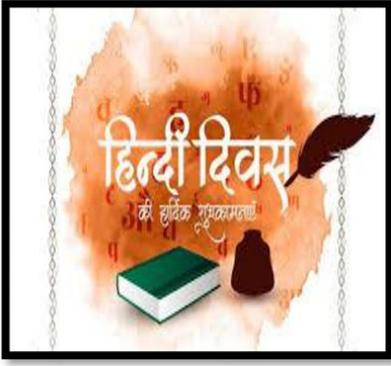


## Today in History on 14 SEP

### ➤ 14 September: Hindi got the status of official language



After independence, a big question arose about language in our country which has many dialects and languages. Finally, on 14

September 1949, Hindi was given the status of official language.

Although initially both Hindi and English were chosen as the language of the new nation and the Constituent Assembly accepted Hindi with Devanagari script as well as English as the official language, but on this day in 1949, the Constituent Assembly declared Hindi as the official

### ➤ 1960: Mineral oil producing countries together established OPEC.

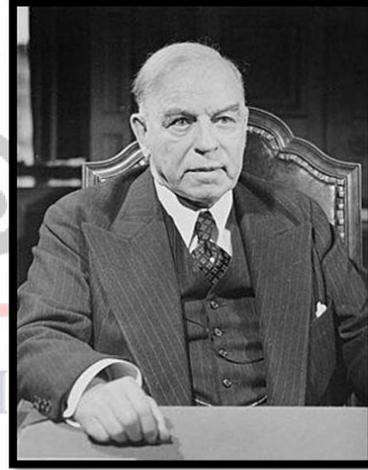


OPEC (Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries) is the abbreviation

of Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries. It is a permanent, intergovernmental organization, which was formed by Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia and Venezuela at the Baghdad Conference on September 14, 1960.

By increasing the price of crude oil produced by these countries, more profits can be earned and stability in international crude oil prices can be ensured

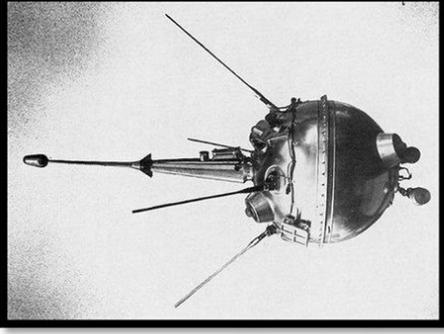
### ➤ 1901: American President William Mackenzie shot dead.



McKinley was shot on September 6, 1901, in Buffalo, New York, as he shook hands with people after giving a speech. A man shot him twice in the chest at close range.

He was succeeded by Vice President Theodore Roosevelt as President. Leon F. McKinley, 28, of Detroit, pleaded guilty to the shooting. He was sentenced to death by electrocution on October 29, 1901.

### ➤ 1959: Soviet Union's spacecraft landed on the surface of the Moon for the first time.



The world's first spacecraft to land on the moon was Luna-2, which touched the surface of

the moon on 14 September 1959. It is also called Lunik-2.

The Soviet Union i.e. Russia got this success after a lot of efforts. This was the second spacecraft launched under the Soviet Union's Luna Project. Luna-2 is considered to be the first man-made object to

➤ **2008: Aeroflot plane crashes at Perm airport in Russia. All 88 people on board the plane died.**



A passenger plane flying from Moscow to the Ural mountain city of Perm

crashed while preparing to land in the early hours, killing all 88 people on board.

There were no signs of terrorism in the crash of the Boeing-737-500 aircraft, which crashed on the outskirts of the local city, a spokeswoman for the Russian Emergency Situations Ministry said.

## Important NEWS on 14 SEP 2024

➤ **Cabinet Approves ₹2,000-Crore 'Mission Mausam'**



The Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister

Narendra Modi, approved 'Mission Mausam' on September, 2024, with an outlay of ₹2,000 crore over two years.

The mission, led by the Ministry of Earth Sciences, aims to enhance research and development in atmospheric sciences and improve weather forecasting and management.

The initiative will integrate advanced observation systems, high-performance computing, and technologies such as artificial intelligence and machine learning to set new standards in weather prediction.

➤ **BioE3 Policy: Fostering High-Performance Biomanufacturing in India**



The Union Cabinet of India, under the

This initiative is under the Pradhan Mantri Matsya Kisan Samridhi Sah-Yojana (PM-MKSSY), a sub-scheme of Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), enabling fish workers to access benefits like institutional credit, performance grants, and aquaculture insurance.

leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, has approved a groundbreaking policy aimed at revolutionizing the country's biotechnology sector.

The BioE3 Policy (Biotechnology for Economy, Environment and Employment) sets the stage for fostering high-performance biomanufacturing, positioning India at the forefront of global biotechnological innovation.

### ➤ New Scheme to Provide 'Digital Identities' to Fisheries Industry Workers



The Union Minister Shri Rajeev Ranjan Singh unveiled

a series of initiatives aimed at transforming India's fisheries sector. A key highlight was the launch of the National Fisheries Development Program (NFDP) portal, which will provide digital identities to fisheries industry workers and enterprises across the value chain.

