

## Today in History on 17 SEP

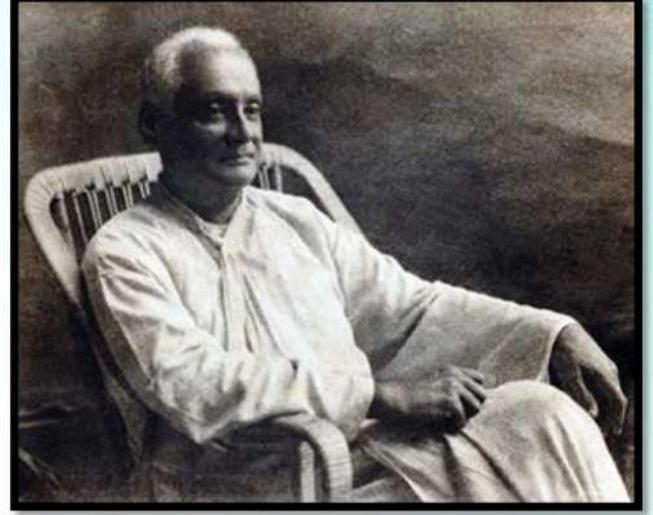
- 1598: Dutch sailors discover Mauritius.



Arabs arrived before the 10th century, Malays in the 15th century and the Portuguese in the early 1500s.

It was captured by the Dutch in 1598, who named it after Maurice of Nassau, who was then stadtholder, or chief magistrate, of the Netherlands. The Dutch left in 1710, and the French took over in 1715 and renamed it Isle de France. Mauritius gained independence on March 12, 1968. The Mauritius Labour Party (MLP), headed by Sir Seewoosagur Ramgoolam, ruled Mauritius during the first 14 years of independence.

- 1867: Gaganendranath Tagore was born on 17 September 1867.



Gaganendranath Tagore (17 September 1867 – 14 February 1938) was an Indian painter and cartoonist of the Bengal School. Along with his brother Abanindranath Tagore, he was considered one of the early modern artists of India. Gaganendranath received no formal education, but trained under watercolour artist Harinarayan Bandopadhyay. In 1907, along with his brother Abanindranath he founded the Indian Society of Oriental Art.

- 1948: Hyderabad State merged with India.



After surrender on 17 September, Hyderabad State's Prime Minister Layak Ali and Razakar Militia Chief Qasim Rizvi were arrested. On 23 September, Nizam withdrew his complaint to the Security Council and announced the merger of Hyderabad State with the Indian Union. Major General J N Choudhary was appointed as the Military Governor of Hyderabad.

He remained on this post till 1949. On 24 November 1949, Nizam announced that the Constitution of India would be the Constitution of Hyderabad and on 26 January 1950, Hyderabad State became a regular part of India.

➤ **1994: Jeff Bezos founded the e-commerce website Amazon.**



Amazon is an American multinational technology company that focuses on e-commerce, cloud computing, and digital streaming.

It has been referred to as "one of the world's most influential economic and cultural forces", and is one of the world's most valuable brands. Amazon was founded by Jeff Bezos from his garage in Bellevue, Washington in 1994. Initially

an online marketplace for books, it has expanded into multiple product categories

➤ **2004: European Parliament passes resolution imposing sanctions on Maldives**



Expressing its deep concern at the worsening political crisis in the Maldives, the European Parliament through a resolution urged the EU Council to impose targeted sanctions against key officials of the Maldives government and supporters of the local business community.

## Important NEWS on 17 SEP 2024

➤ **Oscar Piastri Claims Maiden Victory at Azerbaijan Grand Prix**

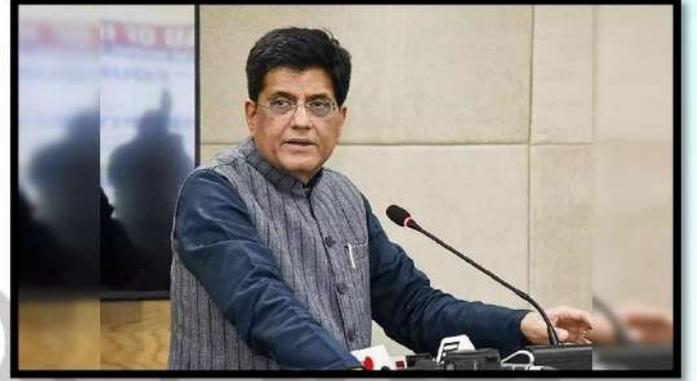


Oscar Piastri Claims Maiden Victory at Azerbaijan Grand Prix

Oscar Piastri of McLaren secured his first Formula 1 victory at the Azerbaijan Grand Prix, marking a significant milestone in his career. The race, held at the Baku City Circuit, concluded under a virtual safety car due to a late crash, adding an element of drama to the final moments.

