

Current Affairs

July 16

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Today In History

Find Out What happened On July 16

Important events of July 16

- 1439:** Kissing was banned in England for fear of spreading disease.
- 1465:** War broke out in Montlhery, France.
- 1519:** Public debate between Martin Luther and religious thinker John Eck began at Plassenburg Castle in Leipzig.
- 1661:** The first banknote in Europe was issued by the Swedish bank 'Stockholms Banco'.
- 1683:** Turkish soldiers led by Kara Mustafa reached Vienna.
- 1790:** The US Congress established Columbia.
- 1798:** Department of Public Health Services in America was formed and US Marine Hospital was authorized.
- 1856:** Ishwar Chand Vidyasagar, on the request of Governor Lord Canning, instituted a law announcing the right of Hindu widows for remarriage.
- 1890:** A doctor named Parkinson completed his research on Parkinson's disease and its process of occurrence. The disease was named Parkinson's after him.
- 1894:** The Aoki-Kimberley Treaty was signed between Japan and England.
- 1900:** Russia started an aggressive campaign against the Chinese people in Manchuria.
- 1905:** A decision to boycott British goods was taken at Bagerhat.
- 1909:** Aruna Asaf Ali, social worker and freedom fighter, was born at Kalka in Haryana.
- 1914:** N. E. Balram, communist leader, died.
- 1917:** Jagdishchandra Mathur, modern Hindi playwright, was born.
- 1925:** King Faisal of Iraq established the first parliament in Baghdad.
- 1926:** National Geographic took out natural color photographs of underwater scenes for the first time.
- 1929:** Indian Council of Agricultural Research, an autonomous apex national organization which plans, conducts and promotes research, education, training and transfer of technology for advancement of agriculture and allied sciences, was established. It has 45 Central Research Institutes, 4 National Bureaux, 10 Project Directorates, 30 National Research Centres, 90 All India Coordinated Research Projects, 261 Krishi Vigyan Kendras and 8 Trainers Training Centers.
- 1931:** C. T. Studd, 69, died. He was an English missionary, one of the 'Cambridge Seven,' who worked on the mission field in China, India and Central Africa.
- 1935:** The first automatic parking meter was installed in Oklahoma City, America.
- 1936:** Venkataraman Subramanya, cricketer (Indian bowler in nine Tests mid-60's, Leg Break Googly, Right Arm), was born in Bangalore.
- 1942:** In Paris, the capital of France, the police arrested 13,152 Jews.
- 1945:** America conducted the first test of the atomic bomb.
- 1950:** Uruguay became champion by defeating Brazil in the final of the fourth edition of Football World Cup.

- 1951:** Asian country Nepal became independent from Britain.
- 1954:** French rule ends in Mahe. De facto power was transferred to the people and the Indian flag hoisted.
- 1956:** K. L. Pawar, who guided students for the written examinations, was born.
- 1959:** Suhridkumar Roy, famous geologist, died.
- 1969:** Air Chief Marshal Pratap Chandra Lal, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan, DFC. became the Air Officer Commanding, India Command. He was in this office till 15/01/1973.
- 1969:** Buzz Aldrin became the first person to reach moon with Apollo-11 spacecraft and the photo of his first step on the moon was broadcast.
- 1969:** Morarji Desai resigns from cabinet.
- 1970:** Constitution came into force in Iraq.
- 1979:** Iraqi President Ahmed Hassan al-Bakr resigned and was replaced by Saddam Hussein.
- 1981:** India performs nuclear Test.
- 1990:** O.P.Chautala resigns following directive from JD.
- 1990:** 400 people died in the Philippines in an earthquake of 7.7 magnitude.
- 1990:** Ukraine declared independence.
- 1991:** Railway budget hikes passenger fares by 15-20% and freight up by 10%.
- 1992:** Shankar Dayal Sharma is appointed President.
- 1992:** Amar Varma, Hindi author, producer and director, died.
- 1993:** Russia cancels cryogenic rocket deal with India.
- 1993:** A member of Britain's intelligence service, MI5, formally revealed his identity to the public for the first time by getting photographed.
- 1996:** Narasimha Rao moves Delhi High Court seeking quashing of the summons issued against him by the Chief Metropolitan Magistrate in the Lakhubhai Pathak cheating case.
- 1996:** Supreme Court says dowry demand even during marriage talks is an offense.
- 1996:** The four basic states of Narmada valley - Madhya Pradesh, Rajasthan, Gujarat, Maharashtra - reach agreement to raise the height of Sardar Sarovar dam in Gujarat to 436' after which hydrological studies will be done for 5 years to decide whether the height should be raised to the awarded 455'.
- 1997:** Kamal Hassan gets best actor award for "Indian" while Tabu bags best actress award for "Maachis".
- 1997:** V. S. Rama Devi, Secretary-General of Rajya Sabha, appointed Governor of Himachal Pradesh.
- 1999:** 17 are killed and over 200 injured when the Delhi bound GT Express collides with derailed wagons of a goods train near Mathura.
- 1999:** John F. Kennedy's son John F. Kennedy Jr. died in a plane crash.
- 2001:** Jacques Rogge (Belgium) became the eighth president of the International Olympic Committee.
- 2002:** A state of emergency was declared in Paraguay.
- 2003:** Pakistan, Saudi Arabia and 53 other Islamic countries agreed to recognize Israel by 2005.
- 2004:** China conducted its first online air defense exercise in Tianjin, the largest coastal city in North China.
- 2006:** The United Nations Security Council passed a resolution to impose sanctions on Korea.
- 2007:** Bangladesh's former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina Wajid was arrested in a money laundering case.
- 2007:** Eight people died and 800 were injured in a 6.8 magnitude earthquake off the coast of Niigata, Japan. A nuclear power station was also destroyed.
- 2008:** Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair canceled his proposed visit to the Gaza region.
- 2015:** Scientists released close-up images of the planet Pluto.

Famous People born on July 16

- 1723:** *Joshua Reynolds, an English painter.*
- 1896:** *Famous labor leader, state official, Norwegian politician and well-known writer Trygve Lie was born.*
- 1909:** *Aruna Asaf Ali, one of the prominent women who contributed to the Indian freedom struggle, was born.*
- 1913:** *Swami Shantanand Saraswati, Shankaracharya of the Jyotir Math monastery.*
- 1917:** *Famous playwright Jagdish Chandra Mathur was born.*