### ➤ Indian Origin lecturer win the prize for literature in Singapore



Prasanthi Ram (32), who was an Indian origin lecturer from the University

of Nanyang technological University won the Singapore literature prize for English fiction for her short story -'Nine Yard Sarees' and it was her debut work which was published at the end of year 2023.

### ➤ Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi Inaugurates SEMICON India 2024



inaugurated SEMICON India 2024 at India Expo Mart in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, on September, 2024.

Expressing gratitude to the Semiconductor members, PM Modi said that India is the eighth country to host such a global semiconductor event.

### ➤ Switzerland crowned as best country in the world



it is found that Switzerland was crowned as the best country in the world. Switzerland achieved this fate in the third year successively. This year India drops three positions with respect to last year to 33.

Top 05 countries in the survey

- 1- Switzerland
- 2- Japan
- 3- United States

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi

4- Canada

5- Australia

### ➤ West Bengal to set up 5 POCSO court



Recent horrific incident in West Bengal hospital which shook

the nation, aftermath of this case West Bengal cabinet proposes to set up a POCSO (Protection of children from sexual offenses) Fast track special court to fast track the cases related to these cases.

Fast-track special courts (FTSCs) are more efficient than other courts in disposing of rape cases and cases related to Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act.

### Current affairs MCQS on 14 SEP 2024

Q.1. What is "Mikania micrantha" that was in news recently?

- (a) New TB vaccine
- (b) Synthetic food colour
- (c) Invasive weed
- (d) Pesticides

Answer: (c) Invasive weed

An invasive weed called Mikania micrantha is spreading rapidly in the Bhadra Tiger Reserve, threatening its biodiversity. It is a perennial, fast-growing climbing plant native to Central and South America. Mikania is invasive in Southeast Asia, India and the Pacific Islands. Introduced to India in the 1940s for tea plantations, it has now become a serious threat to crops and forests. It thrives in areas with high fertility, moisture and humidity. Mikania kills other plants by blocking light and smothering them. It produces chemicals that inhibit plant growth and spreads rapidly through wind-borne seeds and roots.

**Q.2. Who has recently won the '4th Intercontinental Cup Men's Football Championship'?**

- (a) India
- (b) Syria
- (c) Afghanistan
- (d) Mauritius

**Answer: (b) Syria**

The 4th Intercontinental Cup men's football championship concluded with a resounding victory for Syria as they beat defending champions India by a decisive 3-0 in the final round-robin match. Held at the GMC Balayogi Gachibowli Stadium in Hyderabad, Telangana, the tournament saw Syria dominating the competition throughout.

**Q.3. Which country has joined the International Solar Alliance as the 101st member?**

- (a) Nepal
- (b) Vietnam

- (c) Japan
- (d) Morocco

**Answer : (a) Nepal**

Nepal has become the 101st country to join the International Solar Alliance (ISA) as a full member. Nepal submitted its letter of ratification to the ISA in New Delhi, the Ministry of External Affairs said in a post on social media. The letter of ratification was exchanged during a meeting between Nepal's Charge d'Affaires Dr Surendra Thapa and Abhishek Singh, Joint Secretary (ED & MER) in the Ministry of External Affairs.

**Q.4. Who has recently been elected as the Chairman of the 'Parliamentary Official Language Committee'?**

- (a) Amit Shah
- (b) Rajnath Singh
- (c) Ajit Bansal
- (d) Ashwini Vaishnav

**Answer: (a) Amit Shah**

Union Home Minister and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah has been unanimously re-elected as the Chairman of the Parliamentary Official Language Committee. After the formation of the new government, a meeting of the committee was held in New Delhi to reconstitute the Parliamentary Official Language Committee. During the meeting, Shri Amit Shah was elected as the Chairman of the Committee. Shri Amit Shah has also been the Chairman of the Committee from 2019 to 2024. The Union Home Minister expressed his gratitude to all the members of the Parliamentary Official Language

Committee for unanimously re-electing him as the Chairman.

**Q.5. Who has recently become India's first Asian school student champion?**

- (a) Deepali Thapa
- (b) Anushka Singh
- (c) Jiya Raj
- (d) Payal Chhabra

**Answer: (a) Deepali Thapa**

India won seven women's titles at the ongoing Asian Championships in Al Ain, UAE. Young boxer Deepali Thapa, competing in the 33kg category, defeated Anelia Ordabek of Kazakhstan in the semi-finals and dominated Lyudmila Vasilchenko of Ukraine in the final to win the title, displaying superior technique and control.

**Q.6. Recently, in the 54th GST Council meeting, the GST on cancer medicines has been reduced from 12% to how much recently?**

- (a) 07%
- (b) 05%
- (c) 08%
- (d) 09%

**Answer: (b) 05%**

Many important decisions were taken in the 54th meeting of the GST Council chaired by Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman. The Council has reduced the GST rate on cancer medicines from 12 percent to 5 percent. GST on selected namkeen has been reduced from 18 percent to 12 percent. On this occasion, the Finance Minister said that the decision to reduce the GST rate on cancer medicines has been

taken with the aim of reducing the cost of cancer treatment.

