

Today in history on 19 SEP

➤ 1755: Military treaty between Britain and Russia.

In the year 1755, a military treaty was signed between Britain and Russia. Treaty of Saint Petersburg (1755), Great Britain promises subsidies to the Russian Empire on the eve of the Seven Years' War. Treaty of Saint Petersburg (1762), ends the Seven Years' War between Prussia and Russia after the accession of Tsar Peter III.



➤ 1893: Swami Vivekananda gave a historic speech at the World Parliament of Religions in Chicago (America).

In the year 1893, Swami Vivekananda gave a historic speech at the World Parliament of Religions in Chicago (America). If the demons of communalism and fanaticism were not there, human society would have been far more advanced. In the same speech, he

further said, communalism, fanaticism and its terrible descendant dogmatism have been holding the earth in their grip for a long time. They have filled the earth with violence.



➤ 1957: The United States conducted its first underground nuclear test in the Nevada desert.

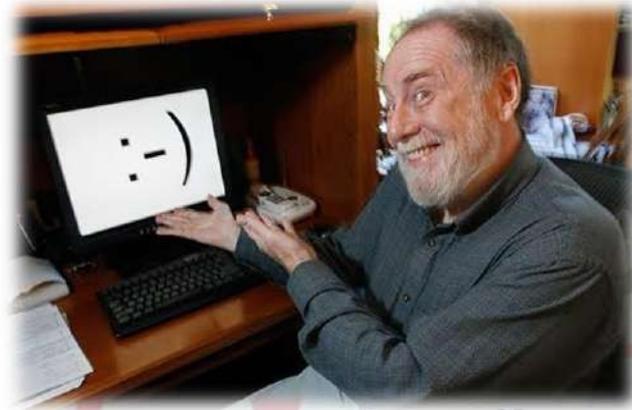
In the year 1957, the United States conducted its first underground nuclear test in the Nevada desert. Known as Rainier, Rainier is a reservation of the United States Department of Energy located in the southeastern part of Nye County, Nevada, about 65 miles (105 km) northwest of the city of Las Vegas.



➤ 1982: Scott Fahlman became the first person to use online messaging.

In the year 1982, Scott Fahlman became the first person to use online messaging.

The historic day was September 19, 1982. "We had local email and we had the possibility to email some other universities over a primitive network," Scott explained. "But it was just text, using only the American English alphabet, so we didn't have much to work with."



➤ 2006: Military coup in Thailand, General Surayud becomes Prime Minister.

Military coup in Thailand in the year 2006, General Surayud becomes Prime Minister. The 2006 Thai coup occurred on 19 September 2006, when the Royal Thai Army staged a coup against the elected caretaker government of Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra. The coup, which was Thailand's first non-constitutional change of government in fifteen years since the 1991 Thai coup



NEWS on 19 SEP

➤ NPS Vatsalya Scheme to Launch on September, 2024

The NPS Vatsalya Scheme, announced in the Union Budget 2024-25, will be launched by Finance Minister Smt Nirmala Sitharaman on September, 2024, in New Delhi. This initiative allows parents to invest in pension accounts for their children with flexible contributions starting at Rs 1,000 annually, offering long-term wealth building through compounding.



➤ Operation Sadbhavana, India's Humanitarian Response to Typhoon Yagi

Typhoon Yagi recently struck Southeast Asia, the government of India has launched Operation Sadbhavana, a humanitarian initiative aimed at providing crucial assistance to affected countries.

This operation exemplifies India's commitment to its Act East Policy and its role as a first responder in providing Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief (HADR) to nations in need.



➤ The Book Titled 'Sri Rama in Tamilagam - An inseparable bond' Released by Governor of Tamil Nadu

On a significant day for Tamil literature and cultural heritage, Thiru. R.N. Ravi, the Honorable Governor of Tamil Nadu, presided over the release of a groundbreaking book titled "Sri Rama in Tamilagam - An Inseparable Bond". This literary work, authored by the esteemed duo Dr. D.K. Hari and Dr. D.K. Hema Hari, explores the deep-rooted connection between Lord Rama and the land of Tamilagam, now known as Tamil Nadu.



➤ Aishwarya Rai Wins Best Actress at SIIMA 2024

At the South Indian International Movie Awards (SIIMA) 2024, Aishwarya Rai Bachhan stood out as she received the Best Actress (critics) Award for her role in Maniratnam's epic "Ponniyin Selvan 2". Thank you very much SIIMA for honouring me with this award. It means a lot to me as this film was very close to my heart, Ponniyin Selvan, directed by my guru Mani Ratnam. To be honoured with the Best Actress award for my work as Nandini in Ponniyin Selvan is truly celebrating the work of the entire team.



