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## Today in History on 09 July

- **1875: Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) was established, which is India's first and Asia's oldest stock exchange.**

Mumbai Stock Exchange is the oldest stock exchange in India and Asia, which is located in Mumbai, the capital of Maharashtra state. It was established in 1875. This exchange has a reach of 417 cities. Mumbai Stock Exchange is one of the two major stock exchanges of the Indian stock market. The other exchange is the National Stock Exchange. BSE has played an important role in giving India its best position in the international financial market. Asia's oldest and the country's first stock exchange - Mumbai Stock Exchange has got permanent recognition under the Securities Contract Regulation Act 1956.



- **1947: Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten's engagement announced.**

In 1947, Princess Elizabeth and Lieutenant Philip Mountbatten's engagement was announced. The announcement was made on July 9, 1947, and they were married on November 20, 1947 at Westminster Abbey. The announcement came when Princess Elizabeth was 21 and she announced her engagement after returning from a tour of South Africa.



- **2002: The African Union, an organization of 55 member states of Africa, was established.**

In 2002, the African Union, an organization of 55 member states of Africa, was established to promote African unity and cooperation. The bloc was launched on 9 July 2002 in Durban, South Africa. The AU was intended to replace the Organisation of African Unity (OAU), which was established on 25 May 1963 in Addis Ababa by 32 signatory governments.





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On July 12, 1973, the Bahamas was declared an independent nation, ending 300 years of British rule. On this occasion, the British flag, the Union Jack, was lowered and the flag of the Bahamas was hoisted.



#### ➤ 1816: Argentina gains independence from Spain.

In 1816, Argentina gained independence from Spain. On July 9, 1816, representatives of the United Provinces of the Río de la Plata met in Tucumán and declared their independence from Spain. This day is celebrated as Independence Day in Argentina.

#### Important NEWS on 09 July

#### ➤ Haryana to Build Asia's Biggest Jungle Safari

The Haryana government has announced that it will build Asia's largest jungle safari in the Aravalli Hills. The project was shared on July , 2025, and it will cover around 10,000 acres of forest land. The main goal is to protect animals and nature, while also boosting tourism and creating new jobs for people. This is an important step for both environmental conservation and eco-tourism in India.



#### ➤ 1973: The sun sets on the British Empire in the Bahamas, a 300-year-old British colony.

In 1973, the Bahamas, which had been a British colony for 300 years, gained independence, thus setting the sun on the British Empire in that region.







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#### ➤ India Ranked Among World's Most Equal Countries by World Bank

India has been named the fourth most equal country in the world by the World Bank, based on the Gini Index for 2025. With a score of 25.5, India has achieved a strong level of income equality, ahead of many developed nations. This is a big step for a large and diverse country, and shows how government policies and poverty reduction efforts are creating real change.



#### ➤ Mauna Loa Climate Station Faces Shutdown After 65 Years

For more than 65 years, a small observatory on top of Hawaii's Mauna Loa volcano has been measuring

carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) in the air. This place has given us some of the most important proof that climate change is real—and caused by humans. But now, the U.S. government plans to stop funding it. That means this powerful tool for tracking climate change could be shut down.



#### ➤ Jennifer Geerlings-Simons Becomes Suriname's First Woman President

On July, 2025, Suriname's Parliament elected Jennifer Geerlings-Simons as the country's first female President. This historic decision comes at a time when the nation is facing economic problems. Her election is a key moment in Suriname's political history, and people hope she will help improve the country's financial situation.





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### ➤ Deepika Padukone Gets Hollywood Walk of Fame Star

In a proud and historic moment, Deepika Padukone has become the first Indian actress to be honoured with a Hollywood Walk of Fame star. The announcement was made in Hollywood on Wednesday, July, 2025. This is a big achievement, not only for Deepika but also for India, as it puts Indian talent on the global map. This year, Deepika was announced as one of the 35 selected names for the Class of 2026.



### ➤ Sahil Kini Named New CEO of RBI Innovation Hub

Sahil Kini, a well-known name in the Indian fintech space, has been appointed as the new CEO of the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub (RBIH). This appointment follows a long search process that saw over 400 candidates applying for the top job. The RBIH is an important part of the Reserve Bank of India's plan to boost financial technology innovation in the country.