programming, rolled out the red carpet for the second time in just one year, creating a buzz of excitement among TV enthusiasts and industry professionals alike.

### ➤ To Resolve Exporters Issue Piyush Goyal Unveils Portal



Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal, launched the 'Jan Sunwai portal', which is an online platform of the Department of commerce, designed to streamline communication between stakeholders and authorities. Along with this, another portal Export Trade Guarantee Corporation (ECGC) was also launched. This portal will allow MSME sectors to avail 90% insurance cover for loan limits up to Rs 80 crore.

### ➤ Emmy Awards 2024, Complete List of Winners



The 76th Primetime Emmy Awards ceremony, held at the Peacock Theater in Los Angeles on September, 2024, marked a significant event in the television industry.

### ➤ Cristiano Ronaldo, Breaking Barriers in Social Media

This prestigious award show, honouring excellence in primetime television



Cristiano Ronaldo, the football icon, has once again proven his unparalleled global appeal by achieving a remarkable milestone in the world of social media. His ability to captivate audiences extends far beyond the football pitch, making him a beloved figure even among those who don't actively follow the sport.

In an unprecedented development, Cristiano Ronaldo has become the first person in the world to have over 1 billion followers across various social media platforms.

### ➤ VINETRA Commissioned at INS Satavahana, Visakhapatnam



The Kalvari Submarine Escape Training Facility (VINETRA) was commissioned by Vice Admiral Rajesh Pendharkar, the Flag Officer Commanding-in-chief, Eastern Naval Command, at INS Satavahana, Visakhapatnam. The facility is aimed at enhancing crew escape capabilities from the distressed Kalvari-class submarine and has been indigenously designed and developed in line with the Atmanirbhar Bharat initiative, highlighting India's focus on self-reliance in defence capabilities.

### ➤ Navika Sagar Parikrama II



Navika Sagar Parikrama II, led by Indian Navy officers Lt Cdr Roopa A and Lt Cdr Dilna K, is set to continue India's rich sailing tradition with a historic all-women expedition to circumnavigate the globe aboard INSV Tarini. This voyage celebrates maritime skill and gender equality, showcasing the Indian Navy's commitment to preserving maritime heritage and promoting seamanship.

### ➤ World Patient Safety Day 2024



World Patient Safety Day (WPSD), observed annually on 17 September, aims to raise global awareness about patient safety and call for solidarity and united action by all countries and international partners to reduce patient harm.

Patient safety focuses on preventing and reducing risks, errors and harm that happen to patients during the provision of health care.

#### Current affairs MCQS on 17 SEP 2024

**Q. 1. When is World Patient Safety Day celebrated?**

- (a) 13 September
- (b) 18 September
- (c) 16 September
- (d) 17 September

**Answer: (d) 17 September**

World Patient Safety Day, observed every year on September 17, serves as a global platform to emphasize the importance of patient safety in healthcare systems around the world. The day aims to create awareness and motivate

countries to make patient safety a top priority, ultimately striving to eliminate avoidable errors and negative practices within healthcare settings.

**Q. 2. Who has recently become the first Indian to host the International EMMY Awards?**

- (a) R Ravindra
- (b) K. Reddy
- (c) Veer Das
- (d) K. R Bansal

**Answer: (c) Veer Das**

Actor and stand-up comedian Vir Das will host the 2024 International Emmy Awards, the International Academy of Television Arts and Sciences said. The International Emmy Awards will be held on November 25 in New York City. This time Das, who was previously nominated for an International Emmy in the comedy category in 2021 and won the award for his studio comedy special Drama in 2023, will now play the role of host. He is the first Indian host of this prestigious event.

