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Today in History on 23 July

➤ 1793: France enacts copyright law.

In 1793, France enacts copyright law. This law is known as the French Literary and Artistic Property Act, and it was established on July, 1793. This law recognizes the rights of authors and protects their literary and artistic creations. Under this law, authors were given the right to control the publication and distribution of their works. This law became an important basis for the development of copyright law in the 19th century.



➤ 1823: Slavery abolished in Chile.

In 1823, slavery was abolished in Chile. It was the second country in the Americas to abolish slavery, after Haiti. As a result of this decision, about five thousand slaves in Chile were freed. However, some slaves were forced to continue working for their former owners.



➤ 1870: First rail service begins in the United States.

In the 1870s, rail service in the United States expanded rapidly; in 1830, the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad inaugurated the first regular passenger train in the United States, although the coaches were initially pulled by horses. In the early 1870s, rail construction in the United States increased dramatically, with nearly 45,000 miles of track laid before 1871.



➤ 1932: Ramakrishna Mission Seva Pratishthan was established.





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In 1932, Ramakrishna Mission Seva Pratishthan was established in a rented house, with the initial name "Ramakrishna Mission Shishu Mangal Pratishthan". It was founded by Swami Dayanandaji Maharaj, a disciple of Mata Sarada Devi. The establishment received initial financial support from American devotee Miss Helen Rubel (Sister Bhakti).



➤ 1938: Instant coffee is invented.

In 1938, a new form of instant coffee, Nescafe, was launched by Swiss company Nestlé. The product was developed at the request of the Brazilian government, which was looking for a way to deal with its coffee surplus. Nescafe was made using a freeze-dried method, which allowed coffee to be made quickly and easily.



Important NEWS on 23 July

➤ Agricultural Status of Livestock and Poultry Farming

Maharashtra is the first state in the country to grant agricultural status to livestock farming. According to the decision, livestock-based activities will now be treated on par with agricultural activities. It allows farmers access to electricity, local body tax, loan subsidies, and solar subsidies under agricultural terms. India's agricultural policies have traditionally focused on the crop production—grains, pulses, fruits, and vegetables.



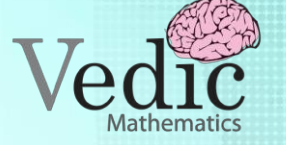
➤ VCF Settlement Scheme 2025

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has introduced the VCF Settlement Scheme 2025. It is aimed at facilitating the resolution of violations related to the winding-up of Venture Capital Funds (VCFs) that have migrated to the Alternative Investment Fund (AIF) regime. In May 2012, SEBI notified the AIF Regulations, which replaced the older VCF Regulations.



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➤ Fit India Sundays on Cycle – A Nationwide Movement for Fitness and Drug-Free Youth

The Fit India Sundays on Cycle initiative has evolved into a nationwide fitness movement aimed not only at promoting physical health but also at reinforcing social messages such as drug de-addiction and youth empowerment. Spearheaded by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, the 32nd edition held at the Banaras Hindu University (BHU) campus in Varanasi saw enthusiastic participation, with over 3,000 cyclists including Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya.



➤ England Awarded Hosting Rights for Next Three WTC Final (2027, 2029, 2031)

In a major development for international cricket, the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) has been awarded the hosting rights for the next three ICC World Test Championship (WTC) Finals—scheduled in 2027, 2029, and 2031. This announcement was made during the ICC Annual Conference 2025, held in Singapore, affirming ECB's consistency in successfully managing previous finals, including those in 2021, 2023, and 2025.



➤ Arjun & Ishaan Dominate MRF F2000 as MRF 2025 Kicks Off at Kari Motor Speedway

India's premier motorsport event, the MRF MMSC FMSCI Indian National Car Racing Championship 2025, kicked off its first round at Kari Motor Speedway, Coimbatore, showcasing emerging young talent in top racing categories like MRF F2000, Formula 1600, and Touring Cars. The event saw



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intense competition and remarkable performances by teen racers, underlining the future of Indian motorsports.



➤ NSDL Payments Bank Added to RBI Second Schedule

In a notable advancement for India's banking ecosystem, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has officially included NSDL Payments Bank Limited in the Second Schedule of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. This inclusion, notified on June, 2025, and published in the Gazette of India on July, 2025, grants NSDL Payments Bank the status of a scheduled bank, enabling it to access RBI's facilities and reflecting its growing importance in India's regulated financial framework.



