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Today in History on 15 July

➤ 1904: The first Buddhist temple was built in Los Angeles, America.

1904, the first Japanese Buddhist temple in Los Angeles, Higashi Honganji, was established. It was founded by Reverend Junjyo Izumida, who envisioned it as a spiritual home for Japanese immigrants and a place open to all people in Los Angeles. The temple, originally named Rafu Bukkyokai (Los Angeles Buddhist Mission), played a significant role in the growing Japanese community in Los Angeles.



➤ 1910: Emil Kraepelin names Alzheimer's disease after Alois Alzheimer.

In 1910, Emil Kraepelin named Alzheimer's disease in honor of Alois Alzheimer. The name was published in 1910 in the eighth edition of his Handbook of Psychiatry, where it was described as

presenile dementia. In 1910, Emil Kraepelin recognized the work of Alois Alzheimer and named the disease "Alzheimer's disease" in his honor. Alzheimer had described symptoms of the disease in a woman named Auguste Deter in 1901. Kraepelin described the disease in his handbook as presenile dementia, a variant of the condition identified by Alzheimer.



➤ 1916: Boeing, the world's largest aerospace company, was started.

In 1916, Boeing, the world's largest aerospace company, was started. It was founded by William Boeing on July 15, 1916, in Seattle, Washington, as the Pacific Aero Products Company. Shortly before, he and Conrad Westervelt had created the "B&W" seaplane. In 1917, the organization was renamed the Boeing Airplane Company.





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➤ 1926: First motor bus service started in Bombay (now Mumbai).

In 1926, the first motor bus service started in Bombay (now Mumbai). The service started on July 15, 1926 and ran from Afghan Church to Crawford Market. This bus service was started by Bombay Electric Supply and Transport (BEST). Initially, the service faced resistance from taxi drivers, but passengers welcomed it and the service soon became popular.

In 1961, a law was passed in Spain for the "Political, Occupational and Labor Rights of Women", which recognized some equal rights for men and women. The aim of this law was to provide women with equal rights as men in political, occupational and labor spheres.



Important NEWS on 15 July

➤ India's Maratha Forts Added to UNESCO World Heritage List

Maratha Military Landscapes of India were added to the UNESCO World Heritage List during the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee in Paris. This important recognition covers 12 historic forts built by the Maratha rulers between the 17th and 19th centuries. The listing highlights their unique military design and the rich history of India's fort architecture.



➤ 1961: Spain recognizes equal rights for men and women.





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➤ Indian Army Launches Operation SHIVA 2025 for Amarnath Yatra Security

The Indian Army has launched Operation SHIVA 2025 to ensure the safe and smooth conduct of the Shri Amarnath Yatra in Jammu and Kashmir. The operation, involves heavy deployment of troops, modern surveillance tools, and disaster response measures. The security drive is vital due to increased threats from Pakistan-backed groups this year.



➤ UNESCO Removes 3 African Sites from Danger List

UNESCO removed three important heritage sites in Madagascar, Egypt, and Libya from its World

Heritage in Danger List. This happened during the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee in Paris. It shows that strong actions taken by these countries have helped protect and restore the sites.



➤ Babitha B P Joins SBI as Deputy Chief Information Security Officer

Babitha B P has been appointed as the Deputy Chief Information Security Officer (General Manager – Infrastructure Security & Special Projects) at the State Bank of India (SBI). The appointment was made in June 2025, marking an important step by India's largest bank to improve its cybersecurity and digital safety systems. This move reflects the rising importance of cyber protection in India's financial sector.



➤ Harikrishnan A Becomes India's 87th Grandmaster

Harikrishnan A Ra, a 23-year-old chess player from Chennai, has officially become India's 87th Grandmaster. He earned his final Grandmaster (GM) norm at the La Plagne International Chess Festival in France on July, 2025, completing a long seven-year journey from International Master (IM) to GM. Harikrishnan had been an International Master for seven years, chasing the Grandmaster title by competing in many tournaments.



➤ Four Reports of Planning Commission 2025 – Tamilnadu

The State Planning Commission has submitted four detailed reports on various subjects to the Chief Minister.

They are

- 1 - Mapping Mines in Tamil Nadu — Assessing their Restoration Potential'
- 2 - Child Nutrition — Key Challenges and Strategies
- 3 - Urban Growth and Thermal Stress: A Decadal Assessment of Built-up Area and Climate Interactions in Tamil Nadu.