**Q. 3. Where will the All India Official Language Conference 2024 be held recently?**

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Lucknow
- (c) Jaipur
- (d) Bhopal

**Answer: (a) New Delhi**

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Shri Amit Shah addressed the Official Language Diamond Jubilee Celebrations and 4th All India

Official Language Conference in New Delhi. The Home Minister released the Diamond Jubilee Special Issue of 'Rajbhasha Bharati' magazine specially prepared on the occasion of Official Language Diamond Jubilee. Shri Amit Shah also released a commemorative postage stamp and commemorative coin to mark the Diamond Jubilee. The Home Minister also presented the Rajbhasha Gaurav and Rajbhasha Kirti Awards. On this occasion, the Home and Cooperation Minister also launched the Indian Languages Section.

**Q. 4. Where has the Asian Cricket Council Women's Under-19 Asia Cup been launched recently?**

- (a) Malaysia
- (b) Singapore
- (c) Sri Lanka
- (d) Japan

**Answer: (a) Malaysia**

The Asian Cricket Council (ACC) has decided to launch the Women's Under-19 T20 Asia Cup to promote the development of women's cricket. The decision was taken during the ACC Executive Board meeting held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The tournament is being organised to provide a platform for the players to prepare for each edition of the ICC Women's Under-19 World Cup.

**Q. 5. Which country has recently joined the BRICS New Development Bank?**

- (a) Finland
- (b) Algeria
- (c) France

(d) Sweden

**Answer: (b) Algeria**

Algeria has been approved as a new member of the BRICS New Development Bank, joining other countries looking for alternatives to international financial institutions such as the World Bank and the IMF. Apart from Algeria, the BRICS New Development Bank has welcomed other countries including Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, Iran and Saudi Arabia as part of its growing membership. Established in 2015 by the BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa), the NDB aims to support infrastructure and sustainable development projects in emerging economies and developing countries.

**Q. 6. Recently in which country DRDO and Indian Navy have successfully tested VL-SRSAM?**

- (a) Odisha
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Jaipur
- (d) Chandipur

**Answer: (d) Chandipur**

Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) and Indian Navy successfully test fired Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VL-SRSAM) from Integrated Test Range (ITR) at Chandipur off Odisha coast. The flight test was conducted from a land based vertical launcher engaging a high speed aerial target flying at low altitude. The missile system successfully detected and engaged the target.

**Q. 7. Which state governments have decided to give 10% reservation and 03 years age relaxation to Agniveers in uniformed services?**

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Gujarat
- (c) Bihar
- (d) Odisha

**Answer: (d) Odisha**

The Odisha government today decided to provide 10 percent reservation and a three-year age relaxation, along with exemption from the physical test for ex-Agniveers in uniformed services. The decision, taken at a Cabinet meeting chaired by Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi, will offer ample opportunities to ex-Agniveers in uniformed services such as police, forest, excise, fire, or any other services determined by the state government.

**Q. 8. Recently the Government of India has changed the name of 'Port Blair' to what?**

- (a) Shri Vijayapuram
- (b) Atal Puram
- (c) Swaraj Puram
- (d) None of the above

**Answer: (a) Shri Vijayapuram**

The Government of India has changed the name of Port Blair, the capital of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The government has changed the name of Port Blair to 'Shri Vijayapuram'. Union Home Minister Amit Shah gave this information by tweeting. The Home Minister wrote in his tweet, 'Inspired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's resolve to free the country

from all symbols of slavery, the Home Ministry has decided to change the name of Port Blair to 'Shri Vijayapuram'.

**Q. 9. Recently, where was the 20th "Maritime State Development Council (MSDC)" meeting held?**

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

**Answer: (b) Goa**

The 20th Maritime State Development Council (MSDC) in Goa concluded with significant outcomes for India's maritime sector. Over 80 critical issues were resolved between the Central Government, States and Union Territories. Port modernisation, connectivity, compliance, maritime tourism, navigation, sustainability and port security were discussed. New challenges such as creating shelters for distressed ships and installing radioactive detection equipment at ports were addressed. Seafarers were recognised as essential workers with better working conditions. A state and port ranking system was discussed to promote competitiveness. Union Minister Sarbananda Sonowal highlighted the role of MSDC in policy alignment and development of non-major ports.

