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## Today in History on 07 July

### ➤ 1799: Maharaja Ranjit Singh captures Lahore.

In 1799, Maharaja Ranjit Singh captured Lahore. This was one of his early and important military successes, establishing him as a major power in the Punjab region. This was his first major victory and helped lay the foundation of the Sikh Empire. By declaring Lahore as his capital, he made it the centre of his empire.



### ➤ 1943: Rash Bihari Bose handed over the command of Azad Hind Fauj to Subash Chandra Bose.

In 1943, Rash Bihari Bose handed over the command of Azad Hind Fauj to Subash Chandra Bose. This incident took place in July, 1943 at Cathay Bhawan in Singapore. After Rash Bihari Bose handed over the leadership of Azad Hind Fauj to Subash Chandra Bose, he kept him with him as the supreme advisor.



### ➤ 1948: Damodar Valley Corporation established.

The Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) was established in 1948, the first multipurpose river valley project of independent India. Its objective was to provide flood control, irrigation, power generation and distribution, afforestation, and control of soil erosion in the Damodar Valley. The Damodar Valley Corporation was established on July 7, 1948, and was formed with the participation of the Central Government and the governments of Bihar (later Jharkhand) and West Bengal.





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### ➤ 1838 - The Central American Federation dissolves.

In 1838, the Central American Federation (Central American Federal Republic) dissolves. The federation was founded in 1823 and consisted of Guatemala, El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica. In 1838, the federation broke up due to internal conflicts and civil wars, and its member states declared their independence. In 1838, Nicaragua, Honduras, and Costa Rica declared their secession from the federation. In 1839, Guatemala did the same. Subsequently, each state established its own governments, ending the unification of Central America.

Hawaii was declared a US territory and was made a territory in 1900.



### Important NEWS on 07 July

### ➤ President Murmu Inaugurates New Facilities at Mahayogi Gorakhnath University, Gorakhpur

The President of India, Smt Droupadi Murmu, visited Gorakhpur, Uttar Pradesh to take part in a special event. She inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for several important projects at Mahayogi Gorakhnath University. This visit was a significant moment for the people of eastern Uttar Pradesh, especially for those connected to education and healthcare.

### ➤ 1898 - The United States takes control of the Hawaiian Islands.

In 1898, the United States takes control of the Hawaiian Islands. This event occurred during the Spanish-American War of 1898, when US forces took control of the Hawaiian Islands. Following this,







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#### ➤ India: A new blueprint for healthy ageing in India

In recent years, life expectancy has improved across the world, including in India. However, living longer does not always mean being healthier. With rising incidences of age-related diseases such as Parkinson's and dementia, there is a growing need to understand how Indians age – not just in terms of years, but also in terms of health and well-being.



#### ➤ Russia Becomes First Country to Officially Recognise Taliban Government

In a significant diplomatic development, Russia has officially recognised the Taliban government in Afghanistan, becoming the first country to do so since the group came to power in August 2021. This recognition marks a major shift in international relations and may influence how other nations engage with Afghanistan moving forward.



#### ➤ Sunil Kadam Appointed as SEBI Executive Director

Sunil Kadam has taken on a significant new role as an Executive Director (ED) at the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). SEBI is the main organization that looks after the stock market and financial dealings in India. This is a big step for Kadam, who has worked at SEBI for almost 30 years. His appointment is expected to bring a lot of experience to key areas that help the Indian financial market run smoothly and safely.





### ➤ Gukesh Wins Rapid Chess Title in Zagreb

World Chess Champion D Gukesh won the rapid title at the SuperUnited Rapid & Blitz 2025 tournament held in Zagreb, Croatia, on July, 2025. He scored a total of 14 points out of 18 and is now leading the Grand Chess Tour event. His strong performance puts him ahead of top players like Jan-Krzysztof Duda and Magnus Carlsen.



### ➤ RBI Tells Banks to Use New Fraud Detection System

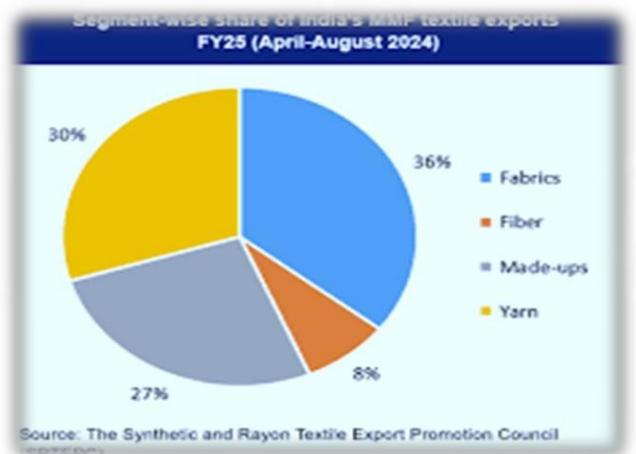
On June, 2025, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) asked all banks to start using a new system called the Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI). This tool was

made by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) to stop rising online financial frauds. It helps detect risky mobile numbers in real time, making it easier for banks to protect customers.



