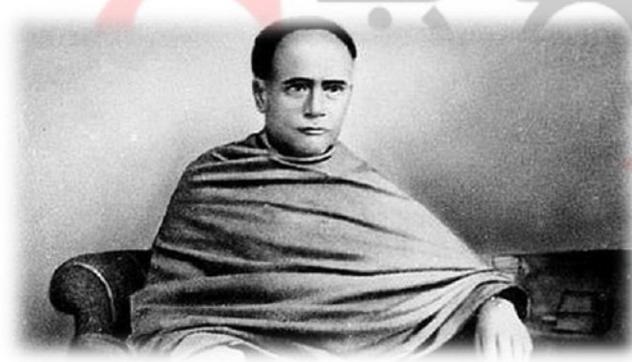


Today in history on 26 SEP

➤ 1820: Famous Indian social reformer Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar was born.

Famous Indian social reformer Ishwarchandra Vidyasagar was born in the year 1820. He was one of the pillars of Bengal Renaissance. His childhood name was Ishwar Chandra Bandopadhyay. Due to his immense knowledge in Sanskrit language and philosophy, Sanskrit College awarded him the title of 'Vidyasagar' during his student life. He was a supporter of women's education. Due to his efforts, many girls' schools were established in Calcutta and other places.



➤ 1872: The first temple is built in New York City.

The first temple is built in New York City in 1872. The first temple, established on September 26, 1872, was the Mecca Temple of what is now known as the Mecca Shriners. With Fleming serving as the first potentate. With only 43 Shriners in the organization in 1875, the group decided they needed to do something to increase membership.



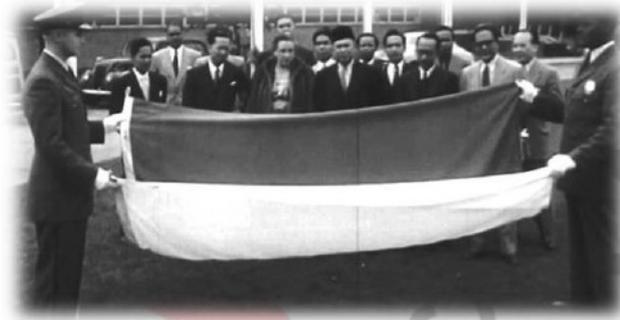
➤ 1923: Hindi film actor Dev Anand was born.

Hindi film actor Dev Anand was born in the year 1923. Dev Anand was a famous actor, writer, film producer, film director of Hindi films. Anand is considered one of the greatest and most successful actors in the history of Indian cinema. In a career spanning over six decades, he appeared in over 100 films. Anand is the recipient of four Filmfare Awards, including two for Best Actor.



➤ 1950: Indonesia joins the United Nations.

In the year 1950, Indonesia became a member of the United Nations. In 1950, Indonesia became the 60th member of the United Nations. Shortly after hostilities with the Dutch ended in 1949, Indonesia adopted a new constitution that provided for a parliamentary system of government with the executive elected by and accountable to parliament.



NEWS on 26 SEP

➤ 1986: Britain and China sign agreement over Hong Kong

In 1986, Britain and China sign agreement over Hong Kong. Hong Kong had been a colony of the British Empire since 1842 after the First Opium War and its territory had been expanded twice; first in 1860 to include the Kowloon Peninsula and Stonecutters Island, and then in 1898 when Britain obtained a 99-year lease over the New Territories.

➤ Defence Minister Rajnath Singh Inaugurates Sainik School in Jaipur, Rajasthan

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the Sainik School in Jaipur, Rajasthan on September, 2024, as part of the Government's plan to establish 100 new Sainik Schools in partnership mode across India. This initiative aims to blend public and private sector contributions to enhance education for future generations and foster patriotism among youth. Deputy CM Diya Kumari and Col Rajyavardhan Rathore (Retd) were also present at the event.