Indian women's contributions across UAE honored at Indian Women Dubai Awards 2024

The Indian Women Dubai Awards 2024 took place in Dubai, honoring the achievements of Indian women who have contributed in various fields of excellence across the UAE. This event celebrated empowerment, resilience, and unity, showcasing the impact of women who are shaping the community.



India's Triumph at WorldSkills 2024

The WorldSkills 2024 competition in Lyon, France, witnessed a remarkable performance by the Indian contingent, showcasing the country's growing prowess in various skill domains on the international stage. With an impressive haul of 4 Bronze medals and 12 Medallions of Excellence, India has firmly established itself as a rising force in the global skills arena.

17 Year old Anmol Kharb Wins First Single Title in Belgium

India's 17-year-old Anmol Kharb clinched her first international title in women's singles as she beat Denmark's Amalie Schulz in a hard-fought final in the Belgian International badminton tournament. Anmol Kharb became the women's singles national badminton champion at the age of 16 and a year later, proved to be the driving force behind the Indian women's team bagging a historic gold medal at the 2024 Badminton Asia Team Championships in Malaysia.



MCQs on Current affairs 19 SEP

Q.1. "Subhadra Yojana", which was in the news recently, is the biggest women-centric scheme of which state?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Bihar
- (d) Rajasthan

Answer : (b) Odisha

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched Odisha's Subhadra Yojana on his 74th birthday. Along with this, he also launched railway and highway projects. The aim of Subhadra Yojana is to empower women. Under this, eligible women aged 21-60 years will be given Rs 50,000 in five years. More than one crore women will get its benefit. Rs 1,250 crore will be transferred to 25 lakh women. He also inaugurated railway and highway projects worth Rs 2,800 crore and Rs 1,000 crore respectively. Modi launched the Housing + 2024 app and new PMAY guidelines.

Q.2. Where has Vice President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar recently inaugurated the 'Samvidhan Mandir'?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Chennai
- (d) Jaipur

Answer: (b) Mumbai

Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar inaugurated the Constitution Architecture at 434 Industrial Training Institutes at an event held at Elfin Martin Technology High School and Junior College in Mumbai. Speaking on the occasion, Mr Dhankhar said that the Constitution is the foundation of democracy and Parliament is its guardian. He said that the Constitution must be read, respected and not denied.

Q.3. Where has the 4th Global Bio-India 2024 Conference recently concluded successfully?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Hyderabad
- (c) Jaipur
- (d) New Delhi

Answer: (d) New Delhi

The 4th Global Bio-India 2024 concluded successfully. The three-day 4th Global Bio-India 2024 was held in New Delhi. Global Bio-India 2024 showcased India's huge potential in the biotechnology sector for research, development and manufacturing to the world. The first Global Bio-India was held in 2021 and since then it is held every year.

Q.4. Which country has recently been affected by Cyclone Benbika?

- (a) Philippines
- (b) China
- (c) Cambodia
- (d) Vietnam

Answer: (a) Philippines

At least six people have died and two others are missing as tropical storm Bebinca hit the Philippines. Four people were killed in the Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao and two in the Zamboanga Peninsula in southern Philippines, according to the National Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Council. The cyclone, the sixth tropical storm to hit the Philippines since January, has affected more than 200,000 people in about 300 villages, local English daily Philstar reported.

Q.5. Who has been appointed as the Director General of Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) recently?

- (a) Vikrant Thakur
- (b) Daljit Singh Chaudhary
- (c) Amrit Mohan Prasad
- (d) Sachin Sinha

Answer: (c) Amrit Mohan Prasad

Amrit Mohan, a senior Indian Police Service (IPS) officer of Odisha cadre, has been appointed as the Director General of the Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB). He is currently serving as Special Director General of the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF). His appointment is approved till his retirement on August 31, 2025. The Sashastra Seema Bal (SSB) guards India's borders with Nepal and Bhutan, preventing cross-border crime and smuggling. The headquarters of the SSB, located at Force Headquarters (FHQ), New Delhi, is headed by a Director General. The Director General is assisted by an Additional Director General and various Directorates managed by senior officers.

Q.6. Which country has recently banned hijab?

- (a) Pakistan
- (b) Kazakhstan
- (c) Uzbekistan
- (d) Tajikistan

Answer: (d) Tajikistan

The Islamic country Tajikistan has taken a big decision against fundamentalism. Dictator Emomali, who has been in power for the last 30 years, has banned Muslim women from wearing hijab. Along with this, keeping a long beard has also been banned. A rule of fine and punishment has been made for not following the rules. Emomali believes that the new law will stop the fundamentalism spreading in the country.

Q.7. Recently, in which state medical education courses will now be available in Hindi?

- (a) Goa
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Gujarat
- (d) Haryana

Answer: (b) Rajasthan

In a significant move, the Rajasthan government has announced that MBBS courses will now be taught in Hindi in addition to English from the 2024-2025 academic session. The decision follows the footsteps of Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh, both of which have already implemented Hindi as the medium of instruction for their medical education. Uttarakhand had taken this decision last year.

