

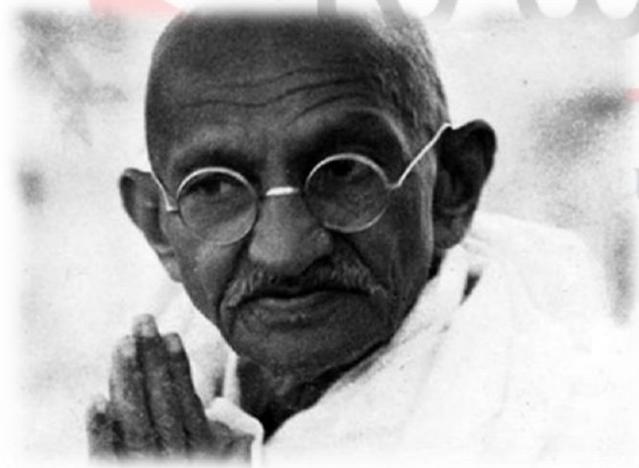
Today in History on 02 OCT 2024

the leadership of Jawaharlal Nehru. He assumed office as Prime Minister of India on 9 June 1964.



➤ 1869: Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi was born

Mohandas Karamchand Gandhi was born on 2 October 1869 in a middle class family in Porbandar district of present Gujarat state. His father's name was Karamchand Gandhi and his mother's name was Putlibai. Every year on 2 October his birthday is celebrated as Gandhi Jayanti in India and as International Non-Violence Day all over the world. First of all Gandhiji started Satyagraha as an expatriate lawyer in South Africa to fight for the civil rights of the people of the Indian community. He returned to India in 1915.



➤ 1951: Shri Shyama Prasad Mukherjee founded Bharatiya Jana Sangh.

All India Jana Sangh is an old political party of India, earlier its name was Bharatiya Jana Sangh. This party was founded on October 1951 in Delhi. Its three founder members were Shyama Prasad Mukherjee, Professor Balraj Madhok and Deendayal Upadhyay. The election symbol of this party was lamp. It won 3 seats in the 1952 parliamentary elections, in which Dr. Mukherjee himself was also included. A faction of Bharatiya Jana Sangh separated from Jana Sangh under the leadership of Atal Bihari Vajpayee and Lal Krishna Advani and formed Bharatiya Janata Party along with leaders of socialist and Gandhian ideology.

➤ 1904: Lal Bahadur Shastri was born

Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri was born on 2 October 1904 in Mughalsarai, a small railway town seven miles from Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh. His father was a school teacher. In 1951, he was appointed General Secretary of the All India Congress Committee under



August 1973, the government opened Birla House to the general public as a museum in the name of Gandhi Smriti.



➤ **1955: Integral Coach Factory at Perambur, Madras manufactured the first railway coach.**

Integral Coach Factory is one of the oldest railway production units in independent India. It was inaugurated by India's first Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru on 2nd October, 1955. Later on 2nd October, 1962, the Furnishing Division was inaugurated and the production of fully furnished coaches has grown steadily over the years. Spread over 511 acres, the plant has over 9300 employees who manufacture over 2500 coaches in over 175 varieties on an average over the last 10 years.



Important NEWS on 02 OCT 2024

➤ **Udhayanidhi Stalin Took Oath as Deputy CM of TamilNadu**

The Chief Minister of TamilNadu M K Stalin's son Udhayanidhi Stalin took the oath as the new Deputy Chief Minister of the state. The cabinet reshuffle and several members were also changed. Three other DMK MLAs—R Rajendran (Salem-North), Govi Chezhaan (Thiruvudaimarudur) and S M Nasar (Avadi)—also took oath as ministers. Governor R N Ravi administered the oath of office and secrecy at a simple ceremony held at the Raj Bhavan.

➤ **1971: The President dedicated Birla House to the nation.**

This building, which became immortal with the martyrdom of the Father of the Nation, was taken under the protection of the Government of India in 1971 and developed as a Gandhi Museum. On 15



Maharashtra. This event comes after his scheduled visit to Pune on September 2024 was cancelled due to heavy rain in the city.



➤ LARA: The England Chronicles - A Cricket Legend's Journey

Brian Lara stands as a singular figure in the annals of cricket history. His uniqueness is not just a matter of opinion but a fact etched in the record books of the sport. The cricketing world has not seen a batsman quite like him before, and it's almost certain that we won't see one like him again.



➤ Shankh Air: India's Newest Airline Set to Launch

Shankh Air, India's latest airline, is poised to make its debut by the end of 2024 after receiving approval from the civil aviation ministry. This marks a significant development for Uttar Pradesh as Shankh Air aims to become the state's first scheduled airline, establishing hubs in Lucknow and the upcoming Noida International Airport. The airline plans to focus on both inter- and intra-state routes, targeting areas with high demand and limited direct flight options.



➤ PM Modi Virtually Inaugurates Development Projects Worth ₹11,200 Crore in Maharashtra

As the Assembly election approaches, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on September, 2024, virtually inaugurated and laid the foundation stone for various projects worth ₹11,200 crore in

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➤ NATO to Establish Northern Land Command in Eastern Finland

NATO plans to set up a new land command in Finland near the Russian border in 2025, to lead land force operations in northern Europe during potential military conflicts. Finland, which joined NATO last year after Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022, is preparing for the alliance's presence on its territory. Finnish Defence Minister Antti Hakkanen announced the proposal to establish the command at Finland's Army Headquarters in Mikkeli.



➤ GST Council Establishes GoM on Compensation Cess

The Goods and Services Tax (GST) Council has formed a 10-member Group of Ministers (GoM), chaired by Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary, to address the future taxation of luxury, sin, and demerit goods as the compensation cess is set to expire in March 2026. The GoM comprises representatives from Assam, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, Karnataka, Madhya Pradesh, Punjab, Tamil Nadu, Uttar Pradesh, and West Bengal, with a report expected to be submitted by December 31.

