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## Today in History on 17 July

- **1917: The name of the British royal house was changed from Saxe-Coburg and Gotha to Windsor.**

In 1917, the First World War caused the British king George V to officially change the name from "Saxe-Coburg and Gotha" to "Windsor" in the United Kingdom. In Belgium, due to similar resentment against Germany after the Great War, the use of the name was also changed in 1920 by King Albert I to "de Belgique" (French), "van België" (Dutch) or "von Belgien" (German), meaning "of Belgium".



- **1948: Women in India became eligible to join all public services.**

In 1948, women in India became eligible to join all public services. Earlier, these posts were reserved for men only. This historic decision was taken on July 17, 1948, after which women were allowed to appear in the Administrative Service, Police Service

and other public services exams. This decision meant that women could now join all public services including the Indian Administrative Service (IAS) and Indian Police Service (IPS), which were earlier reserved for men. This historic decision ensured the participation of women in the progress of the country.



- **1955: Walt Disney opens Disneyland Park in California.**

In 1955, Walt Disney opened Disneyland Park in Anaheim, California. It was Disney's first theme park and the only one designed and built under Walt Disney's direct supervision. Opened on July 17, 1955, the park included areas such as Fantasyland, Adventureland, Frontierland, and Tomorrowland.





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#### ➤ 1975: Apollo and Soyuz spacecraft dock in orbit.

On July 17, 1975, the American Apollo and Soviet Soyuz spacecraft met and docked in Earth orbit. For two days, the two spacecraft remained attached together, and the astronauts conducted joint scientific experiments and visited each other's spacecraft. The project was intended to promote international cooperation and pave the way for future joint space missions. The Apollo-Soyuz test project was also seen as a way to reduce Cold War tensions and promote friendly relations between the two countries.



#### ➤ 1996: Madras renamed Chennai.

Chennai, known as Madras until 1996, is one of the largest cultural, economic and educational centres of South India, located on the Coromandel Coast of the Bay of Bengal. Chennai is the capital of the Indian state of Tamil Nadu. As of the 2011 Indian census (adjusted for the new boundaries of Chennai city), it

is the fourth largest city and the fourth most populous urban agglomeration in India.



#### Important NEWS on 17 July

#### ➤ India's First Digital Nomad Village Opens in Sikkim

Yakten village in the Pakyong district of Sikkim has been launched as India's first digital nomad village on July, 2025. This special initiative aims to support remote workers by offering them modern facilities in a peaceful Himalayan setting. It also helps local families earn a steady income through homestays, especially during off-season months.







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### ➤ Gujarat Leads India in Processed Potato Production

Gujarat has become India's top producer of processed potatoes, especially those used to make French fries and wafers, according to data from 2024-25. This is a major development for both farmers and food companies, as it helps reduce imports and boost exports. The success is driven by modern farming, government support, and rising demand from food chains and global markets.



### ➤ Raghavendra S Bhat Named Interim CEO of Karnataka Bank

Karnataka Bank has named Raghavendra Srinivas Bhat as its interim Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO), starting from July 2025. This move comes after a recent leadership crisis, following the resignation of the previous MD and CEO. Bhat will hold the position for three months or until a new permanent CEO is appointed.



### ➤ France Grants More Autonomy to New Caledonia

France and New Caledonia announced a new agreement that gives the Pacific territory more powers while keeping it part of France. This move comes after violent protests in 2024 and is seen as a major step to ease tensions between supporters and opponents of independence. The agreement proposes to create a "State of New Caledonia" within the French Republic.



#### ➤ Markram, Matthews Named Best Players for June 2025 by ICC

The International Cricket Council (ICC) has named Aiden Markram from South Africa and Hayley Matthews from the West Indies as the Men's and Women's Players of the Month for June 2025. Their strong performances helped their teams win important matches, making a big impact in international cricket.



#### ➤ Taiwan's CTBC Bank to Open New Unit in GIFT City

CTBC Bank, the largest private bank in Taiwan, has applied to open an IFSC Banking Unit (IBU) in GIFT City, Gujarat. The bank recently filed an application with the International Financial Services Centres Authority (IFSCA) and plans to set up the unit in Brigade Towers, a key area in GIFT SEZ. This move will help boost financial ties between India and Taiwan and offer more international banking services from GIFT City.



#### ➤ Kalaingar Kanavu Illam status 2025

The Kalaingar Kanavu Illam (KKI) is likely to touch a key milestone - the completion of one lakh houses in a few weeks. Launched in 2024-25, the KKI envisages the construction of one lakh houses annually. A sum of over ₹3,039 crore has been spent for the previous year, 2024-25.



