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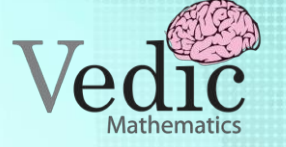
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## Today in History on 12 July

- 1290: Jews expelled from the country on the orders of King Edward I of England.

In 1290, King Edward I of England ordered the expulsion of Jews from the country. The order was issued on July 18, 1290, and all Jews were ordered to leave the country by November 1, 1290. The main reasons for this expulsion were growing anti-Semitism and financial reasons.



- 1905: Lord Curzon partitioned Bengal.

In 1905, Lord Curzon partitioned Bengal. According to this partition, Bengal was divided into two parts: East Bengal and West Bengal. East Bengal had a Muslim majority, while West Bengal had a Hindu majority. The main purpose of this partition was to

follow the British government's policy of "divide and rule", to weaken the nationalist movement in India.



- 1960: Bhagalpur and Ranchi Universities were established.

In 1960, Bhagalpur University (now Tilka Manjhi Bhagalpur University) and Ranchi University were established. Both these universities were separated from Bihar University. Ranchi University was established on 12 July 1960 as a teaching cum affiliating university. When Ranchi University was established, all the degree colleges of present-day Jharkhand came under its jurisdiction. Vishnudev Narayan Singh was appointed the first vice-chancellor of this university.



- 2001: 'Maitri' bus service started between Agartala and Dhaka between India and Bangladesh.





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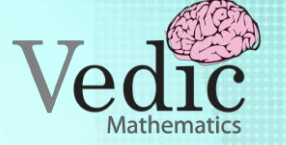
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In 2001, the 'Maitri' bus service started between Agartala and Dhaka between India and Bangladesh, an important step taken to promote travel and trade between the two countries. The main aim of this bus service, which was named "Maitri", was to ease the movement of people between the two countries, especially for those who travel between Bangladesh and India.



## Important NEWS on 12 July

### ➤ Stamp Released to Honour Syama Prasad Mookerjee's 125th Birth Anniversary

Department of Posts released a commemorative postage stamp to mark the 125th Birth Anniversary of Syama Prasad Mookerjee. The stamp was launched at a grand event at Siri Fort Auditorium in Delhi, organized by the Ministry of Culture. This event paid tribute to Mookerjee's valuable contributions to India's progress and unity.



### ➤ 2006: Israel invades Lebanon.

2006 Lebanon War, war between Israel and Hezbollah that began on 12 July 2006 and ended on 14 August. The immediate cause was a cross-border attack by Hezbollah fighters that culminated in the kidnapping of two Israeli soldiers and the killing of eight others.





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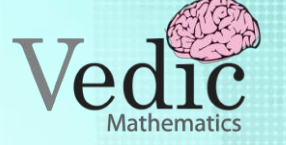
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### ➤ UAE Golden Visa 2025: Everything You Need to Know

The UAE Golden Visa is a long-term residence program that attracts investors, skilled professionals, students, and other talented individuals from around the world. Recently, a lot of attention has been drawn to a new visa scheme reportedly costing Rs 23 lakh. But what is the truth behind it? Let's break it down simply. The UAE Golden Visa allows foreigners to live, work, and study in the United Arab Emirates for 5 or 10 years without the need for a local sponsor.



### ➤ Eternal Appoints Aditya Mangla as Food Delivery CEO

Eternal, the parent company of Zomato, has appointed Aditya Mangla as the new CEO of its food ordering and delivery division. This change took place on July 2025, as part of a planned leadership transition. It is an important move as Eternal looks to strengthen its position in India's fast-growing food delivery market.



### ➤ Neeraj Chopra Wins First Neeraj Chopra Classic in Bengaluru

Olympic champion Neeraj Chopra won the first-ever Neeraj Chopra Classic 2025, held at the Sree Kanteerava Stadium in Bengaluru. The event took place yesterday evening and is part of the World Athletics Gold-level series. Neeraj won the title with a throw of 86.18 metres, continuing his top form in international javelin competitions.



### ➤ RCB Becomes IPL's Most Valuable Team in 2025

The Indian Premier League (IPL) has seen a major rise in value this year. A report by Houlihan Lokey



shows that IPL's enterprise value grew by 12.9%, reaching \$18.5 billion. The big highlight was Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) becoming the highest-valued franchise at \$269 million, after winning their first-ever IPL title in 2025.



