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Important days and Themes – Daily Current Affairs

17th July is observed as World Day for International Justice

- World Day for International Justice is globally observed on 17th
- World Day for International Justice is also known as International Criminal Justice Day or International Justice Day.
- World Day for International Justice is celebrated on 17 July every year to mark the importance of International Criminal Court (ICC) and for the people to pay attention for serious crimes happening around the world.

Extra Shots:

International Criminal Court (ICC): The International Criminal Court is an intergovernmental organization and international tribunal.

- Founded: 1 July 2002, Rome, Italy
- Member states: 122
- Seat: The Hague, Netherlands

Banking Current Affairs

HDFC Bank, CSC launch credit card for village entrepreneurs and small traders

- HDFC Bank and Common Services Centres (CSCs) launched a co-branded ‘Small Business Money-Back Credit Card’.
- This Co-branded credit card is for small traders and village-level entrepreneurs (VLEs).
- The users give easy access to credit for their day-to-day business expenses.
- The card launched by HDFC Bank MD Aditya Puri and CSC Chief Dinesh Kumar Tyagi.

Extra Shots:

HDFC Bank:

- Founded: August 1994

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- Headquarters: Mumbai, Maharashtra, India
- MD: Aditya Puri

National Current Affairs

Govt to increase coal production to one billion tone by 2022-23

- Coal minister Prahlad Josh informed that government is planning to increase the total production of coal in the country to one billion tones by 2022-23.
- All India raw coal production has increased its production from over 462 Metric tonnes in 2013-14 to around 730 metric tonnes in 2018-19.

Extra Shots:

- The Ministry of Coal is an Indian government ministry headquartered in New Delhi.
- Cabinet Minister: Prahlad Josh

India to be free of Tuberculosis by 2025

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi announced that India has fixed a deadline of 2025 for eradicating TB against the global deadline of 2030 and asked MPs to work for its removal.
- He launched the TB Free India Campaign at 'Delhi End TB Summit'.
- Government is implementing a national strategic plan (NSP) to end TB by 2025 with funding of over Rs12,000 crore for the next three years.

Over 1.28 Lakhs Gram Panchayats linked with optical fibre under Bharat Net

- Union Panchayat Raj Minister Narendra Singha Tomar informed Lok Sabha that over one lakh 28 thousand Gram Panchayats linked with optical fibre under Bharat Net programme.

State Current Affairs

Assam Govt to plant sapling spread over 1000 km across NH

- The Assam Government is to plant sapling spread over one thousand kilometres across the National Highways.
- State Forest and Environment Minister Parimal Suklabaidya announced that this initiative is being taken to improve green coverage in the state.

Extra Shots:

- Assam: Capital City (Dispur) CM (Sarbananda Sonowal) Governor (Jagdish Mukhi)

Gujarat CM Vijay Rupani flags off CRPF cycle rally

- Gujarat Chief Minister Vijay Rupani today flagged off the Central Reserve Police Force cycle rally.

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- Five women officers along with 20 other cyclists will travel a distance of 982 kilometres on cycle from Sabarmati Ashram in Ahmedabad to India Gate, New Delhi.
- The cycle rally is being flagged off from the birth place and work place of Mahatma Gandhi.

Extra Shots:

- Gujarat: Capital City(Gandhinagar) CM(Vijay Rupani) Governor(Acharya Dev Vrat)

MP: 1st international flight from Indore leaves for Dubai

- In Madhya Pradesh, the first international flight from Devi Ahilya Bai Holkar International Airport of Indore left for Dubai today with 153 passengers.
- The commander of this maiden international flight was Sunish Kumar Bhargava.
- Air India is operating 162-seater A-320 Neo aircraft on this route.

Extra Shots:

- Madhya Pradesh: Capital City(Bhopal) CM(Kamal Nath) Governor(Anandiben Patel)

International Current Affairs

India and Italy Set Up Fast Track Mechanism To Facilitate Investors And Companies

- India and Italy have decided to set up a fast-track system for companies and investors of both the countries.
- The key objective of the system is to identify and solve problems faced by Italian companies and investors with their operations in India.
- It will provide a platform for discussing general suggestions from the point of view of Italian companies and investors with regard to ease of doing business in India.
- The fast-track system will be reviewed twice a year at the level of secretary, DPIIT and Italian Ambassador in India.

Extra Shots:

- Italy (Capital/Currency): Rome/Euro
- Prime Minister: Giuseppe Conte

Summits and Conferences – Daily Current Affairs

India-Uzbekistan meet on counter-terrorism in New Delhi

- The 8th meeting of India-Uzbekistan Joint Working Group on Counter-Terrorism was held in New Delhi.
- The meeting was co-chaired by Mahaveer Singhvi, Joint Secretary (Counter Terrorism), Ministry of External Affairs and Ambassador Farhod Azriev of Uzbekistan.
- They exchanged views on current counter-terrorism challenges.
- They decided to expand counter terror partnership and strengthen information sharing and capacity building mechanism.

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- The Joint Working Group reviewed threats posed by terrorist groups worldwide and in their respective regions including cross border terrorism.
- The next meeting of the Joint Working Group will be held in Uzbekistan.

Extra Shots:

- Uzbekistan (Capital/Currency): Tashkent/Som
- President: Shavkat Mirziyoyev

China gifts warship 'P625' to Sri Lanka

- China has gifted a Warship to Sri Lanka named 'P625'.
- Frigate 'P625' arrived in Colombo last week.
- 'P625' frigate will be mainly used for offshore patrol, environment monitoring and anti-piracy combats.
- The Type 053 frigate was commissioned into China's People's Liberation Army Navy in 1994 as the Tongling.
- India last year gifted a coast guard off shore patrol vessel (OPV) to Sri Lanka.