➤ KVS Manian Assumes Office as Federal Bank CEO

KVS Manian has officially taken charge as the Managing Director and CEO of Federal Bank, effective September, 2024. He succeeds Shyam Srinivasan, who retired after successfully leading the bank since 2010. Manian joins Federal Bank following a distinguished career at Kotak Mahindra Bank, where he worked for over 25 years and played a key role in its transformation from a non-banking financial company to one of India's leading private sector banks.



➤ JK Lakshmi Cement and Rohit Sharma Celebrate Five Years of Association

The partnership between JK Lakshmi Cement (JKLC) and Indian cricket team captain Rohit Sharma enters its fifth consecutive year. Known for his cricketing excellence and leadership, Sharma's association has strengthened the brand's image and helped JKLC connect with a wider audience. This renewed collaboration will see him featured in advertising campaigns, brand activations, and promotional activities, enhancing JKLC's visibility across India.



➤ Odisha Swimmer Pratyasa Ray To Get Ekalabya Puraskar

Emerging swimmer Pratyasa Ray has been selected for the 32nd Ekalabya Puraskar for 2024 for her achievements in swimming. A proud moment for Odisha's sporting fraternity. Pratyasa Ray, a promising talent in the field of swimming with a remarkable track record, has been selected for this year's award in recognition of her exceptional performances.



➤ Kalikesh Singh Deo Elected National Rifle Association of India president

The National Rifle Association of India (NRAI) has ushered in a new era of leadership with the election of Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo as its president. This significant event took place during a General Body meeting held at the Constitution Club on Saturday, marking a pivotal moment in the organization's history.

➤ Mana Village Selected for Landmark Tribal Development Scheme

The Pradhan Mantri Janjatiya Unnat Gram Abhiyan, a groundbreaking initiative by the Central Government of India, has chosen Mana village in the Joshimath block of Chamoli district for implementation. This selection marks a significant step towards improving the socio-economic conditions of tribal communities in the region.



➤ FCRA Licence of International Cooperative Alliance Cancelled

The Foreign Contribution Regulation Act (FCRA) licence of the International Cooperative Alliance (ICA) was cancelled by the Union Home Ministry for alleged rule violations. The ICA, established in 1895, is an apex body representing cooperatives worldwide and has over 1 billion members.



Q.2. Recently in which country has the new office of Invest India been inaugurated?

- (a) Indonesia
- (b) Singapore
- (c) Taiwan
- (d) Maldives

Answer: (c) Taiwan

Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Shri Piyush Goyal inaugurated the new India Office in Singapore. The inauguration of the office comes after Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi announced the setting up of the India Office during a review meeting there during his visit to Singapore. The Singapore Office Enquiry is India's first overseas office. It is a significant step towards deepening investments and making it easier for global entrepreneurs to connect with India. The Singapore office will serve as a dedicated contact centre for agencies from the region looking to invest in India, thereby promoting collaboration across various sectors.

Q.3. Recently Anura Kumar Dissanayake has won the presidential election of which country?

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

Answer: (b) Sri Lanka

Anura Kumara Dissanayake was sworn in as the 9th President of Sri Lanka for a term of next six years at a ceremony held at the Presidential Secretariat Building in Colombo. The Election Commission of Sri Lanka declared Anura Kumara Dissanayake winner of the recently held presidential election in the

MCQs on Current affairs 26 SEP

Q.1. Recently which organization has launched India's first comprehensive cancer multi-omics data portal?

- (a) IIHMR
- (b) ICMR
- (c) ICGA
- (d) VHAI

Answer: (c) ICGA

The Indian Cancer Genome Atlas (ICGA) has launched India's first comprehensive cancer multi-omics data portal. The platform provides open access to data of Indian cancer patients to improve cancer research and treatment. It includes DNA, RNA and protein profiles of breast cancer patients, which are linked to clinical outcomes. Currently, the portal has data of 50 breast cancer patients, with plans to expand to over 500 patients next year. The data is freely available under India's PRIDE guidelines, which promote ethical sharing. ICGA is a national initiative supported by a public-private-philanthropic partnership with over 50 experts contributing.

country after the second round of counting of votes in the presidential election. Anura Kumara Dissanayake replaced Ranil Wickremesinghe as the President of Sri Lanka who came third in the presidential election with only 17% of the vote.

