

Current Affairs - July 13, 2024

****International News****

1. ****First Woman Chief Justice of Lahore Takes Oath****



- Justice Aalia Neelum took oath as the Chief Justice of the Lahore High Court on July 11, 2024. She is the first woman to hold this position in Lahore, Pakistan. The oath was administered by Punjab Governor Sardar Saleem Haider Khan, and Punjab's first woman Chief Minister, Maryam Nawaz, was present.

****State News****

2. ****World's Largest Ramayan Temple Construction in Bihar****



- The construction of the "world's largest Ramayan temple" in East Champaran district, Bihar, has entered its second phase. Named Viraat Ramayan Mandir, it aims to surpass the recently constructed Ram Mandir in Ayodhya.

3. ****First Disabled University in East India at Ranchi, Jharkhand****



- The Jharkhand government plans to open the first university for physically challenged students in eastern India, in Ranchi. The university will offer specialized education for students with disabilities..

****Ranks and Reports****

4. ****NITI Aayog Releases SDG India Index 2023-24****



- The SDG India Index 2023-24 showed significant progress on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) with India's composite score improving to 71, reflecting advances in poverty eradication, economic growth, climate action, and biodiversity conservation.

****Schemes News****

5. ****Government to Launch 'AgriSURE' Fund****



- The Government of India will launch the 'Agri Fund for Start-Ups & Rural Enterprises' (AgriSURE) to support start-ups in agriculture. The fund will be Rs 750 crore and will offer both equity and debt support for high-risk, high-impact agricultural activities.

****Sports News****

6. **James Anderson Retires from Test Cricket**



- James Anderson, the veteran English fast bowler, announced his retirement from Test cricket at Lord's Cricket Ground in London. His career spanned 21 years.

****Tests****: Matches - 187, Wickets - 704

****ODIs****: Matches - 194, Wickets - 269

****T20Is****: Matches - 19, Wickets - 18

****Awards News****

7. **Tamil Nadu Professor Honored with Hans von Hentig Award**

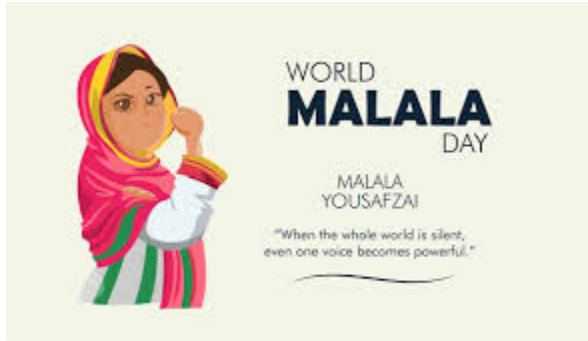


- Retired professor K. Chockalingam from Tamil Nadu received the Hans von Hentig Award for his contributions to victimology. Victimology is the study of victims of crime, including the

psychological effects on victims, the interactions between victims and the criminal justice system, and the relationships between victims and offenders.

****Important Days****

8. ****Malala Day 2024****



- Malala Day is celebrated on July 12 to honor Malala Yousafzai's fight for girls' education.

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