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## History of July 16

- ◆ **1856** : Remarriage of Hindu widows was legalised.
- ◆ **1926** : National Geographic took the first natural color photographs of underwater scenes.
- ◆ **1945** : America conducted the first test of atomic bomb
- ◆ **1981** : India conducted a nuclear test.
- ◆ **2002** : A state of emergency was declared in Paraguay.
- ◆ **622** : The beginning of the Muslim era and from that day Prophet Muhammad started his journey from Mecca to Medina.

## Current Affairs Related to 16 July

- ◆ **Abhijeet Chakraborty has been appointed as the MD & CEO of SBI Card.** He is currently the Deputy MD in SBI. He will take over as MD & CEO of SBI Card on 12 August. He will succeed Ram Mohan Rao Amara. Chakraborty will assume his new role at a time when the Indian credit card industry is showing strong growth in terms of volumes and card spends.
- ◆ **The Indian Space Research Organization plans to completely transfer the Small Satellite Launch Vehicle to the private sector soon.** Prior to this, ISRO will launch two development flights of the rocket to provide on-demand services for placing satellites weighing up to 500 kg into low-Earth orbit. The space agency has decided to go for the bidding route to transfer the mini-rockets to industry.
- ◆ **The Supreme Court set aside the Centre's decision to extend the tenure of Enforcement Directorate chief Sanjay Kumar Mishra for the third time.** The Supreme Court declared the order illegal but allowed Sanjay Mishra to continue in office till July 31. A bench of Justices BR Gavai, Vikram Nath and Sanjay Karol said that the extension of tenure is contrary to the 2021 judgment of the Supreme Court bench.
- ◆ **The International Cricket Council announced Sri Lankan spinner Wanindu Hasaranga and Australian women's team all-rounder Ashley Gardner as the recipients of the Player of the Month awards for their stellar performances in June.**
- ◆ **Oil and Natural Gas Corporation has created history by becoming the first Central Public Sector Enterprise in India to receive the Certificate for its Anti-Bribery Management System.** The certificate was awarded by Intercert USA, an internationally recognized certification body. The Oil and Natural Gas Corporation's commitment to combating bribery was first demonstrated in 2005.
- ◆ **Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samman Nidhi Yojana is a centrally sponsored scheme launched by the Department of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare on 1st December 2018 for the benefit of small and marginal farmers with an aim to provide Rs 6000 per year in three installments.**
- ◆ **Bilateral trade in rupees was started by India and Bangladesh. It was launched in Dhaka at an event jointly organized by Bangladesh Bank and the High Commission of India.** India and Bangladesh will trade in the Indian Rupee along with the normal transaction method in the US Dollar. The trade agreement will apply only to exports from Bangladesh amounting to Indian rupees, while the remaining imports from India will be settled in US dollars.
- ◆ **Special squads have been formed to take strict action against pharmaceutical companies manufacturing spurious drugs.** Chemicals and Fertilizers Minister Dr. Mansukh Mandaviya said that the regulatory authorities have started inspection and audit of the plants. Schedule M will be made mandatory for MSME pharma sector in a phased manner. This will help in quality assurance.
- ◆ **Scientists at the Department of Materials Engineering, Indian Institute of Science, have developed a super flexible, composite semiconductor material.** It is a compound semiconductor. Its potential use could be in the next generation of flexible or curved displays and foldable phones and wearable devices.
- ◆ **Net direct tax collection has increased by 16 percent to Rs 4.75 lakh crore in the current financial year so far.** The Income Tax Department said that in the financial year 2023-2024, so far the direct tax collection has reached 26.05 percent of the total budget estimate.
- ◆ **The GST Council has exempted anti-cancer drugs, drugs for rare diseases and food products for special medical purposes from GST.** Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman made the announcement after chairing the GST Council meeting in New Delhi. GST rates on uncooked, unfried extruded snack pellets reduced from 18% to 5%.

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## National & International Current Affairs

1. Recently which bank will introduce UPI QR code for CBDC transactions?

- (A) SBI (B) RBI  
(C) PNB (D) BOI

(B) The Reserve Bank of India is set to implement interoperability between its central bank digital currency and the Unified Payments Interface by the end of this month, according to Deputy Governor T Ravi Shankar. The move will allow customers to use UPI QR codes for transactions using the digital currency.