### ➤ IIT Madras to offer 10 online courses on AI to schoolchildren across the country

The Indian Institute of Technology, Madras (IIT Madras) will offer 10 online certificate courses on diverse subjects for students of Classes 10, 11 and 12. It has invited schools across the country to partner with the institute so that their students can enrol in these courses. The subjects offered in the eight-week-long courses will be Introduction to Data Science and AI, Introduction to Electronic Systems, Introduction to Architecture and Design, Fun with Mathematics and Computing, Mathematics Unplugged: Games and Puzzles, Introduction to Ecology, Introduction to Engineering Biological Systems, Introduction to Law, Fundamentals of Aerospace and Humanities Unplugged.







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### Current affairs MCQS on 09 July

**Q.1. Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla recently interacted with students of International Space Station using which radio service?**

- (a) Amateur radio (Ham radio)
- (b) Citizens band radio (CB radio)
- (c) MicroMobile Radio
- (d) Walkie-Talkies

**Answer: (a) Amateur radio (Ham radio)**

Recently, Indian astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla interacted with students on the International Space Station (ISS) using ham radio. Ham radio, also known as amateur radio, is a licensed radio service using radio waves for communication. It is used for education, knowledge sharing, and emergency or SOS communication. Licensed hams are required to use ham radio for this purpose.

**Q.2. Recently two new cases of Nipah virus were reported in which state?**

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Andhra Pradesh

**Answer: (c) Kerala**

The return of Nipah virus to Kerala has triggered a fresh wave of fear in the state. Two days ago, an 18-year-old girl suffering from Acute Encephalitis Syndrome (EES) in Kozhikode and a 38-year-old woman undergoing treatment at a private hospital

in Perinthalmanna in Malappuram district were found to be suffering from the Nipah virus.

**Q.3. Where was the Sunabesa ceremony held recently?**

- (a) Bhubaneswar
- (b) Puri
- (c) Cuttack
- (d) Rourkela

**Answer: (b) Puri**

Recently, Sunabesa festival was celebrated during the Jagannath Rath Yatra in Puri, Odisha. In this, Lord Jagannath, Balabhadra and Subhadra are decorated with magnificent gold ornaments. The word 'Sunabesa' is made up of the words 'Surya' (gold) and 'Besa' (dress) of the Odia language. This is the main attraction of the Rath Yatra festival.

**Q.4. Where did Prime Minister Modi recently attend the 17th BRICS summit?**

- (a) Sao Paulo
- (b) Brasilia
- (c) Rio de Janeiro
- (d) Salvador

**Answer: (c) Rio de Janeiro**

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi attended the 17th BRICS Summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The leaders held useful discussions on various issues on the BRICS agenda, including reform of global governance, amplifying the voice of the global South, peace and security, strengthening multilateralism, development issues and artificial intelligence. The Prime Minister thanked the President of Brazil for his warm hospitality and successful organisation of the Summit.

**Q.5. Recently which country has become the third largest domestic aviation market in the world?**

- (a) China
- (b) India
- (c) USA
- (d) Brazil

**Answer: (b) India**





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India has become the third largest domestic aviation market in the world. Ten years ago, India was at the fifth position with about 80 lakh seats. Indonesia was at fourth and Brazil at third place. America and China were at first and second place respectively. According to OAG data, India has reached the third position with an airline capacity of 1.56 crore seats in April 2024. India is the fastest growing market among the five domestic markets. Talking about the increase in seat capacity between 2014 and 2024, India was at the forefront with 6.9 percent.

**Q.6. Who recently directed all banks to adopt the Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI) digital system?**

- (a) SEBI
- (b) RBI
- (c) NABARD
- (d) SIDBI

**Answer:(b) RBI**

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has directed all banks to adopt a new system called Financial Fraud Risk Indicator (FRI). This tool has been developed by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and aims to prevent online financial fraud. This tool helps in identifying suspicious mobile numbers in real time, making it easier for banks to protect their customers.

**Q.7. Who recently became the first Indian woman to score a century in all three formats of international cricket?**

- (a) Harmanpreet Kaur
- (b) Smriti Mandhana
- (c) Shafali Verma
- (d) Jemima Rodrigues

**Answer:(b) Smriti Mandhana**

Smriti Mandhana became the third Indian cricketer to play 150 T20 Internationals. With this, she joined the ranks of Rohit Sharma and Harmanpreet Kaur. The left-handed opener achieved this feat during the second T20 International against Nat Sciver-Brunt's England at the County Ground in Bristol. Mandhana scored 3873 runs in 149 matches before the match

at an average of 30.02 and a strike rate of 124.41, including one century and 30 half-centuries.