### ➤ Annual garment exports 2024/25

Annual garment exports from Tiruppur and Coimbatore districts in the 2024-25 financial year touched ₹45,000 crore. The direct garment exports from Tiruppur were almost ₹40,000 crores, and those from Coimbatore district were worth ₹5,000 crores. This was 20% higher than the previous year.







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### Current affairs MCQS on 07 July

**Q.1. Where was the first national conference of urban local body presidents hosted recently?**

- a. Mumbai
- b. Gurugram
- c. New Delhi
- d. Bangalore

**Answer: b. Gurugram**

In a landmark initiative to empower urban governance and local leadership, Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla inaugurated the first National Conference of Chairmen of Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) of States and Union Territories at the International Automotive Technology Centre in Manesar, Gurugram. The two-day conference aims to enhance the role of urban local bodies in rapidly urbanising India and reinforce their importance in constitutional democracy and nation building.

**Q.2. Who has been chosen as the Commonwealth Peace Ambassador recently?**

- a. Sarah Joseph
- b. Sonal Mansingh
- c. Sukanya Sonowal
- d. None of these

**Answer: c. Sukanya Sonowal**

Sukanya Sonowal, a native of Lakhimpur district of Assam, has been selected as a Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassador. She has been elected as a member of the Executive Committee of the Commonwealth Youth Peace Ambassador Network (CYPAN). Sukanya Sonowal has been selected as the Head of Communications and Public Relations for a two-year term of 2025-2027.

**Q.3. Where will the Khelo India Water Sports Festival be organized for the first time recently?**

- a. Leh
- b. Srinagar
- c. Udaipur
- d. Chennai

**Answer: b. Srinagar**

For the first time, the Khelo India Water Sports Festival will be held from August 21 to 23 at the iconic Dal Lake in Srinagar. This was announced by Union Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports Dr Mansukh Mandaviya. This is the first edition of the Water Games being held in Jammu and Kashmir after the first Khelo India Beach Games held in Diu in May. The Water Sports Festival will include five sports - kayaking and canoeing, rowing, water skiing, Shikara race and dragon boat.

**Q.4. Which country has recently become the President of UNSC?**

- a. Greece
- b. Denmark
- c. Pakistan
- d. Afghanistan

**Answer: c. Pakistan**

Pakistan has become the President of the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) and will remain the President for the entire month. However, it did not get this presidency through any voting, but got this opportunity due to rotation number. Pakistan's Permanent Representative to the United Nations Ambassador Asim Iftikhar Ahmed will lead the Council for the entire month. Pakistan was elected a temporary member of the United Nations Security Council in January this year. The presidency of the Council keeps rotating among its 15 member countries. Apart from 5 permanent members, there are 10 temporary members in this Council.

**Q.5. Who has recently become the first country to recognize the Taliban government of Afghanistan?**

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

**Answer: b. Russia**

Russia has officially recognised the Taliban regime in Afghanistan. Russia has become the first country in the world to do so. The announcement was made after a meeting between Afghanistan's Foreign





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Minister Amir Khan Muttaqi and Russian Ambassador to Afghanistan Dmitry Zhirnov in Kabul.

**Q.6. Who has recently become the first 'woman fighter pilot' of the Indian Navy?**

- a. Tanvi Sharma
- b. Aastha Poonia
- c. Zara Chaudhary
- d. Rekha Singh

**Answer: b. Aastha Poonia**

In a historic moment for gender equality in the armed forces, Sub Lieutenant Aastha Poonia became the Indian Navy's first woman fighter pilot. She was awarded the coveted 'Wings of Gold' along with Lieutenant Atul Kumar Dhull during the graduation ceremony of the 2nd Basic Hawk Conversion Course held at INS Dega in Visakhapatnam.

**Q.7. Scientists of which country have developed a pocket-sized sensor to detect toxic sulfur dioxide at the micro level?**

- a. Russia
- b. India
- c. America
- d. France

**Answer: b. India**

Scientists at the Bengaluru-based Centre for Nano and Soft Matter Sciences (CeNS) have made a breakthrough that could significantly improve air quality monitoring. They have developed a portable, low-cost sensor capable of detecting toxic sulphur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) gas at extremely low concentrations. This innovation promises a safer environment in both industrial and urban areas, where exposure to harmful gases is a growing concern.