#### ➤ Sarankumar Limbale Wins Chintha Raveendran Award 2025

Marathi writer and critic Sarankumar Limbale has been selected for the Chintha Raveendran Award for 2025. The award includes a cash prize, a memento, and a citation. It will be presented on July 26 at K.P. Kesavamam Hall in Kozhikode, during a special event held in memory of Chintha Raveendran. The award celebrates Limbale's contributions to literature and social thought.



#### ➤ Zaaroz app

From July 2025, restaurant owners in Namakkal stopped using Swiggy and Zomato due to high commission fees and hidden charges. Instead, they began using Zaaroz, a Tamil Nadu-based food delivery app from Chidambaram in Cuddalore district. Around 50 eateries have joined the platform, saving 90% in costs compared to the earlier aggregators who charged ₹20,000-₹30,000 monthly.



#### Current affairs MCQS on 12 July

Q.1. Recently, PM Modi has been awarded the highest civilian honor of which country, 'Order of the Most Ancient Velvetia Mirabilis'?

- a. Sudan
- b. Namibia
- c. Indonesia
- d. Singapore

**Answer: b. Namibia**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi was awarded Namibia's highest civilian honour 'Order of the Most Ancient Welwitschia Mirabilis'. Namibia's President Netumbo Nandi-Daitwah gave him this honour. Prime Minister Modi dedicated it to 140 crore



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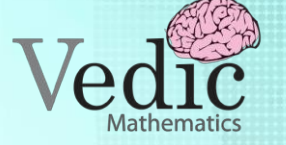
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Indians and expressed gratitude to the people of Namibia. This honour reflects the strong relations between India and Namibia. This is Prime Minister Modi's 27th international honour.

**Q.2. Where will Kerala's first skin bank open recently?**

- a. Kochi
- b. Kozhikode
- c. Thiruvananthapuram
- d. Chennai

**Answer: c. Thiruvananthapuram**

Kerala's first skin bank will be launched at the Thiruvananthapuram Government Medical College Hospital (MCH) on July 15, 2025. This special facility will preserve donated skin and use it to treat burn patients. This initiative is a significant step towards improving healthcare and providing effective treatment to severely burnt patients.

**Q.3. Recently, Asia's oldest elephant 'Vatsala' died in which Tiger Reserve?**

- a. Pench Tiger Reserve
- b. Patna Tiger Reserve
- c. Bandhavgarh Tiger Reserve
- d. None of these

**Answer: b. Patna Tiger Reserve**

In an emotional moment for wildlife lovers, forest officials and common citizens of India, Vatsala, Asia's oldest living elephant, breathed her last in Madhya Pradesh's Panna Tiger Reserve. She was believed to be over 100 years old, an extremely rare and extraordinary age for Asian elephants.

**Q.4. Where is the 134th session of the Council of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) being held recently?**

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

**Answer: c. London**

The Indian delegation led by Shri T.K. Ramachandran, IAS, Secretary, Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, Government of India is participating in the 134th Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Council being held in London. India made a strong and principled statement on maritime incidents involving foreign flagged container ships operating in Indian waters on the first day of the Session. These incidents, caused by undeclared dangerous cargo and structural and stability problems, have raised serious safety concerns.

**Q.5. Recently, who has become the 21st country to adopt Euro as its official currency?**

- a. Brazil
- b. Bulgaria
- c. Namibia
- d. Jordan

**Answer: b. Bulgaria**

European Union (EU) finance ministers have given final approval to Bulgaria to adopt the euro. Bulgaria will now adopt the euro as its official currency from January 1, 2026. With this historic move, Bulgaria will become the 21st member of the eurozone. This decision is being considered an important step towards European integration, which will provide stability, investment and new business opportunities to the country's economy.

**Q.6. Recently, in the World Police and Fire Games in America, the police of which state of India has won the most medals?**

- a. Haryana
- b. Uttar Pradesh
- c. Madhya Pradesh
- d. Maharashtra

**Answer: b. Uttar Pradesh**

Uttar Pradesh Police players won the maximum number of medals for India at the World Police and Fire Games 2025 held in Alabama, USA. Thousands of police and fire personnel from across the world participated in this event. A total of 63 countries





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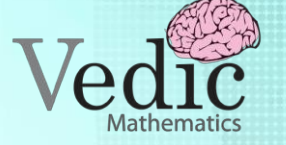
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participated in this tournament. India secured third place in the medal tally with 560 medals in various events.

**Q.7. Who has recently launched the messaging app BitChat?**

- a. Elon Musk
- b. Jack Dorsey
- c. Pavel Durov
- d. None of these

**Answer: b. Jack Dorsey**

Twitter co-founder Jack Dorsey has launched a new messaging app 'Bitchat'. This app works even without an internet connection. That is, through this app, users will be able to send messages to each other even without the internet.