Q.4. Recently who has been appointed as the Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court by the Central Government?

- (a) M S Ramachandra Rao
- (b) Kumar Vijayan
- (c) Vishwajit Singh
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (a) M S Ramachandra Rao

MS Ramachandra Rao has been appointed as the new Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court. Himachal Pradesh High Court Chief Justice MA Rao has been transferred to Jharkhand High Court. A notification has been issued by the Ministry of Law and Justice in this regard. Earlier, the Supreme Court Collegium had recommended to the Central Government to transfer him to the post of Chief Justice of Jharkhand High Court. On which the Central Government has given its approval.

Q.5. India's FSSAI along with the Ministry of Agriculture and Animal Husbandry has recently signed an agreement with which country?

- (a) Brazil
- (b) France
- (c) Japan
- (d) Germany

Answer: (a) Brazil

Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI) signed a Memorandum of Understanding

with the Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock (MAPA) of Brazil on the sidelines of the Global Food Regulatory Summit, 2024 held at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The MoU marks the beginning of a new phase of cooperation aimed at improving food safety through joint projects and technical cooperation. It was signed by Mr. Carlos Henrique Baqueta Favero, Minister of Agriculture and Livestock, Brazil and countersigned by Mr. G. Kamala Vardhana Rao, CEO, FSSAI.

Q.6. Who has recently launched 'Beach Cleanliness Drive 2024' in Mumbai?

- (a) Bhupendra Yadav
- (b) Devendra Fadnavis
- (c) Eknath Sindhe
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (a) Bhupendra Yadav

Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupendra Yadav led the country in this year's Clean Beach Campaign on the occasion of International Coastal Cleanup Day. The minister participated in an event to clean the beach in Juhu, Mumbai.

Q.7. India and which country's Air Force have recently completed 'Eastern Bridge-7 War Exercise'?

- (a) Oman
- (b) Israel
- (c) Italy
- (d) France

Answer: (a) Oman

The Indian Air Force (IAF) along with the Royal Air Force of Oman (RAFO) has successfully completed Exercise Eastern Bridge VII at the Royal Air Force of

Oman airbase in Masirah, Oman. The IAF contingent has returned to India after participating in a variety of training missions. The exercise was conducted by MiG-29 and Jaguar aircraft of the IAF and F-16 and Hawk aircraft of the Royal Air Force of Oman. The exercise has enhanced operational synergy and tactical combat skills between the two air forces as well as enhanced strategic ties with Oman.

Q.8. Who has recently been appointed as the Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court by the Central Government?

- (a) J Vijay Shekharan
- (b) J S Katju
- (c) J Tashi Rabstan
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (c) J Tashi Rabstan

The Central Government has appointed Justice Tashi Rabstan as the Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court. The Supreme Court Collegium, reconsidering its previous decision a few days ago, recommended the appointment of Justice Tashi Rabstan as the Chief Justice of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court. Now the Central Government has approved this recommendation. Justice Tashi Rabstan is the senior judge of the Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh High Court. He was appointed as a judge on March 8, 2013 and is due to retire on April 9, 2025.

Q.9. Which country has recently decided to return 297 stolen or smuggled antiquities to India?

- (a) USA
- (b) Malaysia
- (c) Australia
- (d) Germany

Answer: (a) USA

The US stole 297 ancient monuments from India during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit. "These will be returned to India soon," the Indian government said in a statement. Prime Minister Modi and President Biden were among a select few present during the US meeting in Delaware. Modi thanked Biden for his cooperation, saying: "These are not only part of India's historic material culture but also its civilizational and authentic interiors."