**Q.8. Recently, Prime Minister Modi has gifted a replica of Ram Mandir to the Prime Minister of which country?**

- a. Ghana
- b. Brazil
- c. Trinidad and Tobago

d. Jordan

**Answer: c. Trinidad and Tobago**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented holy water of Sangam and Saryu rivers from the Maha Kumbh and a replica of the Ram Temple to Prime Minister of Trinidad and Tobago Kamla Persad-Bissessar. Addressing the Indian community in Trinidad and Tobago, Mr Modi underlined the historical and cultural significance of Bihar, praised the courage of the Indian diaspora and called Prime Minister Kamla Persad-Bissessar a "daughter of Bihar" as he recalled her ancestors' ties with the state and requested her to offer water from the Saryu and the Maha Kumbh to ensure the flow of the Ganga in the Caribbean nation.

**Q.9. Who has recently been unanimously re-elected as the head of Kho Kho Federation?**

- a. Sudhanshu Mittal
- b. Shailesh Mehta
- c. Upkar Singh Virk
- d. Rakesh Sinha

**Answer: a. Sudhanshu Mittal**

Sudhanshu Mittal has been re-elected unopposed as the President of the Indian Kho-Kho Federation for a four-year term from 2025 to 2029. The election of the new governing body of the Indian Kho-Kho Federation was held at the Kho-Kho India Federation headquarters in New Delhi. Upkar Singh Virk of the Punjab Kho-Kho Association has been elected as the new General Secretary of the Indian Kho-Kho Federation. The governing body also includes eight vice-presidents, four joint secretaries and 13 executive members. Former Kho-Kho players Ashwini Bipin Patil and Monika will represent the Athletes Commission.

**Q. 10. Where will the UP International Trade Show 2025 be held recently?**

- a. Agra
- b. Lucknow
- c. Varanasi
- d. Greater Noida







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#### Answer: d. Greater Noida

The Uttar Pradesh government organised a roadshow in New Delhi for the third edition of UP International Trade Show (UPITS) 2025. The show will be held from 25 to 29 September 2025 in Greater Noida. The event aims to boost exports of sectors such as MSME, electronics, IT, handloom, ODOP and food processing. Key officials such as Rakesh Sachan and Alok Kumar attended the roadshow.

**Q.11. Recently, in which city India's first digital house address project with QR code has been launched?**

- a. Pune
- b. Indore
- c. Bengaluru
- d. Chennai

#### Answer: b. Indore

Recently, Indore Municipal Corporation of Madhya Pradesh has started India's first digital house address project. It was started on a pilot basis from ward number 82, Sudama Nagar. A digital plate with a unique QR code has been installed outside every house, which is linked to the Digipin system of the central government. On scanning the QR code, the GPS-based address of the house is visible.

**Q. 12. Recently, where did India host the 23rd OPCW regional meeting of Asian states?**

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

#### Answer: b. New Delhi

The three-day 23rd Regional Meeting of National Authorities of State Parties in Asia of the Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) concluded in New Delhi. India hosted the 23rd Regional Meeting of National Authorities of State Parties in Asia. The regional meeting held in New Delhi was organised by the

OPCW and hosted by the National Chemical Weapons Convention Authority, India.

**Q. 13. Recently, SAIL has inaugurated a representative office in which city to strengthen its global presence?**

- a. London
- b. Dubai
- c. Paris
- d. Tokyo

#### Answer: b. Dubai

Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL), one of India's largest steel producers, has inaugurated its representative office in Dubai. Minister of Steel and Heavy Industries H.D. Kumaraswamy inaugurated SAIL's first international office in West Asia, marking a significant step in its global expansion strategy. The move is in line with India's vision to enhance the global presence of India's steel industry and achieve the national steel production target of three hundred million tonnes by 2030. It is also an important milestone in SAIL's evolution as a globally competitive steel producer and reflects India's growing position in the international steel sector.

**Q.14. Who has recently launched India's first UPI-powered bank branch in Bengaluru?**

- a. Paytm
- b. PhonePe
- c. Slice
- d. Google Pay

#### Answer: c. Slice

Taking a significant step towards revolutionising traditional banking, fintech firm Slice has launched India's first UPI-powered digital bank branch in Koramangala, Bengaluru. This innovation combines seamless credit access with the power of Unified Payment Interface (UPI) to offer customers a seamless, cashless banking experience. With this new venture, Slice is redefining the way Indians experience formal credit and core banking services.





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**Q.15. Recently, the construction of the country's longest rail tunnel (14.58 km) has been completed in which state?**

- a. Sikkim
- b. Uttarakhand
- c. Jammu and Kashmir
- d. Telangana

**Answer: b. Uttarakhand**

Indian Railways has created a new history in the rail infrastructure sector by completing the construction of the country's longest double rail tunnel in Uttarakhand. This 14.58 km long tunnel built under the Rishikesh-Karnprayag rail project will connect five hill districts. This will reduce travel time and strengthen tourism, disaster management and local development.