2. Where is Uttar Pradesh in India in the disposal of cases of crime against women?

- (A) First (B) Second  
(C) The third (D) The fourth

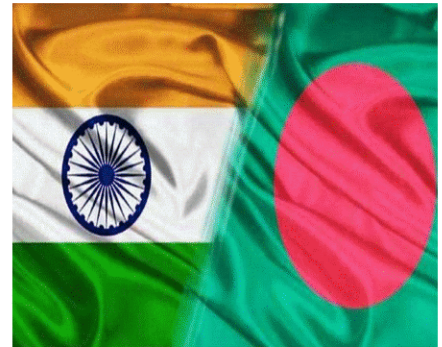
(B) It is also the second state in India in disposal of pending cases of crime against women. It ranks fifth in terms of registration of FIRs and investigation in cases of crime against women. It disposed of 97.80 FIRs registered under IPC Section-376 and POCSO Act.



3. Recently which two countries started business transactions in rupees to reduce dependence on dollar?

- (A) India and America (B) Bangladesh and India  
(C) Japan and Russia (D) China and Sri Lanka

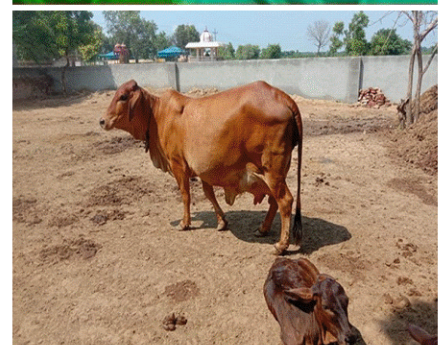
(B) Bangladesh and India have started trading transactions in rupees with an aim to reduce dependence on the US dollar and strengthen the regional currency and trade. This bilateral trade agreement is a significant milestone for Bangladesh, which is moving beyond the US dollar for a trade deal with any foreign country.



4. Recently which state government is planning to set up a micro dairy of Indian cow breeds?

- (A) Bihar (B) Andhra Pradesh  
(C) Kerala (D) Uttar Pradesh

(D) The Yogi government of Uttar Pradesh has brought big news for farmers and herders. The state government has started such a scheme, under which the cattle herders rearing indigenous cows can get a profit of about Rs 40,000. However, by rearing a cow and selling its milk, farmers can earn such a good profit.



5. Recently who has been elected unopposed as the President of Rajasthan Tennis Ball Cricket Association?

- (A) Rajeev Arora (B) Vaibhav Gehlot  
(C) Dharmendra Pradhan (D) CP Joshi

(A) Rajeev Arora became the President of Rajasthan Tennis Ball Cricket Association. The General Elections of Rajasthan Tennis Ball Cricket Association from 2023 to 2027 were held at Hotel Karauli Inn, Karauli Headquarters. Rajeev Arora was made the unopposed president of the Rajasthan Tennis Ball Cricket Association.



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6. Who has recently become the first male archer to win gold in the recurve category in the World Championships?

- (A) Partha Salunkhe (B) Abhishek Sharma  
(C) Vinay Katiyar (D) None of these

(A) Parth Salunkhe became the first Indian to win the Youth World Championship. Parth Salunkhe became the first male archer to win a gold in the recurve event at the Youth World Championships, with India ending the campaign with an all-time high of 11 medals.



7. Which country has recently launched its own computer operating system, OpenKline?

- (A) America (B) Russia  
(C) India (D) China

(D) For the first time, China has introduced its own computer operating system called OpenCylin. The country hopes to reduce its dependence on American technology, and OpenCylin 1.0 has been developed by a group of Chinese companies led by China Electronics Corp.



8. Who has recently inaugurated the Visitors Conference 2023 at Rashtrapati Bhavan?

- (A) Narendra Modi (B) Draupadi Murmu  
(C) Jagdeep Dhankar (D) Amit Shah

(B) The President of India, Smt. Draupadi Murmu inaugurated the Visitors' Conference 2023 at Rashtrapati Bhavan. In his inaugural address, the President said that education is important for the progress of the individual, society and country. For most young people, higher education is the most effective way out of adversity.



9. Recently which country's player Tamim Iqbal has reversed his decision of retirement?

- (A) Bangladesh (B) India  
(C) Pakistan (D) Afghanistan

(A) Bangladesh cricket team's ODI captain Tamim Iqbal announced his sudden retirement from international cricket. But he took back this decision. According to a report, Tamim has withdrawn his retirement after convincing Bangladesh Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.



10. Who has recently been awarded the Philippe Chatrier Award 2023, the highest honor of the International Tennis Federation?

- (A) Novak Djokovic (B) Rafael Nadal  
(C) Victoria Azarcarca (D) Justine Henin

(D) Recently, Belgian tennis player Justine Henin has been awarded the Philippe Chatrier Award 2023, the highest honor of the International Tennis Federation. Justine Henin won seven Grand Slam singles titles, one Olympic gold medal, and was part of the Belgian team that won the Fed Cup, now known as the Billie Jean King Cup, in 2001.



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