

Today in History on 22 OCT

➤ 1867 - The foundation stone of the National University of Colombia was laid.

The National University of Colombia was founded in 1867 by an act of the Colombian Congress. It has since become the country's largest higher education institution. The university is a member of the Association of Colombian Universities (ASCUN), the Iberoamerican Association of Postgraduate Universities (AUIP), and the Iberoamerican University Network Universia.



➤ 1875 - The first telegraphic connection was established in Argentina.

The first telegraphic connection was established in Argentina in 1875. The telegraph is a communication system through which information

is sent by making and breaking electrical connections. The telegraph was invented by Samuel Morse in 1837. Morse's assistant Alfred Vail developed a device called the register. This device was used to record received messages.



➤ 1883 - The Opera House in New York was inaugurated.

The Metropolitan Opera House in New York City opened on October 22, 1883, with a performance of Gounod's "Faust." The Metropolitan Opera Company was only able to perform for nine seasons before a fire destroyed the building in August 1892. Now known as the "Old Met," the building at 39th and Broadway was rebuilt and reopened in 1893, where the Metropolitan Opera Company performed for the next 73 years.



➤ 1900 - India's famous freedom fighter Ashfaqulla Khan was born.

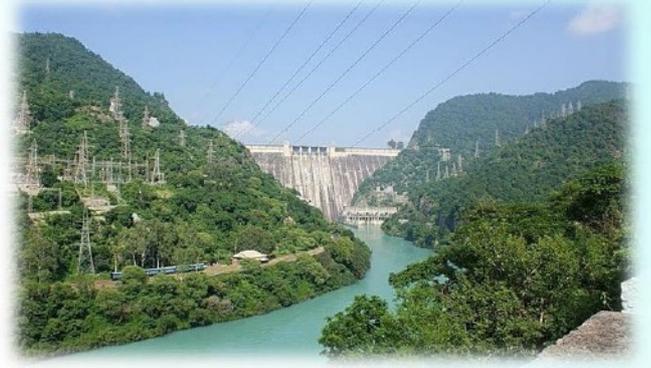
Ashfaqulla Khan (22 October 1900 - 19 December 1927) Ashfaqulla Khan was born in a Muslim Pathan family of the Khyber tribe in Shahjahanpur, the northwestern province of British India. In 1924, Ashfaqulla Khan formed an organization with like-minded freedom fighters named Hindustan Republican Association. The purpose of this organization was to organize an armed revolution to achieve independent India.



➤ 1962 - India's largest multipurpose river valley project 'Bhakra Nangal' was dedicated to the nation

In the year 1962, India's largest multipurpose river valley project 'Bhakra Nangal' was dedicated to the nation. Two major important decisions were taken by Indian planners and engineers. The first decision was to build the Bhakra Canal system before the Bhakra Dam and the second decision was to build

the dam departmentally with the help of foreign experts.



Important NEWS on 22 OCT

➤ PM Modi to Launch National Learning Week Initiative

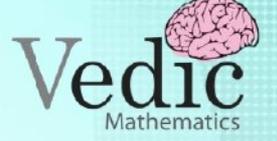
Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the 'Karmayogi Saptah' National Learning Week (NLW) aimed at enhancing the individual and organizational capacity of civil servants. This initiative, part of the broader 'Mission Karmayogi' launched in September 2020, seeks to foster a future-ready civil service that embodies Indian values while maintaining a global outlook.

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➤ India and Colombia Sign Audio-Visual Co-Production Agreement

India and Colombia have signed an Audio-Visual Co-Production Agreement on October, 2024, to enhance collaboration in the film industries of both nations. This agreement, signed by Dr L Murugan, India's Minister of State for Information & Broadcasting, and Jorge Enrique Rojas Rodriguez, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs of Colombia, marks a significant step in deepening cultural ties and cooperation across various sectors.

consignment of medical supplies as part of a humanitarian effort to support Lebanon.



➤ FATF Tightens Grey Listing Rules with New Risk-Based Focus

The Financial Action Task Force (FATF) has introduced significant changes to its criteria for placing countries on its grey list, aiming to relieve the burden on least developed countries (LDCs) while targeting nations that pose greater risks to the international financial system.



➤ India Delivers Haemodialysis Machines to PNG, Supplies Aid to Lebanon

India has fulfilled a significant commitment made during the third Forum for India-Pacific Islands Cooperation (FIPIC III) Summit by sending its first consignment of 12 Haemo-Dialysis machines to Papua New Guinea (PNG). Also in response to rising tensions and ongoing conflict in southern Lebanon, India has dispatched the first tranche of a 33-ton



➤ India and South Korea Set to Join FTSE Russell EMGB Index in 2025

Global index provider FTSE Russell has announced that India's sovereign bonds will be included in its Emerging Markets Government Bond Index (EMGBI) starting September 2025. This follows similar inclusions by JP Morgan and Bloomberg Index Services, which could potentially attract billions of dollars into India's local bond market.