**Q. 10. Recently, NPCI (National Payment Corporation of India) has increased the UPI payment limit in India from Rs 1 lakh to how much recently?**

- (a) 04
- (b) 09

(c) 05

(d) 06

**Answer: (c) 05**

Recently, RBI has increased the limit of tax payment on transactions done through UPI. It has been announced to increase this amount from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 5 lakh. Through this, people paying property tax, advance tax and personal income tax can pay up to Rs 5 lakh in a single transaction. At the same time, up to Rs 2 lakh can be paid for capital market, insurance, foreign inward remittance, up to Rs 5 lakh for IPO, retail direct scheme. But person-to-person UPI transactions are allowed only up to Rs 1 lakh.

**Q. 11. Recently, in which state will 'Ford Motor' company start manufacturing plant again?**

(a) Tamil Nadu

(b) Kerala

(c) Rajasthan

(d) Gujarat

**Answer: (a) Tamil Nadu**

In a much-awaited move, Ford Motor Company has shown interest in resuming manufacturing in Tamil Nadu. The company has submitted a letter of intent (LoI) to the state government, outlining its intention to use the Chennai plant to manufacture vehicles for export. The announcement comes after a meeting between the Ford leadership team and Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin during his visit to the United States. The strategic move will see the facility rebuilt to focus on manufacturing for global

markets as part of the company's ambitious "Ford+ growth plan".

**Q. 12. Recently who has become the first player to complete 100 crore followers on social media platform?**

(a) Lionel Messi

(b) Cristiano Ronaldo

(c) Virat Kohli

(d) Mark Zuckerberg

**Answer: (b) Cristiano Ronaldo**

Famous footballer Cristiano Ronaldo has created a new record in the world of sports. Ronaldo has touched the figure of one billion followers on social media. Ronaldo has become the first athlete in the world to have one billion followers. Al Nasser Club striker Ronaldo recently scored the 900th goal of his career and thanked the fans for their full support. This is the reason why Ronaldo has now achieved a big achievement in terms of the number of followers. Ronaldo has a total of more than 1 billion followers on all social media platforms including Instagram, Facebook and YouTube. He has become not only the first athlete but also the first person in the world to achieve this great achievement.

**Q. 13. Recently, former President of which country 'Alberto Fujimori' has passed away?**

(a) Peru

(b) Sudan

(c) Finland

(d) Greenland

**Answer: (a) Peru**

Former Peruvian President Alberto Fujimori has died in Lima at the age of 86. Hours before his death, Fuerza Popular party spokesman Miguel Torres said the former president was in "fragile" condition and going through a "difficult time". Fujimori, who was Peru's president from 1990 to 2000, was released from prison last December, where he was serving a 25-year sentence for crimes against humanity.

**Q. 14. Where will the fifth edition of 'Brilliant Piano Festival' be organized recently?**

- (a) Jabalpur
- (b) Indore
- (c) Bengaluru
- (d) Lucknow

**Answer: (c) Bengaluru**

The fifth edition of the Brilliant Piano Festival is set to take place in Bengaluru on September 28 and 29. Festival director Khyochano TCK announced that for the first time since its launch in 2017, the festival is shifting from Nagaland to south India, marking its first trip outside the state. He said this year's festival will have multiple events and include a special programme for specially abled musicians (SAMs) that will see participants from across India.

**Q. 15. Which app has been launched recently by Union Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairy Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh alias Lallan Singh?**

- (a) Rangini Machli
- (b) Jaldhara
- (c) Umang Machli

(d) Jal Ki Rani

**Answer: (a) Rangini Machli**

Union Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Shri Rajiv Ranjan Singh aka Lallan Singh launched the "Rangeen Machli" Mobile App at ICAR-Central Research Institute for Freshwater Agriculture (ICAR-CIFA), Bhubaneswar. Developed by ICAR-CIFA in collaboration with Pradhan Mantri Matsya Sampada Yojana (PMMSY), the App is designed to meet the growing needs of the ornamental aquaculture sector. The "Rangeen Machli" App provides multilingual information about popular ornamental fish species in eight Indian languages, making it accessible to a larger number of people.