Q.10. Recently, Nazira Bano has won which medal in the individual under-30 category in the first Khelo India Women's Taekwondo League Phase-1?

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

Answer: (a) Gold

Talented athlete Nazira Bano from LOC village Lato, Kargil, Union Territory of Ladakh made her region proud by winning the gold medal in the Individual Poomse Under-30 category at the 1st Khelo India Women's Taekwondo League Stage 1 held at Vadodara, Gujarat. Organised by the Taekwondo Federation of India in collaboration with Khelo India, the tournament saw hundreds of participants from various states and union territories across the country.

Q.11. Emu, a flightless bird that was in the news recently, is native to which country?

- (a) Australia
- (b) China
- (c) India

(d) Indonesia

Answer: (a) Australia

Emu wing bones display significant shortening and asymmetric fusion due to differences in embryonic movement. This study sheds light on the evolutionary processes that shape skeletal structures in these unique birds. Emus are flightless birds from the ratite family, one of the most primitive modern bird families. They are the second-largest living birds after ostriches. Emus are found only in Australia, inhabiting a diverse range of habitats from coastal regions to high mountains.

Q.12. Who has recently become the first Indian wrestler to win a mixed martial arts fight at the Gamma International Fighting Championship in Georgia?

- (a) Sangram Singh
- (b) Alok Chopra
- (c) Mauka Vijay
- (d) Ali Raza Nisar

Answer: (a) Sangram Singh

Commonwealth heavyweight champion Sangram Singh has made an unforgettable entry into the world of Mixed Martial Arts (MMA). The Indian wrestler's debut at the Gamma International Fighting Championships in Tbilisi, Georgia has set a new benchmark for Indian fighters in international MMA competitions. Singh's performance was nothing short of extraordinary. Competing in the 93kg weight category, he won in just one minute and thirty seconds. This lightning-fast victory has now become the record for the fastest victory by an Indian fighter in this division, earning Singh a place in MMA history right from his first bout.

Q.13. In which city will the Indian Air Force organize an "Air Show" on the occasion of its 92nd anniversary?

- (a) Kochi
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Surat
- (d) Chennai

Answer: (d) Chennai

The Indian Air Force (IAF) is going to organize a spectacular air show in the open skies of Tamil Nadu on 6 October 2024 on the occasion of its 92nd anniversary. This year's event is based on the theme "Indian Air Force - Capable, Empowered, Atmanirbhar", which reflects the unwavering commitment of the Indian Air Force to protect the country's airspace. On this day, the people of Chennai will witness an exciting sight in the sky, in which 72 aircraft of the Indian Air Force will perform mesmerizing stunts and fly with perfect coordination.

Q.14. Who will represent India in the 19th India-Australia Joint Ministerial Commission meeting?

- (a) Piyush Goyal
- (b) Amit Shah
- (c) Narendra Modi
- (d) Dharmendra Pradhan

Answer: (a) Piyush Goyal

Union Minister of Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal will leave for Australia to attend the 19th India-Australia Joint Ministerial Commission Meeting. Mr Goyal will co-chair the meeting with Australian Trade and Tourism Minister Don Farrell. During the meeting, the two countries will discuss

ways to enhance bilateral economic relations. The Ministry of Commerce and Industry has said that this visit will further strengthen the growing trade and investment relations between India and Australia.

Q.15. Recently the President of which country has announced the formation of a new government?

- (a) France
- (b) Spain
- (c) Germany
- (d) Japan

Answer: (a) France

Two months after the elections in France, a new government has finally been formed. The centre-right government was announced at the Rashtrapati Bhavan. After several weeks of difficult negotiations, conservative French Prime Minister Michel Barnier succeeded in forming the government. The 38-member cabinet includes ministers from the centrist coalition and the conservative Republican Party. President Emmanuel Macron has approved the new government.