➤ Acko Appoints Sandip Goenka as CEO of ACKO Life

Acko has appointed Sandip Goenka as the CEO of its newly launched life insurance division, ACKO Life. As a founding member of the division, Sandip has been pivotal in establishing the D2C life insurance business. With over two decades of experience in life, health, general insurance, and consulting, he brings significant expertise to drive growth and operational efficiency.

➤ Indian Coast Guard Conducts 'Sagar Kavach' Coastal Security Drill

The Indian Coast Guard successfully conducted the coastal security exercise 'Sagar Kavach' on October 2024, covering Gujarat, Daman & Diu, as well as Goa and Maharashtra. The exercise aimed to enhance coastal and maritime security, improve coordination among agencies, and test existing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in response to potential threats such as infiltration and smuggling.



Current affairs MCQS on 22 OCT

Q.1. Recently, Sanskrit will be taught as a compulsory subject in the madrasas of which state?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Haryana
- (d) Uttarakhand

Answer: (d) Uttarakhand

The Uttarakhand Madrasa Education Board (UMEB) has proposed to introduce Sanskrit as a compulsory subject in the state's 416 madrasas. The initiative aims to enrich the curriculum and aid the academic development of students. The board plans to sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the state's Sanskrit department for this change.

Q.2. Recently, which country has become the first recipient of rupee loan under IDEAS of the Government of India?

- (a) Maldives
- (b) Sri Lanka
- (c) Indonesia
- (d) Mauritius

Answer: (d) Mauritius

India has approved a line of credit of Rs 487.60 crore to the Government of Mauritius under the Indian Development and Economic Assistance Scheme (IDEAS) programme of the Government of India. This is the first time India has extended a line of credit in Indian Rupees to a foreign government under IDEAS. The loan was handed over by Indian External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar to Mauritius Foreign Minister Manish Gobin. The loan was approved by the Finance Ministry of the Government of India after the Mauritian government accepted Dr Jaishankar's proposal.

Q.3. Which ministry hosted the Lighthouse Tourism Conclave 2024 in Puri?

- (a) Ministry of Tourism
- (b) Ministry of Defence
- (c) Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways
- (d) Ministry of Home Affairs

Answer: (c) Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways

The second National Lighthouse Festival began with the Lighthouse Tourism Conclave 2024 in Puri, hosted by the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW). It was attended by over 100 participants, including government officials, tourism experts and conservationists. The event aimed to promote lighthouse tourism and preserve maritime heritage. It aims to transform 75 historic lighthouses into tourist destinations with modern amenities like museums and parks. The initiative also aims to preserve these lighthouses, generate local employment and boost the economy. About ₹65 crore has been invested in 75 lighthouses in 9 coastal states and 1 Union Territory.

Q.4. Which medal has been won by Gurpreet Pal Singh recently in the ACO World Chess Championship in Greece?

- (a) Gold
- (b) Bronze
- (c) Silver
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (a) Gold

Indian FIDE Master Gurpreet Pal Singh won the gold medal in the ACO World Chess Championship. The championship was held in Crete, Greece. Gurpreet has previously coached Grandmaster and former Under-10 World Champion Sahaj Grover. Gurpreet won his first game and was held to a draw by Germany's Ralf Enerbach. He secured his seven points by securing a total of five wins and four draws.

Q.5. Recently, who has become the fourth Indian to score 9000 Test runs?

- (a) M. S. Dhoni
- (b) Virat Kohli
- (c) Rohit Sharma
- (d) Ravindra Jadeja

Answer: (b) Virat Kohli

On the third day of the first match of the series between India and New Zealand being played at M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru, Indian team's star batsman Virat Kohli completed his 9 thousand runs in Tests. Virat Kohli is the fourth Indian batsman to score 9 thousand runs in Tests. Before him, Rahul Dravid, Sachin Tendulkar, Sunil Gavaskar have achieved this feat.

Q.6. Recently 'Debraj Roy' passed away, who was he?

- (a) Film director
- (b) Actor
- (c) Writer
- (d) Singer

Answer: (b) Actor

Veteran Bengali actor and famous news reader Debraj Roy passed away at a private hospital in Kolkata. The actor was suffering from serious illnesses for several months, following which he died due to multiple organ failure at the age of 69. Debraj Roy was known for his work in Bengali television and Bengali cinema. He played many important roles in films.

Q.7. Recently which state government has announced free dialysis for kidney patients?

- (a) Punjab
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Haryana

Answer: (d) Haryana

The Haryana government will provide free dialysis services to patients suffering from kidney disease in the state. This was announced by Chief Minister Naib Singh after chairing the first formal meeting of the newly formed Haryana Cabinet. The Chief Minister said that welfare of the poor is the first priority of the government. He said that the government has fulfilled the promise of providing 24,000 jobs made before taking oath. The Chief Minister announced that the Cabinet has decided to implement the Supreme Court order regarding Scheduled Caste reservation.

Q.8. Recently which Indian Navy's first training squadron (ITS) has completed long distance training deployment?