**Q.8. Recently, Union Minister Dharmendra Pradhan has inaugurated the 'Agritech Innovation Hub' in which city of UP?**

- a. Meerut
- b. Lucknow
- c. Varanasi
- d. Prayagraj

**Answer: a. Meerut**

Union Education Minister Shri Dharmendra Pradhan and Minister of State (Independent Charge) of the Ministry of Skill Development and Entrepreneurship and Minister of State for Education, Shri Jayant Chaudhary jointly inaugurated the Uttar Pradesh Agritech Innovation Hub and Agritech Startup and Technology Showcase at Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel University of Agriculture and Technology (SVPUAT), Meerut.

**Q.9. Where will the Artistic Gymnastics World Championship be held recently?**

- a. Colombia
- b. Uzbekistan
- c. Indonesia
- d. Jordan

**Answer: c. Indonesia**

Indonesia will host the 2025 Artistic Gymnastics World Championships, which will be held in Senayan, Jakarta from October 19 to 25. This was announced by Indonesian Gymnastics Federation president Ita Yuliati. Ita said that so far 86 countries and territories have registered for the 53rd edition of the championships, a new record.

**Q. 10. Who has been appointed as the Chief Operating Officer (COO) by Apple recently?**

- a. Ayush Shetty
- b. Sunil Kadam
- c. Sabih Khan
- d. None of these

**Answer: c. Sabih Khan**

Apple Inc has appointed Indian-origin executive Sabih Khan, currently serving as senior vice president (operations), as its new chief operating officer (COO). He will replace Jeff Williams. Khan, born in Moradabad in Uttar Pradesh and raised in Singapore before moving to the US, will officially take over later this month as part of Apple's planned leadership succession.

**Q.11. According to a recently released report, what percentage of the world's Rare Earth Element reserves does India have?**

- a. 04%
- b. 08%
- c. 06%
- d. 07%

**Answer: b. 08%**

India has 8 per cent of the world's rare earth element reserves, giving it the potential to play a significant role in the gradually evolving global supply landscape as China's current dominance is projected to decline.

**Q.12. Recently Bismillah Jan Shinwari died at the age of 41, who was he?**

- a. Writer
- b. Umpire
- c. Singer





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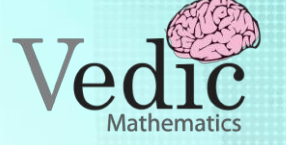
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d. Scientist

**Answer: b. Umpire**

Bismillah Jan Shinwari, a respected member of the International Cricket Council's (ICC) International Umpire Panel, has passed away at the age of 41. Shinwari made his international debut in 2017 by officiating in his first ODI between Afghanistan and Ireland in Sharjah. His career continued to rise thereafter and he became one of Afghanistan's most prominent cricket umpires on the global stage. His excellent decisions, calm demeanour and deep understanding of the game earned him a special identity in international cricket.

**Q.13. Recently, the Extended Range Anti-Submarine Rocket (ERASR) has been developed by which organization?**

- a. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- b. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)
- c. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- d. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)

**Answer: c. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)**

Recently, user trials of Extended Range Anti-Submarine Rocket (ERASR) were successfully conducted from INS Kavaratti. Extended Range Anti-Submarine Rocket (ERASR) is a fully indigenous anti-submarine weapon built for Indian Naval ships. It is launched from indigenous rocket launchers (IRL) mounted on naval ships. It is designed to counter submarine threats with precision under water. It has been developed by Armament Research and Development Establishment (ARDE), Pune under Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

**Q.14. Where has the 11th edition of the India Mecca Summit been inaugurated recently?**

- a. Bhopal
- b. Delhi
- c. Kalburgi
- d. Bangalore

**Answer: b. Delhi**

The 11th edition of India Maize Summit organised by the Indian Institute of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) in collaboration with Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI) was inaugurated by Union Minister of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare and Rural Development, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan in New Delhi.

**Q.15. Which state government has launched the Chief Minister Sehat Yojana in July 2025?**

- a. Haryana
- b. Punjab
- c. Bihar
- d. Uttarakhand

**Answer: b. Punjab**

Recently, the Punjab government has launched the 'Mukhyamantri Sehat Yojana' (MMSY), which promises to provide free and cashless treatment up to ₹10 lakh per year. It aims to benefit around 3 crore permanent residents of Punjab, including government employees and pensioners. Eligible residents will be issued health cards under the Mukhyamantri Sehat Yojana. Free treatment will be provided in all listed government and private hospitals. The scheme ensures the best quality medical care at no cost to the patients.

