move reflects a renewed focus on sector-specific, mission-driven support for the development of women and children across the country.

Q.9. Recently, India and which country have entered into a strategic partnership in the green steel and aluminum sector?

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

Answer: a. UAE

In a strategic move to enhance industrial collaboration and advance sustainable manufacturing, India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE) have initiated discussions to collaborate in the production of green steel and high-grade aluminium. Union Minister of Steel Shri H.D. Kumaraswamy met His Excellency Abdullah bin Touq Al Marri, UAE Minister of Economy, under the India-UAE Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA) framework to explore synergies in clean energy-driven metallurgy, global supply chain resilience and long-term resource security.





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Q.10. Recently, Prime Minister Modi has arrived on an official visit to which country?

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

Answer: d. Ghana

Prime Minister Narendra Modi left from Accra, the capital of Ghana, after concluding the first leg of his five-nation visit. Now he is going on an official visit to Trinidad and Tobago in the second leg of his visit. This is the first time Prime Minister Modi has visited the West African country and he is the first Indian Prime Minister to visit Ghana in 30 years.

Q.11. Who has recently become the new executive director of RBI?

- a. Rajiv Ghai
- b. Arun Srivastava
- c. Keshavan Ramachandran
- d. None of these

Answer: c. Keshavan Ramachandran

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed Keshavan Ramachandran as the new Executive Director. RBI announced his appointment. Before being promoted as the new Executive Director of RBI, Keshavan Ramachandran was serving as the Principal Chief General Manager in the Risk Monitoring Department. Keshavan Ramachandran also served as the Principal of the Reserve Bank Staff College during his career. He served as the Reserve Bank of India representative on the board of Canara Bank for over five years and on the Auditing and Assurance Standards Board of ICAI for two years.

Q. 12. To whom has NASA recently assigned its first space station mission?

- a. Prabhan Singh
- b. Anil Menon
- c. Raj Krishna
- d. Vivek Kumar

Answer: b. Anil Menon

NASA astronaut Anil Menon is set for his first mission to the International Space Station as part of Expedition 75 in June 2026. Aboard the Roscosmos Soyuz MS-29 along with cosmonauts Pyotr Dubrov and Anna Kikina from Kazakhstan, Menon will conduct eight months of scientific research and technology demonstrations. Their job is to prepare humanity for future space endeavors.

Q. 13. Which ministry will launch the 'Reclaim Framework' recently?

- a. Ministry of Finance
- b. Ministry of Coal
- c. Ministry of Health
- d. Ministry of Education

Answer: b. Ministry of Coal

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Q.14. In which Union Budget was the employment-related incentive scheme announced recently?

- a. Union Budget 2023-24
- b. Union Budget 2022-23
- c. Union Budget 2024-25
- d. Union Budget 2021-22

Answer: c. Union Budget 2024-25

Recently, the Union Cabinet chaired by the Prime Minister of India approved the Employment Linked Incentive Scheme. The Employment Linked Incentive Scheme supports employment generation, skill enhancement and social security across sectors with a focus on manufacturing. It was announced in the Union Budget 2024-25 as part of the Prime Minister's package of five schemes with a budget of Rs 2 lakh crore for 4.1 crore youth. It aims to generate over 3.5 crore jobs in two years, with 1.92 crore joining the workforce for the first time.





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Q.15. According to the recently released report, which state is continuously lagging behind in birth registration?

- a. Haryana
- b. Bihar
- c. Madhya Pradesh
- d. Chhattisgarh

Answer: b. Bihar

Birth registration in India has grown in recent years. Bihar, historically lagging behind in this area, has shown improvement. In 2022, the state registered 71% of births within the prescribed 21-day period. This is a significant increase over previous years. At the national level, there has been a trend toward digitization and better compliance with registration laws.