- (a) Manama
- (b) Saudi Arabia
- (c) Dubai
- (d) Abu Dhabi

Answer: (a) Manama

Indian Navy's 1st Training Squadron (1TS) - INS Tir and ICGS Veer completed their long distance training deployment to Manama, Bahrain. During the port stop, Captain Anshul Kishore, Senior Officer of 1TS met Major General Salman Mubarak Al-Dosari, Royal Command Staff and National Defence College and Commander Ahmed Ibrahim Buhamud, Commander Flotilla and interacted on regional maritime security challenges and opportunities for future cooperation in training and operations. The Senior Officers of 1TS also met Commodore Mark Anderson, Deputy Commander, Combined Maritime Forces (CMF), Royal Navy along with CO ICGS Veer.

Q.9. Prime Minister Modi will visit which country recently to attend the 16th 'BRICS Summit'?

- (a) Russia
- (b) America
- (c) Brazil
- (d) China

Answer: (a) Russia

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will leave for Russia to attend the 16th BRICS summit. The summit will be held in Russia on October 22-23. During the visit, PM Modi will also hold bilateral meetings with the leaders of the group members and other invitees. This is Prime Minister Modi's second visit to Russia this year. This is the first summit after the expansion of the BRICS group. Earlier, Egypt, Iran, Ethiopia and UAE were offered BRICS membership at the 2023 summit in South Africa.

Q.10. Recently who has won the award in Britain for artwork based on child labour?

- (a) Praveen Vashisht
- (b) Ravindra Raina
- (c) Aditi Anand
- (d) Urmila Singh

Answer: (c) Aditi Anand

An emerging artist from Karnal, Haryana has been declared the winner in the emerging illustrator category at the Victoria & Albert Museum's Illustration Awards in London. Aditi Anand, a 25-year-old graduate who completed her studies from Anglia Ruskin University (ARU), has been declared the winner of the prestigious emerging illustrator category at the V&A Illustration Awards. Her art "Marigolds" is set in India and highlights themes of child labour and lost childhood. The awards are held every two years, and Aditi's achievement further cements ARU's strong reputation in the field of illustration.

Q.11. Where was Sagar Kavach exercise held recently?

- (a) Visakhapatnam
- (b) Chennai and Lakshadweep
- (c) Gujarat and Daman and Diu
- (d) Goa

Answer: (c) Gujarat and Daman and Diu

Indian Coast Guard conducted Coastal Security Exercise 'Sagar Kavach' in Gujarat and Daman & Diu. This was the second exercise of the year, coordinated by Coast Guard Regional Headquarters in Gandhinagar. The aim of the exercise was to enhance maritime and coastal security and validate existing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). Various stakeholders including Indian Navy, State Police, Marine Police, BSF, NSG, Gujarat Maritime Board, IB and Port Authorities participated. Major assets included Coast Guard and Naval ships and boats, as well as aerial surveillance by aircraft and drones. Operational scenarios were simulated to test coordination and effectiveness in maintaining maritime security.

Q.12. Who has recently been awarded the Conscious Company Award for humanitarian work?

- (a) HS Khurana
- (b) Sanjeev Khanna
- (c) Mohanji
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (c) Mohanji

In Johannesburg, South Africa, global humanitarian leader Mohanji received a special recognition for his worldwide contributions at the 9th Conscious Companies Awards event. This prestigious annual event honors ethical and visionary leaders whose work promotes conscious leadership, connects people, profit and purpose, and fosters a better, more sustainable world.

Q.13. Recently with whom has the Government of India launched the "Scam Se Bachao" campaign?

- (a) Facebook
- (b) Meta
- (c) Microsoft
- (d) Google

Answer: (b) Meta

Information and Broadcasting Secretary Sanjay Jaju launched the national user awareness campaign "Scam se Bachao" in New Delhi. This initiative of META is being launched in collaboration with key ministries Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA), Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (MIB) and Indian Cyber Crime Coordination Centre (I4C) with the aim to tackle the growing menace of scams and cyber frauds in line with the Government's commitment to address the rising incidence of online scams and enhance cyber security.

Karnataka CM Siddaramaiah announced that all scheduled tribe residential schools and Raichur University will be named after Maharshi Valmiki. Siddaramaiah praised Maharshi Valmiki's journey from being a hunter to a scholar and writing the Ramayana. He underlined Valmiki's emphasis on equality, justice and equal opportunities for all.

Q.14. Who has recently been appointed as the new cricket director by JSW Sports?

- (a) Sourav Ganguly
- (b) Virat Kohli
- (c) Rohit Sharma
- (d) Shikhar Dhawan

Answer: (a) Sourav Ganguly

Sourav Ganguly has been appointed the Director of Cricket of JSW Sports, who will oversee the Delhi Capitals IPL and WPL teams and the Pretoria Capitals in the SA20 League. The appointment has been made possible due to Ganguly's long-term relationship with JSW Sports and its founder Parth Jindal. The operational management of Delhi Capitals will rotate between the GMR Group and JSW Sports every two years.

Q.15. Recently, which state government has announced to name residential schools after Maharishi Valmiki?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Rajasthan

Answer: (a) Karnataka