**Q.7. Recently, in which state, divisions, districts and tehsils will be demarcated afresh?**

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Madhya Pradesh

**Answer: (d) Madhya Pradesh**

The Madhya Pradesh government has constituted a delimitation commission to redraw the boundaries of divisions, districts and tehsils in the state. The government says that the boundaries of districts and divisions are being redrawn for the convenience of the public. The state government constituted a three-member delimitation commission. Retired Additional Chief Secretary Manoj Srivastava has been made the chairman of the commission. Chief Minister Dr. Mohan Yadav said that citizens will be able to give suggestions to this commission.

**Q.8. Recently, in which state, the first 'silicon carbide' facility has been inaugurated?**

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Goa
- (d) Gujarat

**Answer: (a) Odisha**

Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi recently led the bhoomipujan ceremony for India's first silicon carbide manufacturing

facility. Developed by RIR Power Electronics Ltd, this flagship project is being set up at EMC Park in Info Valley, Bhubaneswar with a significant investment of Rs 620 crore.

**Q.9. Recently, the critically endangered oblong turtle species has been seen in which state?**

- (a) Haryana
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Karnataka

**Answer: (a) Haryana**

The elongated tortoise (*Indotestudo elongata*) was recently spotted in Haryana's Damdama area during a research survey in the Aravallis. It is medium-sized with a yellowish-brown or olive shell and black blotches on each scute. During the breeding season, it develops a pink ring around its nostrils, and mature individuals show pinkish color around the nostrils and eyes. It is found in Sal deciduous and hilly evergreen forests across Southeast Asia, including parts of India, Nepal, Bhutan, and Bangladesh. Its IUCN status is Critically Endangered, and it is listed in CITES Appendix II.

**Q.10. Recently, the Prime Minister of India inaugurated SEMICON India 2024 at India Expo Mart in which city?**

- (a) Greater Noida
- (b) Bhopal
- (c) Jaipur
- (d) Gandhinagar

**Answer: (a) Greater Noida**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated SEMICON India 2024 in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh. SEMICON India 2024 provides a platform for global semiconductor leaders, industry and government officials to connect. The event is organized by SEMI in collaboration with Munich India and supported by MeitY. The theme is "Shaping the Semiconductor Future." India's electronics sector is currently worth \$150 billion, with a target of \$500 billion by 2030.

**Q.11. Recently, which country will make a law to fix the minimum age for the protection of children on social media?**

- (a) China
- (b) Singapore
- (c) Australia
- (d) Japan

**Answer: (c) Australia**

The Australian government announced it will introduce legislation to set a minimum age to restrict children's access to social media by the end of this year. Prime Minister Anthony Albanese said the government will soon begin testing age verification technology to ban children from social media accounts.

**Q.12. Recently, All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) has recently inaugurated Tobacco Prevention Clinic (TCC) in which city?**

- (a) Jabalpur
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Indore
- (d) Jaipur

**Answer: (b) New Delhi**

All India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS) inaugurated a dedicated Tobacco Cessation Clinic (TCC) in New Delhi. The TCC is a collaborative effort between the National De-Addiction Treatment Centre (NDDTC) and the Department of Pulmonary Critical Care and Sleep Medicine. The primary objective of this initiative is to help individuals suffering from tobacco addiction. Inaugurating the clinic, Dr M Srinivas, Director, AIIMS Delhi said that the TCC is an important step towards creating a healthy environment under the Tobacco Free AIIMS initiative.

**Q.13. Recently, which country has recognized 750 new species including laughing frog?**

- (a) Australia
- (b) China
- (c) Japan
- (d) England

**Answer: (a) Australia**

Australia's National Species List has been updated with 750 newly recognised species, reflecting the country's rich biodiversity. Some notable new species include a frog that sounds like laughter, a sea worm named after Sir David Attenborough, and a spider inspired by Tom Hardy's character, Venom.

**Q.14. Recently, Grand Master Mitrabha Guha won which medal in the Commonwealth Rapid Chess Championship in Sri Lanka?**

- (a) Bronze
- (b) Gold

(c) Silver

(d) None of the above

**Answer: (b) Gold**

Indian chess players performed brilliantly in the Commonwealth Rapid Chess Championship, winning three medals. Grandmaster Mitraba Guha won the gold medal, GM Panneerselvam Iniyan won the silver medal and GM Laxman Rajaram won the bronze medal. All of the 14 Indian participants finished in the top 30, with Shyam Nikhil P, Sayantan Das and Hari Madhavan NB performing well.

**Q.15. Who will organize the second "Asia Pacific Ministerial Conference" on Civil Aviation?**

- (a) Sri Lanka
- (b) China
- (c) India
- (d) Japan

**Answer: (c) India**

India will host the 2nd Asia-Pacific Ministerial Conference on Civil Aviation in New Delhi. Addressing the media in New Delhi, Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu said India is aiming to drive regional aviation growth and sustainability. Mr Naidu said India is positioning itself to become a country that will become the third largest domestic aviation market globally as a major hub for maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) services, cargo operations and overall regional aviation. He also highlighted the ongoing development of new greenfield airports and progressive policies such as UDAN that encourage regional air connectivity.