Extra Shots:

- China (Capital/Currency): Beijing/Renminbi
- President: Xi Jinping
- Sri Lanka (Capital/Currency): Colombo, Sri Jayawardenepura Kotte/ Sri Lankan rupee
- President: Maithripala Sirisena

Agreements and MoU signed – Daily Current Affairs

Broadband Readiness Index for Indian States And Union Territories

- The Department of Telecom (DoT) and the Indian Council for Research on International Economic Relations (ICRIER) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to develop a Broadband Readiness Index (BRI) for Indian States and Union Territories (UT).
- The first estimate will be made in 2019 and subsequently every year until 2022.
- This index will appraise the condition of the underlying digital infrastructure and related factors at the State/UT level.

Appointment & Resignation – Daily Current Affairs

New Governor of Chhattisgarh and Andhra Pradesh appointed

- President Ram Nath Kovind has appointed Anusuiya Uikey as Governor of Chhattisgarh and Biswa Bhusan Harichandan has been named as Governor of Andhra Pradesh.
- Anusuiya Uikey replaced Anandiben Patel and Biswa Bhusan Harichandan replaced E. S. L. Narasimhan.

Extra shots:

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- Chhattisgarh: Capital City(Raipur) CM(Bhupesh Baghel)
- Andhra Pradesh: Capital City(Amravati) CM(Jaganmohan Reddy)

Justice AK Sikri appointed as judge in Singapore international commercial court (SICC)

- Justice AK Sikri, has been appointed as an international judge of the Singapore international commercial court (SICC).
- Previously he served as Supreme Court judge.
- His appointment will be effective from 1st August and His term will expire on January 4, 2021.

Extra Shots:

Singapore international commercial court (SICC): The Supreme Court of the Republic of Singapore is one of the two tiers of the court system in Singapore.

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Swatantra Dev Singh appointed new BJP chief of UP

- Swatantra Dev Singh has been appointed as the new Uttar Pradesh BJP Chief.
- Swatantra Dev Singh is currently a minister in Yogi Adityanath government.
- Chandrakant Patil is the new chief of the BJP's Maharashtra unit.
- Mangal Prabhat Lodha is the new BJP President of Mumbai.
- Christine Lagarde resigns as managing director of IMF
- International Monetary Fund, IMF managing director Christine Lagarde has resigned as she is nominated to become head of the European Central Bank, ECB.
- Her resignation has been accepted by the IMF Executive Board, which will come into effect from 12 September.

Extra Shots:

IMF: The Supreme Court of the Republic of Singapore is one of the two tiers of the court system in Singapore.

- Headquarters: Washington, D.C., United States
- Managing Director (MD): Christine Lagarde
- Chief Economist: Gita Gopinath
- Membership: 189 countries

European Commission elects first female president

- German Defence Minister Ursula von der Leyen has been elected as the European Commission's first female president.
- Leyen's nomination was approved by 383 votes.

Sports Current Affairs

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21st Commonwealth Table Tennis C'ship begins today

- 21st Commonwealth Table Tennis Championship started today at the Jawaharlal Indoor Stadium in Cuttack, Odisha.
- The event was inaugurated by Odisha Governor Ganeshi Lal.

Extra Shots:

- Odisha: Capital City(Bhubaneswar) CM(Naveen Patnaik) Governor(Ganeshi Lal)

Vijayveer wins his 3rd gold at Junior Shooting World Cup

- Vijayveer Sidhu picked up his third gold medal of the ongoing ISSF Junior World Cup with Rajkanwar Singh Sandhu and Adarsh Singh to clinch the men's 25m pistol event.
- The event was held in Suhl, Germany.
- India won a total of 16 medals after the 3rd day of the event(7 gold 7 Silver and 2 Bronze).
- China is second with 5 Gold 3 Silver and 5 bronze.

Extra Shots:

- Germany (Capital/Currency): Berlin/Euro
- Chancellor: Angela Merkel

Defence Current Affairs

Israel Aerospace signs \$50 million deal with Indian navy

- Israel Aerospace Industries signs \$50 million follow-up deal with Indian Navy.
- Aim: to provide complementary missile systems to the Indian navy and India's MDL Shipyard.
- The agreement involves a range of maintenance and other services for sub-systems of Israel Aerospace's naval medium range surface-to-air missile.

Extra Shots:

- Israel (Capital/Currency): Jerusalem/New Shekel
- Chief of Naval Staff: Admiral Karambir Singh

Awards – Daily Current Affairs

Kiren Rijju confers Arjuna Awards to Rohan Bopanna and Smriti Mandhana

- Sports and Youth Affairs Minister Kiren Rijju conferred Arjuna award to tennis player Rohan Bopanna and women cricketer Smriti Mandhana.
- Bopanna who won the gold medal in tennis men's double category in Asian Games 2018 and Mandhana was the ICC Women's Player of the year 2018.

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Extra Shots:

- Sports and Youth Affairs Minister: Kiren Rijiju

Science & Technology – Daily Current Affairs

Google India's 'Internet Saathi' programme to empower rural women

- Google India's 'Internet Saathi' programme aimed to empower rural women to use the Internet.
- They added two more states namely Punjab and Odisha.
- The programme reached 2.6 lakh villages in 20 states.
- A pilot project in 2015 along with Tata Trusts, 'Internet Saathi' programme
- The main focus is on educating women on how to use the Internet.
- In Punjab, the programme covers around 5,000 villages.
- In Odisha, it will cover over 16,000 villages.

Extra Shots:

Google: Google LLC is an American multinational technology company that specializes in Internet-related services and products, which include online advertising technologies, search engine, cloud computing, software, and hardware.

- Founded: 4 September 1998, Menlo Park, California, United States
- Founders: Larry Page, Sergey Brin
- CEO: Sundar Pichai

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