#### Current affairs MCQS on 17 July

Q.1. Patriot air defense missile system has been developed by which country recently?

- A. France
  - B. Russia
  - C. Germany
  - D. United States
1. D

**D. United States**





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Recently, the US President announced that Washington will send Patriot air defence systems to Ukraine to counter the growing Russian aggression. Patriot (MIM-104) stands for Phased Array Tracking Radar for Intercept on Target. It is an all-altitude, all-weather, surface-to-air missile defence system. Initially designed for anti-aircraft roles, its newer versions can destroy ballistic missiles, cruise missiles, loitering weapons and aircraft. It is developed by American aerospace and defence company Raytheon Technologies Corporation. It is the most advanced air defence system used by the US military.

**Q.2. Operation Shiva has been launched by whom recently?**

- A. Indian Air Force
  - B. Indian Navy
  - C. Indian Army
  - D. Indian Railway Protection Force
2. C

**C. Indian Army**

The Indian Army has launched Operation Shiva 2025 to ensure safe and smooth conduct of Shri Amarnath Yatra in Jammu and Kashmir. The operation announced involves deployment of huge number of troops, modern surveillance equipment and disaster response measures. This security operation is extremely important this year due to increased threats from Pakistan-backed groups.

**Q.3. Where will the first Global Manuscript Heritage Conference be held recently?**

- A. Maharashtra
  - B. New Delhi
  - C. Kerala
  - D. Tamil Nadu
3. B

**B. New Delhi**

India will host its first International Conference on Manuscript Heritage at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi from 11 to 13 September 2025. This landmark event, announced by the Ministry of Culture, aims to

preserve, enhance and share India's ancient manuscript-knowledge tradition on a global platform.

**Q.4. Recently, the Standing Committee of the National Wildlife Board has approved the removal of 310 hectares of forest land from the core area of which Tiger Reserve?**

- A. Kaziranga Tiger Reserve
  - B. Namdapha Tiger Reserve
  - C. Sundarban Tiger Reserve
  - D. Kanha Tiger Reserve
4. B

**B. Namdapha Tiger Reserve**

The Standing Committee of the National Board for Wildlife (NBWL) has approved the removal of 310 hectares of forest from the core area of Namdapha Tiger Reserve in Arunachal Pradesh. The decision has been taken to build the Arunachal Frontier Highway (NH-913), a strategic project located near the India-Myanmar border. However, some members have raised serious concerns over inadequate measures to protect wildlife and the felling of over 1.55 lakh trees.

**Q.5. Which is the first police station in India to receive ISO certification recently?**

- A. Mumbai Police Station
  - B. Chennai Police Station
  - C. Kerala Police Station
  - D. Hyderabad Police Station
5. C

**C. Kerala Police Station**

Recently, Arthunkal Police Station in Alappuzha district of Kerala became the first police station in India to receive the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 9001:2015 Quality Management System certification from the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS). This certification recognizes excellence in crime prevention, investigation, law and order, traffic control, emergency services, judicial coordination and public grievance redressal.





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**Q.6. Recently, which ministry has launched ADEETIE scheme to promote industrial competitiveness, employment and climate action?**

- A. Ministry of Power
  - B. Ministry of Science and Technology
  - C. Ministry of Heavy Industries
  - D. Ministry of Finance
6. A

#### **A. Ministry of Power**

Recently, the Ministry of Power launched the ADEETIE scheme to promote industrial competitiveness, employment and climate change. ADEETIE stands for Assistance in Adoption of Energy Efficient Technologies in Industries and Establishments. It is a flagship scheme of the Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE) under the Ministry of Power. The scheme targets micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) registered on the Udyam portal. It promotes the adoption of energy-efficient technologies with at least 10% energy saving potential.

**Q.7. Recently, which state government has announced the formation of a youth commission to empower and enable the youth?**

- A. Jharkhand
  - B. Uttar Pradesh
  - C. Bihar
  - D. Telangana
7. C

#### **C. Bihar**

The Bihar government has approved the formation of Bihar Youth Commission. Chief Minister Nitish Kumar announced this. The purpose of this commission is to increase employment opportunities for the youth. It will also focus on the training and empowerment of youth. This commission will advise the government on matters related to youth. It will also monitor the arrangement of employment in the private sector for local youth.

