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Today in History on 11 July

- 1889: Sova Bazar Club became the first Indian team to participate in a football tournament.

In 1889, Sovabazar Club participated in the Trades Cup, the first open football tournament in India, and was a significant event in the history of Indian football. Sovabazar Club was the first Indian team to participate in this tournament. Nagendra Prasad Sarvadhikari, known as the "Father of Indian Football", organised the team and included players from various clubs.



- 1921: Mongolia gains independence from China.

In 1921, Mongolia declared its independence from China. This event was the result of the Mongolian Revolution of 1921, in which Mongolian revolutionaries drove out Chinese and Russian forces with the help of the Soviet Red Army. On July

11, 1921, Mongolia formally declared its independence.



- 1979: The American space laboratory Skylab disintegrated and fell into the sea off the western coast of Australia.

Skylab did disintegrate and fall from orbit in 1979, but it did not fall near Australia. Instead, it reentered Earth's atmosphere on July 11, 1979, and its debris scattered across the Indian Ocean and Western Australia.



- 1989: 11 July begins to be celebrated as World Population Day.





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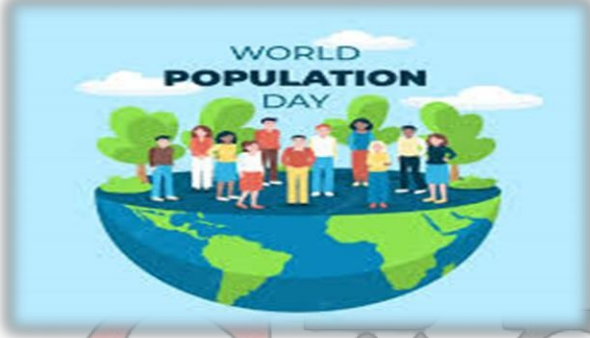
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World Population Day, which aims to focus attention on the urgency and importance of population issues, was established in 1989 by the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme, as a result of the interest generated by the Five Billion Population Day, celebrated on 11 July 1987.



➤ 2008: Apple launches the iPhone 3G.

In 2008, Apple launched the iPhone 3G. This was the second model of the iPhone, which was introduced at the WWDC (Worldwide Developers Conference) on June 9, 2008 and released on July 11, 2008. The iPhone 3G had new features like 3G connectivity, GPS, and 2.0 software, making it better than the first iPhone.



Important NEWS on 11 July

➤ PM Modi Sets \$20 Billion Trade Target with Brazil by 2030

During a state visit to Brazil on July, 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi set a bold goal to increase India-Brazil bilateral trade to \$20 billion by 2030, up from the current \$12.2 billion. Speaking at a Joint Press Conference alongside Brazilian President Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva in Brasilia, PM Modi outlined a roadmap to deepen economic cooperation and strategic ties between the two major Global South economies.



➤ Union Minister Pradhan Inaugurates Agritech Innovation Hub in Meerut

In a landmark move to revolutionize agriculture through innovation and digital technology, Union Minister for Education, Shri Dharmendra Pradhan, along with Minister of State for Education and Skill Development, Shri Jayant Chaudhary, inaugurated



the Uttar Pradesh Agritech Innovation Hub and the Agritech Startup and Technology Showcase at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel University of Agriculture and Technology (SVPUAT), Meerut, on July, 2025.



➤ Bulgaria to Join Eurozone as 21st Member from January 1, 2026

European Union (EU) finance ministers gave their final approval for Bulgaria to adopt the euro as its official currency starting January 1, 2026. This move will make Bulgaria the 21st member of the eurozone. Bulgaria will officially replace its national currency, the lev, with the euro.



➤ Hardeep Singh Brar Named CEO of BMW India

BMW Group India has announced that Mr Hardeep Singh Brar will take over as the President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) from 1 September 2025. He will replace Mr. Vikram Pawah, who has been appointed CEO of BMW Group Australia and New Zealand. This change is important as India is one of BMW's fastest-growing markets.



➤ Magnus Carlsen Wins SuperUnited Chess 2025

Magnus Carlsen, the world's top chess player, has won the SuperUnited Rapid and Blitz 2025 tournament held in Zagreb, Croatia. He secured the title on July, 2025, with one round to spare. The event is part of the Grand Chess Tour and brings together top chess players from around the world. This win shows Carlsen's strong form, while India's D Gukesh also impressed by finishing third.