**Q.8. Which state/union territory recently emerged as the leader in the National Tuberculosis Elimination Program?**

- (a) Goa
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Puducherry
- (d) Kerala

**Answer:(c) Puducherry**

Puducherry has emerged as a leader in tuberculosis (TB) testing, increasing the number of potential TB patients from 2,233 per lakh population in 2015 to 2,526 per lakh in 2024. Continuing this upward trend, the Union Territory has increased its potential TB testing rate to 5,268 per lakh population in the first quarter of 2025, an increase of 136 per cent compared to 2015, said Dr S Govindarajan, Mission Director, National Health Mission (NHM), Puducherry.

**Q.9. Which company recently became the world's largest fixed wireless access provider?**

- (a) Jio
- (b) Airtel
- (c) Vodafone
- (d) BSNL

**Answer:(a) Jio**

India's leading telecom company Reliance Jio is set to overtake US-based T-Mobile to become the world's largest fixed wireless access (FWA) provider. The development underlines Jio's aggressive expansion in the broadband space, powered by its 5G infrastructure and affordable Jio AirFiber solutions, connecting millions of homes and small businesses across India.

**Q.10. Which countries recently joined the New Development Bank (NDB)?**

- (a) Argentina and Chile
- (b) Colombia and Uzbekistan
- (c) Peru and Bolivia







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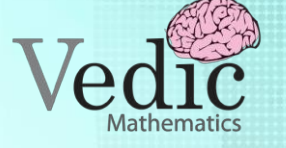
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(d) Ecuador and Venezuela

**Answer:(b) Colombia and Uzbekistan**

Ahead of the 17th BRICS summit, Colombia and Uzbekistan have officially joined the New Development Bank (NDB), expanding the multilateral lender's membership to 11 countries. Established in 2015 by the original BRICS countries, the NDB aims to finance infrastructure and sustainable development in emerging economies.

**Q.11. Who was recently awarded the Mental Health Prize 2025?**

- (a) Zara Choudhary
- (b) Sonali Mansingh
- (c) Saima Wazed
- (d) Sarah Joseph

**Answer:(c) Saima Wazed**

WHO South-East Asia Regional Director Saima Wazed was recently awarded the Mental Health Prize 2025. The award was presented at the 24th Annual International Mental Health Conference in Thailand. The award recognizes her "invaluable contribution and transformational leadership" in global mental health.

**Q.12. Where will the Comptroller Conference 2025 be held recently?**

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Bengaluru
- (d) Hyderabad

**Answer:(b) New Delhi**

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the Controllers' Conference 2025 organised by the Defence Accounts Department (DAD) at DRDO Bhawan in New Delhi. The three-day conference will bring together India's top defence and finance leaders to chart the future of defence financial governance.

**Q.13. Recently the Government of India has decided to set up three new strategic emergency oil reserves in which states?**

- (a) Maharashtra, Karnataka, Tamil Nadu
- (b) Gujarat, Rajasthan, Odisha
- (c) Uttar Pradesh, Bihar, Jharkhand
- (d) Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Kerala

**Answer:(b) Gujarat, Rajasthan, Odisha**

India is working on a smart plan to ensure that the country never faces an oil shortage, no matter what emergency it faces. The government is planning to build three new strategic oil reserves. These will be large storage areas where the country will be able to store crude oil for future needs. The new oil reserves will be built at Chandikhol in Odisha, Bikaner in Rajasthan and Rajkot in Gujarat. These locations have been selected because they are suitable for oil storage and can be easily connected to other parts of the country.

**Q.14. Recently which state became the third Indian state to cross 1 crore stock market investors?**

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Rajasthan

**Answer:(c) Gujarat**

According to the latest data released by the National Stock Exchange (NSE), Gujarat has become the third state in the country to have over one crore registered stock market investors. Gujarat has crossed the one crore mark in investor registrations and joined Maharashtra and Uttar Pradesh, NSE said in a statement. These three states now account for 36 per cent of India's total investor base.

**Q.15. Who recently unveiled the equestrian statue of Peshwa Bajirao I?**

- (a) Rajnath Singh
- (b) Amit Shah
- (c) Nitin Gadkari
- (d) Jagat Prakash Nadda

**Answer:(b) Amit Shah**

Union Home Minister Amit Shah unveiled the equestrian statue of legendary Maratha warrior Peshwa Bajirao I at the National Defence Academy





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(NDA) campus in Pune. Speaking on the occasion, Shah highlighted Bajirao's exemplary leadership and his service to the nation and said "NDA, being the training ground for future leaders of the Army, Navy and Air Force, is the most appropriate place for Bajirao's statue."

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