➤ Educational Development Day 2025

Tamilnadu celebrates Birth anniversary of K Kamaraj as 'Education Day' or 'Education Development Day'. This day has been observed since 2006. Kamaraj was born on July 1903 in Virudhupatti, Madras Presidency, to Kumaraswami and Sivakami Ammal. He served as the Chief Minister of Madras from 13 April 1954 to 2 October 1963.



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Current affairs MCQS on 23 July

Q.1. Recently, which country has rejected the amendments adopted by WHO with the aim of strengthening global pandemic preparedness?

- A. India
- B. Russia
- C. America
- D. Germany

Answer: C. America

The United States has formally rejected amendments adopted by the World Health Organization (WHO) aimed at strengthening global pandemic preparedness. The amendments, approved unanimously last year, were aimed at improving international coordination following the chaotic response to Covid-19.

Q.2. The recently started monsoon session of Parliament will run till which date and how many meetings will be held during this period?

- A. Till 15 August, 18 meetings
- B. Till 21 August, 21 meetings
- C. Till 31 August, 25 meetings
- D. Till 20 August, 20 meetings

Answer: B. Till 21 August, 21 meetings

The monsoon session of Parliament has begun. There will be a total of 21 meetings in this session which will run till August 21. This is the first Parliament session after Operation Sindoor. Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju said that important legislative and other work to be done during this session has been identified.

Q.3. Recently, which Union Minister addressed the program on the occasion of grounding of ₹1 lakh crore investment in 'Uttarakhand Investment Festival, 2025'?

- A. Rajnath Singh
- B. Nirmala Sitharaman
- C. Amit Shah
- D. Piyush Goyal

Answer: C. Amit Shah

Union Home Minister and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah addressed the 'Uttarakhand Investment Festival - 2025' organized on the occasion of receipt of ₹ 1 lakh crore investment in Uttarakhand and inauguration and foundation stone laying of various development projects worth ₹ 1,271 crore by the State Government. Uttarakhand Chief Minister Shri Pushkar Singh Dhami, Assembly Speaker Smt. Ritu Khanduri Bhushan, Union Minister of State for Road Transport and Highways Shri Ajay Tamta, Yoga Guru Baba Ramdev and many other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

Q.4. Recently, the G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors have concluded their two-day meeting in which country?

- A. Bangladesh
- B. China





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C. Japan

D. South Africa

Answer:D. South Africa

Finance ministers and central bank governors of the Group of Twenty (G20) concluded their two-day meeting in South Africa with a joint communiqué aimed at boosting global cooperation. The talks in Durban discussed key global challenges including conflict, trade tensions, supply chain disruptions, debt and climate disasters.

Q.5. Recently in which country 8 healthy children have been born from the DNA of three parents through IVF technology?

A. Britain

B. America

C. South Korea

D. Canada

Answer:A. Britain

In the UK, eight healthy babies have been born using a pioneering IVF technique that uses DNA from three individuals: the biological mother, the biological father and a female donor. This "three-parent IVF" method aims to prevent the inheritance of serious mitochondrial diseases.

Q.6. Recently the Government of India has launched the 'Automotive Mission Plan' to establish India as a global automotive hub by which year?

A. By the year 2030

B. By the year 2040

C. By the year 2047

D. By the year 2050

Answer:C. By the year 2047

The Government of India has launched the Automotive Mission Plan 2047 (AMP 2047) under the 'Developed India @2047' vision. This strategic roadmap announced by the Ministry of Heavy Industries aims to establish India as a global automotive leader focused on innovation and sustainable development. The initiative aims to not only promote technological advancement but also

significantly increase India's participation in the global automobile trade.

Q.7. Recently who has launched the National Standards for Civil Services Training Institutes 2.0 (NSCSTI 2.0)?

A. Shri Narendra Modi

B. Shri Amit Shah

C. Shri Rajnath Singh

D. Shri Jitendra Singh

Answer:D. Shri Jitendra Singh

Union Minister Dr Jitendra Singh launched the National Standards for Civil Services Training Institutions (NSCSTI) 2.0, a significant step towards civil service reform under Mission Karmayogi. Developed by the Capacity Building Commission (CBC), the framework aims to standardise and upgrade the quality of training in India's administrative training institutions.

Q.8. Recently in which city is the 'Youth Spiritual Summit' being organized on the topic 'Drug-free youth for developed India'?