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➤ Kasaragod Wins Kerala Fisheries Department's Excellence Award 2025

The Kerala Fisheries Department has conferred the Fisheries Department Excellence Award 2025 on Kasaragod district, acknowledging its outstanding performance under the Popular Fish Farming Project. This prestigious honour highlights Kasaragod's leadership in sustainable and innovative practices in aquaculture and its consistent efforts at the grassroots level.

Ambedkar and Periyar. Stalin was welcomed by college administrators before he inaugurated the new building and addressed the gathering. In his speech, the Chief Minister praised the college's legacy of promoting unity and brotherhood.



Current affairs MCQS on 11 July

Q.1. Which country recently conferred the Grand Collar of the National Order of the Southern Cross on Prime Minister Modi?

- (a) Argentina
- (b) Brazil
- (c) Ghana
- (d) Trinidad and Tobago

Answer: (b) Brazil

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was awarded the country's highest civilian honor 'The Most Ancient Velvich Mirabilis' during his state visit to the African country Namibia. This award was started in 1995 after the prosperity of Namibia and is given as a symbol of leadership, service and courage.

Q.2. Satkosia Tiger Reserve, which was in the news recently, is located in which state?

- (a) Jharkhand
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Chhattisgarh
- (d) West Bengal

Answer: (b) Odisha



➤ Tamil Nadu CM Stalin urges students to follow Gandhi, Ambedkar, Periyar

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin urged students to follow the path of ideals of Mahatma Gandhi, BR





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The Odisha government has recently issued a tender for the construction of a high-level bridge over the Mahanadi river near the Satkosia Tiger Reserve, an ecologically sensitive area. The reserve is spread across Angul, Cuttack, Boudh and Nayagarh districts of Odisha. Concerns have been raised about the possible impact of the construction work on local wildlife.

Q.3. Who has recently written the book "Confessions of a Shakespeare Addict"?

- (a) Dr. Jagdish Shukla
- (b) BS Ravi
- (c) Prem Prakash
- (d) Sucheta Raj Khanna

Answer: (b) BS Ravi

Retired IPS officer VS Ravi released his new book "Confessions of a Shakespeare Addict" at a warm and intellectual event in Hyderabad. The event gathered former officers, scholars and literature lovers and celebrated his deep association with William Shakespeare. The book reflects Mr Ravi's lifelong love for Shakespeare's plays and poems.

Q.4. Which team recently became the most valuable team of IPL?

- (a) Chennai Super Kings
- (b) Mumbai Indians
- (c) Royal Challengers Bangalore
- (d) Kolkata Knight Riders

Answer: (c) Royal Challengers Bangalore

The Indian Premier League (IPL) has seen a massive surge in its value this year. The enterprise value of the IPL has grown by 12.9% to \$18.5 billion. The biggest highlight of the year was Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) becoming the most valuable franchise with a value of \$269 million after winning its first IPL title. This achievement not only reflects the performance of the team but also highlights its strength from a brand and business perspective.

Q.5. Which country's famous footballer Peter Rufai died recently at the age of 61?

- (a) Ghana
- (b) Nigeria
- (c) Cameroon
- (d) South Africa

Answer: (b) Nigeria

Former Nigeria national football team goalkeeper Peter Rufai has died at the age of 61 after a prolonged illness. He was a key member of Nigeria's victory in the 1994 Africa Cup of Nations (AFCON) and also represented the country in two FIFA World Cups. His death has sent shockwaves through the football world with players and fans from around the world paying tribute to him.

Q.6. Who was recently appointed as the CEO of Eternal's food delivery business?

- (a) Sahil Kinni
- (b) Aditya Mangala
- (c) Hardeep Singh Brar
- (d) Sanjog Gupta

Answer: (b) Aditya Mangala

In an effort to strengthen its foothold in India's fast-growing food delivery market, Eternal has appointed Aditya Mangala as the new CEO of its food ordering and delivery division. Aditya Mangala will now be responsible for Eternal's food delivery operations for the next two years. He will replace Rakesh Ranjan, who held the position for the last two years and is now stepping down from all senior management positions.

Q.7. Who recently received the Tamil Vicky Suran Award?

