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CURRENT AFFAIRS OF JULY 2024

Awards

The 1992 Nobel Peace Prize recipient from Guatemala, who has been conferred the Gandhi Mandela Award 2020 by the Gandhi Mandela Foundation – **Ms. Rigoberta Menchú Tum**

The country which has conferred its highest civilian national award The Order of St. Andrew the Apostle on Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi for his contribution to fostering the ties between the two countries – **Russia**

The Indian actor and film producer who has been chosen to be honoured with Pardo alla Carriera, the Locarno Film Festivals career achievement award – **Shah Rukh Khan**

Defence

The multinational military exercise being conducted by Mongolia from 27th July to 9th August 2024 at Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia is named – **Exercise Khaan Quest**

The multi-national biennial air exercise (over 20 countries including India participating) being conducted by Australia at the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) Base Darwin from 12 July 24 to 02 August 24 is named – Exercise Pitch Black 2024

The joint military exercise between the Indian Army and the Royal Thailand Army, being conducted at Tak Province in Thailand is named – **Exercise Maitree 2024**

The place at which the 16th edition of India-Mongolia Joint Military Exercise NOMADIC ELEPHANT is being conducted from 03rd to 16th July 2024 – **Umroi (Meghalaya)**

The Indian Air Force base in Telangana at which the Weapon Systems School (WSS) for a new branch of officers in the IAF, the Weapon System (WS) branch was inaugurated by Air Chief Marshal VR Chaudhari, Chief of the Air Staff (CAS) – **Begumpet**

Persons

The Maltese politician and incumbent President of the European Parliament who has been re-elected its President for a second 2.5-year term – **Ms. Roberta Metsola**

The German politician and incumbent President of the European Commission who has been re-elected its President for a second five-year term – **Ms. Ursula Gertrud von der Leyen**

The incumbent President of Rwanda who has won the 2024 Rwandan elections for the fourth time – **Mr. Paul Kagame**

The Chairman Emeritus of Kokuyo Camlin, well-known for making Camlin a household stationery brand who passed away on 15 July – **Shri Subhash Dandekar**

The Chairman of Communist Party of Nepal (Unified Marxist–Leninist) who has been appointed as the new Prime Minister of Nepal (fourth stint) on 15 July 2024 – **Shri KP Sharma Oli**

The Iranian cardiac surgeon and reformist politician who has won the 2024 Presidential elections of Iran and is set to become the country's President on 30 July 2024 – **Mr. Masoud Pezeshkian**

The leader of Labour Party who has been elected as the new Prime Minister of United Kingdom – Mr. Keir Starmer

Sports

The former Indian cricketer and national coach who passed away on 31 July 2024 – Anshuman Gaekwad

The Indian tennis legends who have become the first Asian men to be inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame – Vijay Amritraj and Leander Paes

<u>Places</u>

The place in Kerala where massive landslide has resulted in loss of hundreds of lives and immense damage to property – **Wayanad**

The venue of the 46th World Heritage Committee meeting held from 21 to 31 July 2024 - New Delhi

The city of Madhya Pradesh which has set a new Guinness World Record in the category of "the most trees planted by a team in 24 hours" by planting more than 11 lakh saplings – **Indore**

The place in Uttar Pradesh where a stampede at the conclusion of a satsang resulted in the deaths of over 120 people – **Hathras**

Miscellaneous

The historical monument in Delhi at which India's first sunken museum was inaugurated by Union Culture Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat – **Humayun's Tomb**

The mound-burial system of the Ahom dynasty in Assam which has been inscribed on the UNESCO World Heritage List – **Moidams**

Two of the important halls of Rashtrapati Bhavan - namely, Durbar Hall and Ashok Hall have been respectively renamed as – **Ganatantra Mandap and Ashok Mandap**

The date of imposition of emergency in June 1975 which has been chosen by the Govt of India to be observed as Samvidhan Hatya Divas - 25

Wimbledon 2024

Title	Winner	Runner-up
Gentlemen's Singles	Carlos Alcaraz (Spain)	Novak Djokovic (Serbia)
Ladies' Singles	Barbora Krejcikova (Czechia)	Jasmine Paolini (Italy)
Gentlemen's Doubles	Harri Heliovaara (Finland) and Henry	Max Purcell and Jordan
	Patten (UK)	Thompson (Australia)
Ladies' Doubles	Katerina Siniakova (Czechia) and Taylor	Gabriela Dabrowski (Canada)
	Townsend (USA)	and Erin Routliffe (New Zealand)
Mixed Doubles	Jan Zielinski (Poland) and Hsieh Su-wei	Santiago Gonzalez and Guiliana
	(Chinese Taipei)	Olmos (Mexico)

AIFF Awards 2023-24

Men's Player of the Year: Lallianzuala Chhangte

Women's Player of the Year: Indumathi Kathiresan

Promising Men's Player of the Year: David Lalhlansanga

Promising Women's Player of the Year: Neha

Important Days of July 2024

International Day of Co-operatives: 06 July 2024 Designated by: United Nations General Assembly

First observed: 1993

Theme: Cooperatives Building a Better Future for All

World Population Day: 11 July 2024

Designated by: United Nations Development Programme

First observed: 1989

Theme: To Leave No One Behind, Count Everyone

Nelson Mandela International Day: 18 July 2024

Designated by: UN General Assembly

First observed: 2010

International Moon Day: 20 July 2024

Designated by: United Nations General Assembly

First observed: 2022

World Chess Day: 20 July 2024

Designated by: United Nations General Assembly

First observed: 2020

World Drowning Prevention Day: 25 July 2024

Designated by: UN General Assembly

First Observed in: 2021

World Hepatitis Day: 28 July 2024

Designated by: World Health Organisation

First Observed in: 2008 Theme: Its time for action

International Tiger Day: 29 July 2024 Designated by: St Petersburg Tiger Summit

First Observed in: 2010

World Day against Trafficking in Persons: 30 July 2024

Designated by: UN General Assembly

First Observed in: 2014

Theme: Leave No Child Behind in the Fight Against Human Trafficking

New Governors

The following persons have been appointed as the new Governors of Indian states by the President of India.

Rajasthan: Shri Haribhau Kisanrao Bagde

Telangana: Shri Jishnu Dev Verma

Sikkim: Shri Om Prakash Mathur

Jharkhand: Shri Santosh Kumar Gangwar

• Chhattisgarh: Shri Ramen Deka

Meghalaya: Shri C.H. Vijayashankar

• Maharashtra: Shri C.P. Radhakrishnan

Punjab: Shri Gulab Chand Kataria

• Assam and Manipur: Shri Lakshman Prasad Acharya

2024 Women's Twenty20 Asia Cup

Held from: 19 to 28 July 2024

Hosts: Sri Lanka

Number of countries: Eight

Winners: Sri LankaRunners-up: India

Player of the series: Chamari Athapaththu (Sri Lanka)
Most runs: Chamari Athapaththu (304) (Sri Lanka)

• Most wickets: **Deepti Sharma** (10) (India)

UEFA Euro 2024

Date held from 14 June to 14 July 2024

• Host: Germany

Winners: Spain (4th title)
Runners-up: England
Best Player: Rodri (Spain)

Copa America 2024

Date held from 20 June to 14 July 2024

Host: United States

• Winners: **Argentina** (16th title)

• Runners-up: Colombia

• Best Player: James Rodriguez (Colombia)

• Best Goalkeeper: **Emiliano Martinex** (Argentina)