**Q.8. Recently, which technology has been adopted by Indian Railways and DFCCIL AI to enhance train safety?**

- A. Signal illumination system
  - B. Machine vision based inspection system
  - C. GPS-based monitoring system
  - D. All of the above
8. B

#### **B. Machine vision based inspection system**

Indian Railways and Dedicated Freight Corridor Corporation of India Limited (DFCCIL) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding for the installation of four Machine Vision Based Inspection Systems (MVIS) for monitoring the condition of rolling stock using AI/ML techniques. DFCCIL will oversee the procurement and installation. This is the first initiative by Indian Railways to integrate intelligent, automated inspection systems into its infrastructure.

**Q.9. What is the total renewable energy capacity of India at present?**

- A. 127 GW
  - B. 227 GW
  - C. 327 GW
  - D. 427 GW
9. B

#### **B. 227 GW**

Recently, Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal said that India has achieved a 4,000% increase in installed solar power capacity. India's total renewable energy capacity has now reached 227 GW. India will likely be the first G20 country to meet its Nationally Determined Contribution (NDC) under the Paris Agreement.

**Q.10. Recently, 37.21 crore saplings were planted by which state government?**

- A. Uttar Pradesh
  - B. Haryana
  - C. Assam
  - D. Gujarat
10. A







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#### A. Uttar Pradesh

The Uttar Pradesh government claimed that 37.21 crore saplings were planted in a single day under the Mega Tree Plantation Campaign 2025, which is 21 lakh more than the target of 37 crore for the campaign. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, along with Forest Minister Arun K Saxena and Forest Force chief Sunil Chaudhary, planted saplings in Ayodhya, Azamgarh and Gorakhpur.

**Q.11. Recently Astra is an indigenous beyond visual range air-to-air missile (BVRAAM) which has been developed by which organization?**

- A. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- B. Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO)
- C. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)
- D. Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL)

11. A

#### A. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

Recently, Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Indian Air Force (IAF) successfully test fired Astra missile. Astra is an indigenous beyond visual range air-to-air missile (BVRAAM) developed by DRDO. It is equipped with an Indian designed radio frequency (RF) seeker and is integrated on Su-30 Mk-I fighter aircraft. The missile has a range of over 100 km and has advanced guidance and navigation systems.

**Q.12. Recently, which country participated in the multilateral 'Talisman Saber 2025' military exercise in Australia for the first time?**

- A. Thailand
- B. Bangladesh
- C. America
- D. India

12. D

#### D. India

India recently participated for the first time in the multilateral military exercise "Talisman Sabre" held in Australia. The exercise, which is now in its 11th

edition, is a major bilateral exercise jointly developed by Australia and the US. 19 countries are participating in this year's edition.

**Q.13. Recently which government department has launched Sanchar Mitra scheme to empower youth as digital ambassadors?**

- A. Department of Posts (DoP)
- B. Department of Science and Technology (DST)
- C. Department of Telecommunications (DoT)
- D. Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR)

13. C

#### C. Department of Telecommunications (DoT)

Recently, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) has launched the Sanchar Mitra scheme across the country to empower youth as digital ambassadors. The scheme aims to employ student volunteers called Sanchar Mitras to spread awareness on telecom-related issues. Sanchar Mitras will educate people about digital security, cyber fraud prevention and electromagnetic field (EMF) radiation concerns. They will also promote responsible mobile usage and digital literacy. The scheme introduces students to advanced telecom technologies such as 5G, 6G, Artificial Intelligence (AI) and cyber security.

**Q.14. Recently who has been appointed as the new Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh?**

- A. Kavinder Gupta
- B. Manoj Sinha
- C. Girish Chandra Murmu
- D. Radha Krishnan Mathur

14. A

#### A. Kavinder Gupta

In a major administrative decision, President Draupadi Murmu appointed senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader and former Jammu and Kashmir Deputy Chief Minister Kavinder Gupta as the new Lieutenant Governor (LG) of the Union Territory of Ladakh. Gupta will replace Brigadier (Retired) Dr BD Mishra, whose resignation was accepted in writing by the President.





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**Q.15. Recently which country has become the first to launch a traditional knowledge digital library?**

- A. India
- B. China
- C. Japan
- D. America

15. A

**A. India**

India has become the first country in the world to launch a Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL). This important move aims to preserve and promote India's rich traditional medicine systems using modern digital tools like Artificial Intelligence (AI). The World Health Organization (WHO) has praised India's efforts and called it a watershed moment for global healthcare innovation.

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