- (a) Saima Wazed
- (b) V Vedachalam
- (c) Sonali Mansingh
- (d) Zara Chaudhary

Answer: (b) V Vedachalam

Renowned archaeologist and Tamil epigraphist V. Vedachalam has been awarded the Tamil Vicky Suran Award on his 51st year in the field. The award was given to him for his long-term and dedicated work in the field of history and archaeology in





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Madurai (Tamil Nadu). Even at the age of 75, Vedachalam ji is inspiring many people with his devotion and dedication.

Q.8. Recently, Asia's largest jungle safari will be developed in which state?

- (a) Rajasthan
- (b) Uttarakhand
- (c) Haryana
- (d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: (c) Haryana

The Haryana government announced that it will build Asia's largest jungle safari in the Aravalli Hills. The project will be spread over about 10,000 acres of forest land. Its main objective is to conserve wildlife and nature as well as promote tourism and create new employment opportunities for the local people. This move is being considered an important initiative towards environmental conservation and strengthening eco-tourism in India.

Q.9. Japanese Coast Guard Ship Itsukushima recently arrived at which Indian port?

- (a) Chennai
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Kochi
- (d) Visakhapatnam

Answer: (a) Chennai

Japan Coast Guard (JCG) Ship Itsukushima commanded by Captain Naoki Mizoguchi arrived at Chennai Port as part of its global ocean voyage training. The voyage is part of the ongoing cooperation between the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) and JCG in the Indo-Pacific region.

Q.10. Which country recently became the eighth country to launch UPI services for Indian travellers?

- (a) Ghana
- (b) Brazil
- (c) Trinidad and Tobago
- (d) Argentina

Answer: (c) Trinidad and Tobago

Trinidad and Tobago has become the eighth country in the world and the first in the Caribbean to offer UPI (Unified Payments Interface) services to Indian travellers. The move will allow Indian tourists to make payments directly in rupees using their mobile UPI apps.

Q.11. Who was recently appointed as the new President and CEO of BMW Group India?

- (a) Sanjog Gupta
- (b) Sahil Kinni
- (c) Hardeep Singh Brar
- (d) Aditya Mangala

Answer: (c) Hardeep Singh Brar

BMW Group India has announced the appointment of Hardeep Singh Brar as President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO). The appointment will be effective from September 1, 2025. According to a statement issued by BMW India Group, Brar, a former Kia India executive, will replace Vikram Pawah. Vikram Pawah will now take over as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of BMW Australia and New Zealand.

Q.12. Which country recently launched a cancer care training programme for BIMSTEC countries?

- (a) Sri Lanka
- (b) India
- (c) Bangladesh
- (d) Thailand

Answer: (b) India

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Government of India launched a special training programme in cancer care for BIMSTEC countries at the Tata Memorial Centre (TMC), Mumbai. This programme was earlier announced by the Prime Minister at the 6th BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) Summit.

Q.13. Who recently acquired Vidarbha Industries Power Limited with 600 MW capacity?

- (a) Tata Power





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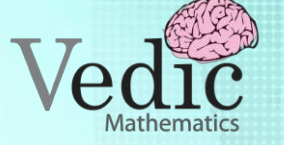
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- (b) Adani Power
- (c) Reliance Power
- (d) NTPC

Answer: (b) Adani Power

Adani Power Limited announced the completion of the acquisition of 600 MW Vidarbha Industries Power Limited for Rs 4,000 crore through the insolvency process. Adani Power Limited (APL) said in a statement that the Mumbai bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has approved its resolution plan for Vidarbha Industries Power Limited (VIPL).

Q.14. Who recently won the British Grand Prix?

- (a) Max Verstappen
- (b) George Russell
- (c) Lando Norris
- (d) Oscar Piastri

Answer: (c) Lando Norris

British racer Lando Norris recorded the first win of his F1 career with a brilliant performance at the 2025 British Grand Prix. The race was also historic as it celebrated the 75th anniversary of Silverstone's first Grand Prix. He was greeted by 10,000 fans at his Landstand at Stow Corner.

Q.15. Which state government has recently approved the domicile policy for 35% reservation for women in jobs?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Jharkhand
- (d) Odisha

Answer: (b) Bihar

In a significant policy change towards women empowerment, the Nitish Kumar-led Bihar government has approved a proposal to reserve 35% of government jobs for women who are natives of Bihar. The decision was taken at a meeting of the state cabinet chaired by the chief minister. The decision aims to increase the participation of women in government services and make them more empowered socially and economically.