Q.8. America is banning the government media RT of which countries?

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

Answer: (a) Russia

The US has stepped up its efforts to ban and block Russian state-run media network RT globally, with US officials speaking to the Ministry of External Affairs to join their crackdown against "Russian disinformation" by revoking its accreditation and designating its journalists under the "Foreign Missions Act". However, while the ministry has remained silent on the issue, government officials said the debate on sanctions is not relevant to India, while a former diplomat said banning media organisations reflects the "double standards" of Western countries.

Q.9. Which countries have reached Tier 1 in the Global Cyber Security Index?

- (a) India
- (b) Sri Lanka
- (c) Bangladesh
- (d) Nepal

Answer: (a) India

India has been included in the list of Tier 1 countries in the Global Cyber Security Index (GCI) 2024. This index is released by the International

Telecommunication Union (ITU) and tracks the progress of various aspects of cyber security. GCI 2024 has fixed five tier categories this time. The countries included in Tier 1 have been recognized as "role models". These countries show strong commitment and excellence in all important aspects of cyber security. This time 46 countries have been ranked in Tier 1.

Q.10. Recently, which badminton player has won the women's singles title in Leuven?

- (a) Anmol Kharab
- (b) Veena Das
- (c) Amali Kharab
- (d) Amali

Answer: (a) Anmol Kharab

India's rising badminton star Anmol Kharab won her first senior international title by winning the women's singles event at the Belgium International 2024 in Leuven. Putting up a remarkable display of skill and determination, the 17-year-old defeated Denmark's Amalie Schulze 24-22, 12-21, 21-10 in the final. What made her achievement even more extraordinary was that she had entered the main draw through a qualifier and was not seeded.

Q.11. The US has recently announced financial assistance of USD 200 million to which country?

- (a) Pakistan
- (b) Sri Lanka
- (c) Bangladesh
- (d) Maldives

Answer: (c) Bangladesh

America has now come forward to help Bangladesh, which is a victim of political turmoil. America has announced to provide additional aid of \$202 million to improve the economic and social condition of Bangladesh. The American high delegation, which arrived in Bangladesh for the first time after Sheikh Hasina was ousted from power, met the head of the interim government Mohammad Yunus and announced this aid.

Q.12. Which country has recently launched "Operation Yemen"?

- (a) Palestine
- (b) Iran
- (c) Israel
- (d) Singapore

Answer: (c) Israel

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has warned Yemen's Houthi rebels that they will pay a heavy price for firing missiles on Israeli soil. According to the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), the missile was fired from local Yemen towards Israel. However, the missile probably broke into pieces in the air. The missile fell in an open area in central Israel, in which no casualties have been reported. Meanwhile, the Israeli army has started 'Operation Yemen'.

Q.13. Recently, in which African country, the Ampox vaccination campaign will be conducted on 02 October?

- (a) Kenya
- (b) Algeria
- (c) Mali
- (d) Congo

Answer: (d) Congo

The Ampox vaccination campaign will be started in the African country Congo from October 2. Congo has received two lakh sixty five thousand doses of the vaccine from international partners. The World Health Organization has recently approved the MVA-VN vaccine for Ampox. This vaccine can be given to victims above 18 years of age. There are 21 thousand 813 suspected cases of Ampox in Congo and this year 7 hundred 16 people have died due to it. 90 percent of the Ampox cases in Africa are in Congo itself.

Q.14. Recently, which ministry has launched the 'Bhaskar Initiative' to provide comprehensive assistance to entrepreneurs?

- (a) Ministry of Commerce and Industry
- (b) Ministry of Science and Technology
- (c) Ministry of Communications
- (d) Ministry of Power

Answer: (a) Ministry of Commerce and Industry

The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT), Ministry of Commerce and Industry has launched a digital platform called 'Bhaskar' to boost India's startup ecosystem. The platform is part of the Bharat Startup Knowledge Access Registry (BHASKAR) initiative under the Startup India programme. It is designed to centralise and enhance collaboration between startups, service providers, investors, mentors and government bodies. The initiative is in line with India's goal of becoming a global leader in innovation and entrepreneurship. India has over 1,46,000 DPIIT-recognised startups, and BHASKAR aims to provide a one-stop digital solution to challenges faced by entrepreneurs and investors.

Q.15. Who recently won the Diamond League 2024 title in Brussels?

- (a) Anderson Peters
- (b) Jacob Walsh
- (c) Neeraj Chopra
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (a) Anderson Peters

Paris 2024 Olympic bronze medallist Anderson Peters of Grenada won his first Diamond League title with an effort of 87.87m. 2023 European Games champion Julian Weber of Germany finished third with a distance of 85.97m.