A. Lucknow

B. New Delhi

C. Varanasi

D. Bhopal

Answer:C. Varanasi

The Youth Spiritual Summit on Drug-Free Youth for Developing India concluded with the formal acceptance of Kashi Sankalp at Rudraksh International Convention Centre, Varanasi. Organised by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, the summit was attended by over 600 youth leaders, representatives of over 120 spiritual and socio-cultural organisations, academicians and experts from the field. The event was a defining moment in India's journey towards a drug-free society by 2047.

Q.9. Where did India's millet standard get recognition in the 88th Codex Executive Committee meeting held recently?





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- A. Rome
- B. London
- C. Canberra
- D. Paris

Answer:A. Rome

India's initiative to develop a group standard for whole millet cereals received global recognition at the 88th Executive Committee meeting of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CCEXEC88) held at FAO Headquarters in Rome. This achievement was approved at the 47th session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission (CAC47) in 2024 and reviewed during CCEXEC88.

Q.10. Where is the National Human Rights Commission organizing a two-day camp recently to hear cases of alleged violations of human rights?

- A. Bhubaneswar
- B. Indore
- C. Lucknow
- D. Gurgaon

Answer:A. Bhubaneswar

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), India is organizing a two-day camp in Bhubaneswar, Odisha to hear cases of alleged human rights violations. NHRC Chairperson Justice V. Ramasubramanian, Members Justice (Dr.) Vidyut Ranjan Sarangi, Smt. Vijaya Bharti Sayani and Shri Priyank Kanungo will hear the cases at the State Guest House Unit-5, Keshari Nagar.

Q.11. Where was the first meeting of the Steering Committee for the 56th International Film Festival of India Goa held recently?

- A. New Delhi
- B. Noida
- C. Chennai
- D. Mumbai

Answer:D. Mumbai

The first meeting of the Steering Committee for the 56th International Film Festival of India (IFFI), Goa was held at the National Film Development Corporation (NFDC) headquarters in Mumbai. The

meeting was chaired by Shri Ashwini Vaishnaw, Union Minister for Information & Broadcasting. The meeting was attended by Shri Sanjay Jaju, Secretary, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting, Shri Shekhar Kapur, Festival Director, NFDC, Shri Prakash Magdum, Managing Director, NFDC, senior officials from the Government of Goa, Ministry of Information & Broadcasting and NFDC and an eminent panel of Steering Committee members from the Indian and global film industry.

Q.12. Who has inaugurated the 'Mahila Arogya Kaksha' in Shastri Bhawan to promote women's health and well-being?

- A. Draupadi Murmu
- B. Jagdeep Dhankhar
- C. Nirmala Sitharaman
- D. Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal

Answer:D. Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal

In a pioneering step to promote health and wellness of women at government workplaces, the Department of Legal Affairs, Ministry of Law & Justice has inaugurated Mahila Arogyaam Room at Shastri Bhawan, New Delhi. The initiative was formally launched by Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Union Minister of State for Law & Justice. The facility at Shastri Bhawan is a renovated old garage and developed as a health-centric area in line with the Fit India Movement and the vision of a developed India.

Q.13. Recently in which state 'Indian Open Athletics Meet 2025' was organized for the first time?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Bihar
- C. Odisha
- D. West Bengal

Answer:B. Bihar

Bihar hosted the Indian Open Athletics Meet 2025 for the first time at the Patliputra Sports Complex in Patna. This is the first time Bihar has hosted such a big national athletics event. The meet was organised by the Athletics Federation of India (AFI) in collaboration with the Bihar State Sports Authority.





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More than 400 athletes from across the country participated in this one-day event.

Q.14. Recently where have Indian researchers discovered a new lichen species called *Allographa effusoredica*?

- A. Eastern Ghats
- B. Western Ghats
- C. Himalayan region
- D. Northeast Hills

Answer: B. Western Ghats

The discovery of a new lichen species, *Allographa effusoredica*, in the Western Ghats is a significant achievement in biodiversity research. Indian scientists used classical and molecular methods to identify the species. The discovery highlights the complex symbiotic relationship between fungi and algae in lichens and their ecological importance.

Q.15. Recently which city has been awarded the 'Super Swachhata League Award' in the Annual Swachhata Survey 2024-25?

- A. Delhi
- B. Ghaziabad
- C. Noida
- D. Hyderabad

Answer: C. Noida

In a remarkable achievement, Noida has been awarded the prestigious 'Super Swachhata League Award' in the Swachh Survekshan Awards 2024-25, securing the top position among Indian cities with a population of 3 to 10 lakh. The award was presented by President Draupadi Murmu at a grand ceremony held in New Delhi.

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