➤ RBI Fines HDFC Bank and Shriram Finance for Breaking Rules

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has fined HDFC Bank and Shriram Finance for violating certain regulatory rules. On July, 2025, RBI imposed a penalty of ₹4.88 lakh on HDFC Bank and ₹2.70 lakh on Shriram Finance. These penalties aim to ensure that all financial institutions follow proper guidelines and maintain transparency.





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Current affairs MCQS on 15 July

Q.1. Recently, with whose cooperation, the Indian Air Force successfully tested 'Astra' off the coast of Odisha?

- (A) DRDO
- (B) ISRO
- (C) NASA
- (D) HAL

Answer: (A) DRDO

DRDO and Indian Satellite successfully test fired indigenous Beyond Visual Range Air-to-Air Missile (BVRAAM) 'Astra' off Odisha coast. The missile is equipped with indigenous Radio Frequency Seeker and was fired from Sukhoi-30 Mk-I fighter aircraft. During the test, two missiles flew at different distances, directions and positions. Both times the missiles hit their targets with utmost accuracy.

Q.2. Recently, the Central Government has announced the establishment of a new Akashvani Kendra in which city of Madhya Pradesh?

- (A) Bhopal
- (B) Ujjain
- (C) Indore
- (D) Gwalior

Answer: (B) Ujjain

The government said it will set up an All India Radio Centre in Ujjain to strengthen regional broadcasting and disseminate timely information to the people of Madhya Pradesh. Union Minister of State for Information and Broadcasting L. Murugan and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav discussed measures to strengthen cooperation between the Centre and the state in key areas including media outreach, mass communication and broadcasting infrastructure.

Q.3. Recently, the Central Government has announced an incentive of how many lakh rupees for electric trucks under the 'PM E-Drive Scheme'?

- (A) Rs 6.6 lakh
- (B) Rs 7.6 lakh

- (C) Rs 8.6 lakh
- (D) Rs 9.6 lakh

Answer: (D) Rs 9.6 lakh

Union Minister HD Kumaraswamy launched a scheme to promote electric trucks. The PM E-Drive initiative aims to deploy 5,600 e-trucks. Incentives of up to Rs 9.6 lakh per vehicle will be given. To avail this, old trucks will have to be scrapped. Sectors like cement and steel will benefit. SAIL will purchase 150 e-trucks.

Q.4. Recently, which state government has announced to start 'Operation Kalanemi' against fake saints?

- (A) Uttar Pradesh
- (B) Kerala
- (C) Maharashtra
- (D) Uttarakhand

Answer: (D) Uttarakhand

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami has announced the launch of 'Operation Kalanemi'. Under this police campaign, strict action will be taken against those pretending to be sadhus and saints. These fake spiritual gurus are accused of duping the public and damaging the image of Sanatan Dharma. The aim of this step is to protect religious harmony and prevent fraud in the name of faith.

Q.5. Recently, which state has won the India Energy Storage Alliance Industry Excellence Award 2025 under the battery manufacturing category?

- (A) Goa
- (B) Gujarat
- (C) Assam
- (D) Telangana

Answer: (D) Telangana

Telangana has won the India Energy Storage Alliance (IESA) Industry Excellence Award 2025 in the State Leadership - Battery Manufacturing category. The award was presented during the 11th India Energy Storage Week (IESW) 2025 held in New Delhi. The honour reflects Telangana's efforts





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in promoting battery manufacturing and clean energy solutions.

Q.6. Recently, which state government has launched the Gaj Mitra scheme to reduce human-elephant conflict?

- (A) Tripura
- (B) Sikkim
- (C) Manipur
- (D) Assam

Answer:(D) Assam

Assam has approved a new scheme called 'Gaj Mitra' to reduce the growing conflict between elephants and tusker elephants in the state. The move comes after hundreds of attacks by both elephants in the last few years. The scheme aims to protect elephants, create safe spaces for them and help villages develop effective ways to deal with such conflicts.

Q.7. Recently, a target has been set to plant more than how many lakh saplings on the day of Harela festival in the state of Uttarakhand?

- (A) 1 lakh
- (B) 2 lakh
- (C) 4 lakh
- (D) 5 lakh

Answer:(D) 5 lakh

Uttarakhand is preparing to plant more than 5 lakh saplings to mark Harela, the traditional festival of greenery, on July 16, 2025. The aim of this massive tree plantation drive is to set a new record and raise awareness about environmental conservation in the state.

Q.8. Recently, where did Union Finance Minister Pankaj Chaudhary inaugurate the Trade Facilitation Conference 2025 on the topic of 'Scientific Excellence for Seamless Trade'?

