

Current Affairs

July 18

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<https://tass.com/politics/1818603>
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<https://medicine.wustl.edu/news/mushrooms-generate-psychedelic-experience-by-disrupting-brain-network/>
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<https://www.qmul.ac.uk/media/news/2024/se/ancient-microbes-offer-clues-to-how-complex-life-evolved.html>
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Today In History

Find Out What happened On July 18

Important events of July 18

- *Nelson Mandela International Day*
- **1290:** King Edward of England ordered the expulsion of Jews.
- **1630:** Spanish troops captured the Italian province of Mantua.
- **1634:** Johannes Camphuys, Governor General of Dutch-Indies (1684-91), was born.
- **1695:** Johannes Camphuys, Governor General of Dutch-Indies, died at the age of 61.
- **1737:** Turkish forces defeated Austria during the battle of Benja Luka.
- **1743:** The first half-page advertisement in the world was published in the weekly newspaper *New York*.
- **1781:** Britain's famous astronomer William Herschel discovered the reality of the Milky Way.
- **1857:** The Calcutta, Mumbai and Madras Universities were established.
- **1872:** The Secret Ballot Act came into force in Britain. Before this, voting was done openly.
- **1907:** French troops captured Casablanca.
- **1908:** Fourteen thousand mill workers go on strike at Bombay.
- **1909:** Vishnu Dey, Gyanpeeth award and famous Bengali poet, was born.
- **1925:** Adolf Hitler published an autobiographical book, *Mein Kampf*.
- **1931:** The first air-conditioned water ship 'Mariposa' started.
- **1932:** The unity treaty between European countries Belgium, Luxembourg and Holland was signed.
- **1943:** The British army attacked the Italian city of Catania.
- **1944:** The British troops occupied the Bordeaux mountain range of Normandy.
- **1946:** U.K. Parliament approves the British Cabinet mission report on India but Churchill says that the mission went too far in offering India independence outside of the Commonwealth.
- **1947:** The Indian Independence Bill was introduced in the British Parliament on July 4, 1947, based on the Mountbatten Plan presented on June 3, 1947. It was approved by the emperor on 18 July 1947.
- **1951:** Uruguay accepted the Constitution.
- **1951:** Jersey Joe Walcott became the oldest heavyweight champion.
- **1953:** Riots against increase in streetcar fares continue with demonstrators taking control of parts of Calcutta.
- **1955:** For the first time, electricity produced from nuclear energy was sold commercially.
- **1963:** The military coup failed in Syria.
- **1968:** Intel Corporation was established in Santa Clara, California.
- **1973:** Monarchy ended in Afghanistan and a republic was established.
- **1977:** Vietnam became a member of the United Nations.
- **1978:** Two-day official talks between Egypt and Israel began.
- **1980:** Second Experimental launch of Space Launch Vehicle -3 (SLV-3) by Indian made 35 kilogram

Rohini satellite (RS-1) successfully placed in orbit. It was used for measuring in-flight performance of second experimental launch of SLV-3. The launch took from Sriharikota and India became the sixth nation to put a satellite into orbit.

- 1980:** *Madras Doordarshan Centre transmitted their first color transmission for one hour in the afternoon, and this programme was re-transmitted simultaneously by Delhi Doordarshan, India.*
- 1980:** *Naoomal Jeomal, cricketer (3 Tests for India 1932-34, 108 runs), died.*
- 1985:** *Soviet Russia conducted an underground nuclear test.*
- 1987:** *Amitabh Bachchan resigns his Lok Sabha membership.*
- 1987:** *Arun Singh, union minister of state for defense, resigns from the cabinet.*
- 1990:** *Following the end of six months Governor's rule, President's rule imposed in J&K.*
- 1992:** *Kanandevi, famous Bengali actress, passed away.*
- 1992:** *A picture of Les Horribles Cernrttes was taken, which became the first-ever photo posted on the World Wide Web.*
- 1993:** *Dr. Banoo Coyaji, 75, gets Magsaysay Award for Public Service.*
- 1993:** *India beats France 3-2 in a sensational Davis Cup tie to enter into the semi-final.*
- 1993:** *Jayalalitha goes on fast on Cauvery issue.*
- 1993:** *Rail, road traffic disrupted.*
- 1993:** *Girilal Jain, 71, The Times of India editor, died.*
- 1994:** *Munis Raza, famous educationist and former Chancellor of Delhi University, passed away.*
- 1994:** *Brazil won the World Cup Football Championship for the fourth time.*
- 1996:** *Union Finance Ministry gives final clearance to the Enron power project in terms of issuance of counter-guarantee.*
- 1997:** *Fifth Pay Commission report approved by Central Govt.*
- 1998:** *The Maharashtra Government bans the controversial Marathi play on Nathuram Godse, assassin of Mahatma Gandhi. It was produced by Mr. Udhay Dhurat.*
- 1999:** *Palestine's Osama Barham was freed by Israel after being imprisoned for about 6 years.*
- 2000:** *Ratu Josefa Iloilo sworn in as President of Fiji.*
- 2002:** *6 killed, 40 injured in bomb blast in Tel Aviv.*
- 2002:** *Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam was elected as the 12th President of the country.*
- 2002:** *To expand on road improvement, Asian Development Bank approved aid of \$200 million to Chhattisgarh.*
- 2003:** *Y. Venugopal Reddy became the new Governor of Reserve Bank.*
- 2004:** *America waived off Pakistan's debt of \$500 million.*
- 2005:** *After Manmohan-Bush talks, the US administration decided to lift the restrictions imposed on the supply of nuclear energy and high technology to India.*

- 2007:** *World famous American agricultural scientist Norman Borlaug, who is known as the father of Green Revolution in India, Pakistan and Mexico, was awarded the Congressional Gold Medal.*
- 2008:** *Indian-origin Salman Rushdie made a record of signing one thousand books in 57 minutes during a promotional tour.*
- 2012:** *Kim Jong Un was officially appointed the supreme leader of North Korea and was given the rank of Marshal in the Korean People's Army.*

Famous People born on July 18

- 1811:** *William Makepeace Thackeray, an English novelist, author, and illustrator.*
- 1848:** *Maharaja Sir Pratap Singh, the Maharaja of Jammu and Kashmir.*
- 1861:** *India's first female graduate and first female physician Kadambini Ganguly was born.*

- 1909:** *Bishnu Dey, a Bengali poet, and writer.*
- 1918:** *Nobel Prize-winning former South African President Nelson Mandela was born.*
- 1919:** *Maharaja Jayachamarajendra Wadiyar, the twenty-fifth maharaja of the Kingdom of Mysore.*
- 1922:** *American philosopher of science Thomas Kuhn was born.*
- 1927:** *Mehdi Hasan, a Pakistani ghazal singer and playback singer.*
- 1935:** *69th Shankaracharya Jayendra Saraswati of Saraswati Kanchi Math was born.*
- 1946:** *India's famous litterateur Rajesh Joshi was born.*
- 1950:** *Richard Branson, an English business magnate, investor, author, and former philanthropist.*
- 1955:** *Pradeep Kumar Sinha, the 31st Cabinet Secretary of India.*