

# Current Affairs 17th July 2024

## National News

### 1. UGC's ASMITA Project: 22,000 Indian Language Books to Transform Higher Education



- The Ministry of Education and the University Grants Commission (UGC) have launched ASMITA (Augmenting Study Materials in Indian Languages through Translation and Academic Writing), aiming to develop 22,000 books in Indian languages over the next five years.

## International News

### 2. Serum Institute Rolls Out New High Efficacy Malaria Vaccine In Africa



- The Serum Institute of India, in collaboration with the University of Oxford, has introduced a high-quality malaria vaccine in Africa, with Côte d'Ivoire being the first to administer it.

### 3. India Shines At 35th International Biology Olympiad 2024 In Kazakhstan



- The Indian team achieved remarkable success, winning one gold medal and three silver medals at the 35th International Biology Olympiad in Kazakhstan.

### 4. Paul Kagame Re-elected for Fourth Term as Rwandan President



- Paul Kagame has been re-elected with 99.15% of the votes in Rwanda's 2024 presidential election.

## States News

### 5. Sawan Begins With Harela Festival In Uttarakhand 2024



- The Harela festival, marking the beginning of Sawan, is celebrated across Uttarakhand, symbolizing prosperity and well-being.

## 6. Asia's First Health Research "Pre-Clinical Network Facility" Inaugurated in Faridabad



- Asia's inaugural health research-related "Pre-clinical Network Facility" has been inaugurated in Faridabad, focusing on handling BSL3 pathogens.

## Appointments News

### 7. Supreme Court Gets 2 New Judges, First From Manipur



- Justices N Kotiswar Singh and R Mahadevan have been appointed to the Supreme Court, with Justice Singh being the first from Manipur.

## Economy News

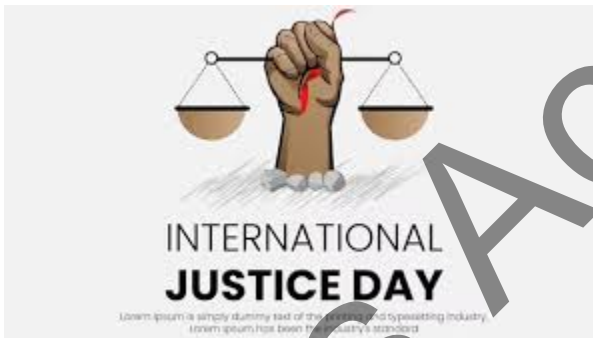
### 8. IMF Raises India's GDP Forecast to 7% for 2024-25



- The IMF has increased India's GDP growth forecast to 7% for the fiscal year 2024-25, citing improved consumption prospects.

## Important Days

### 9. World Day for International Justice 2024



- Observed on July 17, this day promotes international criminal justice and the fight against impunity for serious crimes.

## Books and Authors News

### 10. Tim Walker's "The Prisoner of Bhopal": A Novel Commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Bhopal Gas Tragedy



- Tim Walker has published a historical fiction novel titled “The Prisoner of Bhopal,” commemorating the 40th anniversary of the Bhopal gas tragedy.

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