- (A) New Delhi
- (B) Bengaluru
- (C) Pune
- (D) Chennai

Answer:(A) New Delhi

Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary inaugurated the Trade Facilitation Summit 2025 in New Delhi. The summit, titled "Scientific Excellence for Seamless Trade", aims to strengthen India's trade processes through efficient testing and compliance systems. It was the first of its kind and was attended by over 400 participants.

Q.9. Recently, the Gingee Fort of which state was declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site?

- (A) Tamil Nadu
- (B) Kerala
- (C) Madhya Pradesh
- (D) Rajasthan

Answer:(A) Tamil Nadu

Gingee Fort, located in Villupuram district of Tamil Nadu, was officially declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site during the 47th session of the World Heritage Committee in Paris. The fort is part of the Maratha military landscape, a group of 12 forts and is now known globally for its cultural and historical significance.

Q.10. Recently Harikrishnan A Ra became the Chess Grandmaster of India.

- (A) 84th
- (B) 85th
- (C) 86th
- (D) 87th

Answer:(D) 87th

Harikrishnan A. Ra, a 23-year-old chess player from Chennai, achieved the distinction of becoming India's 87th Grandmaster by completing his final Grandmaster (GM) norm at the La Plagne International Chess Festival held in France. He achieved this feat seven years after becoming an International Master (IM).

Q.11. Recently which organization has launched Agricultural Monitoring and Event Detection (AMED) API for Indian farmers?

- (A) Google





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- (B) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR)
(C) Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO)
(D) Ministry of Agriculture

Answer:(A) Google

Google has recently launched the Agricultural Monitoring and Event Detection (AMED) application programming interface (API) to provide data on crops and farm activities across India. The AMED API is an open-source artificial intelligence (AI) based tool designed to monitor crops and detect agricultural activities at the farm level. It provides data on crop type, crop season, farm size and agricultural activities for the last three years. It helps in farm management by providing information about soil, water, climate requirements and expected crop volume.

Q.12. Recently India's fish production has increased to how many lakh tonnes in the financial year 2024-25?

- (A) 105 lakh tonnes
(B) 145 lakh tonnes
(C) 175 lakh tonnes
(D) 195 lakh tonnes

Answer:(D) 195 lakh tonnes

The central government has invested a total of Rs 38,572 crore in the fisheries sector since 2015, doubling fish production in India to 195 lakh tonnes. The Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying gave this information in a press note. Fish production was 95.79 lakh tonnes in the financial year 2013-14, which is projected to increase by a remarkable 104 percent to 195 lakh tonnes in 2024-25. The government has made this investment under the "Blue Revolution" scheme, under which all the existing schemes have been integrated. As a result, the export of marine products has increased to more than Rs 60,500 crore, while shrimp production has increased by 270 percent.

Q.13. Recently which Indian state became the first to officially join the Cruise India Mission?

- (A) Andhra Pradesh

- (B) Kerala
(C) Tamil Nadu
(D) Gujarat

Answer:(D) Gujarat

Gujarat has become the first state in India to officially join the Cruise India Mission. The mission is an initiative of the central government aimed at developing a world-class cruise tourism ecosystem. Gujarat's 2,340 km long coastline and rivers like Narmada, Sabarmati will help make it a hub of cruise tourism. The move is significant towards India's leadership in cruise tourism.

Q.14. Recently, the Center has extended the tax exemption for Sovereign Wealth Fund and Pension Fund till which year?

- (A) 2026
(B) 2028
(C) 2030
(D) 2032

Answer:(C) 2030

The central government has extended the tax exemption for sovereign wealth funds (SWFs) and pension funds on eligible investments in India till March 31, 2030. The move, officially announced, is aimed at attracting more long-term foreign investments in key infrastructure sectors such as energy, telecom and logistics.

Q.15. Recently, in which state/union territory 'Saheli Card' will be launched for bus travel for women and transgenders?

- (A) New Delhi
(B) Maharashtra
(C) West Bengal
(D) Bihar

Answer:(A) New Delhi

Recently, Delhi Transport Corporation (DTC) has announced the launch of "Saheli Smart Card", which will replace the "Pink Ticket" system prevalent till now. This card will provide free bus travel to women and transgender persons only for verified residents





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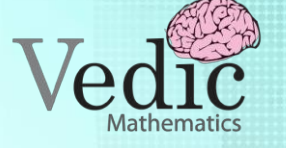
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