➤ India's Forex Reserves Hit Record High of \$692.3 Billion

India's foreign exchange reserves reached a record high of \$692.3 billion as of September 2024, according to data released by the Reserve Bank of India on September 2024. The reserves increased by \$2.84 billion during the week, following a total rise of \$19.3 billion over the previous five weeks. The rise in reserves was driven by the Reserve Bank of India's interventions in the forex market and inflows into local stocks and bonds.



Current affairs MCQS on 02 OCT 2024

Q.1. Recently, who has been awarded the prestigious 2024 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize?

- (a) Ruixiang Zhang
- (b) Adinarayan Doddi
- (c) Rita Sinha
- (d) Alexander Dunn

Answer: (d) Alexander Dunn

Alexander Dunn won the SASTRA Ramanujan Prize 2024. The award was established in 2005 by SASTRA University in Tamil Nadu. The prize is given every year on Ramanujan's birth anniversary on December 22 to mathematicians under the age of 32. The age limit honours Ramanujan's achievements in his short life. The award consists of a citation and a cash prize of \$10,000. The prize has international recognition, with previous recipients being Manjul Bhargava and Akshay Venkatesh.

Q.2. Recently the first edition of "Mother Mary Comes to Me" will be launched.

- (a) Toni Morrison
- (b) Arundhati Roy
- (c) Salman Rushdie
- (d) Sushil Kumar Shinde

Answer: (b) Arundhati Roy

Award-winning author Arundhati Roy's first memoir, "Mother Mary Comes to Me", will hit the shelves in September next year, publisher Penguin Random House announced. The book is a profound story, both intimate and inspiring, of how the author became the person she is, the circumstances that shaped her, but most of all, her complex relationship

with the extraordinary, eccentric mother she describes as "my shelter and my storm."

Q.3. Recently which 20942 feet high peak has been named after the Dalai Lama?

- (a) Uttarakhand
- (b) Jammu and Kashmir
- (c) Arunachal Pradesh
- (d) Ladakh

Answer: (c) Arunachal Pradesh

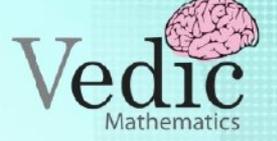
China has criticised India for naming a newly climbed peak in Arunachal Pradesh after the sixth Dalai Lama, Tsangyang Gyatso. The National Institute of Mountaineering and Adventure Sports (NIMAS) named the 20,942 feet high peak in honour of the Mon Tawang-born Dalai Lama. China claims the region, Zangnam, as its territory and says it was illegal for India to name the place "Arunachal Pradesh".

Q.4. Recently the 20th Divya Kala Mela was inaugurated in which city?

- (a) Pune
- (b) Jaipur
- (c) Puri
- (d) Kochi

Answer: (a) Pune

The 20th national level Divya Kala Mela dedicated to Divyangjan was inaugurated in Pune. It is being organized by the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. Hon'ble Governor of Maharashtra Shri C P Radhakrishnan, Union Minister of Social Justice and Empowerment



Dr Virendra Kumar and MP Shrirang Appa Barne were also present on the occasion.

Q.5. Recently, which private company has become the first company to provide reservation to Agniveers?

- (a) ISRO
- (b) Brahmos
- (c) Amazon
- (d) Flipkart

Answer: (b) Brahmos

BrahMos Aerospace Private Limited, a joint venture company of India and Russia, announced job reservation for Agniveers within the company last month. It has become the first company to do so. According to the Economic Times report, the company says that we are ready to recruit Agniveers in at least 15% of the vacancies in technical and general administration. 50% of the vacancies in administrative and security roles will be reserved for them.

Q.6. Recently, 'Andro Village' of which state has become the "Best Tourist Village" of 2024?

- (a) Manipur
- (b) Mizoram
- (c) Assam
- (d) Nagaland

Answer: (a) Manipur

Andro Village in Manipur has been awarded the prestigious Best Tourism Village Award in the Heritage category in the 2024 edition of the Best Tourism Village Competition organized by the Ministry of Tourism. The Ministry felicitated officials

of Manipur Tourism and representatives of Andro Village at an event organized at the Plenary Hall of Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi on the occasion of World Tourism Day 2024.

Q.7. Recently, which country has become the third largest producer and consumer of water in the world?

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

Answer: (c) India

Food and Public Distribution Minister Pralhad Joshi has said that India has become the world's third largest ethanol producer and consumer. Inaugurating the two-day India Sugar and Bio-Energy Conference in New Delhi, he emphasised that the government is committed to a strong and sustainable sugar industry which is not only an economic pillar but also a driving force in India's renewable energy landscape.

Q.8. Recently, ADB (Asian Development Bank) has estimated India's growth rate in the financial year 2024 to be what percentage of the following?

- (a) 7.5%
- (b) 6.8%
- (c) 7.2%
- (d) 7.0%

Answer: (d) 7.0%

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) retained India's growth forecast for the current fiscal year at 7% and said the economy is expected to accelerate in the



coming quarters due to better agricultural output and higher government spending. In the Asian Development Outlook (ADO) update, ADB said exports in the current fiscal year will be higher than previously estimated, led by a rise in services exports. However, merchandise export growth will be relatively slow in the next fiscal year.

Q.9. Recently which country and India have signed a bilateral investment treaty?

- (a) Australia
- (b) France
- (c) Uzbekistan
- (d) Japan

Answer: (c) Uzbekistan

India and Uzbekistan signed a Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) to enhance investor confidence in both countries. The treaty was formalized by Union Minister of Finance and Corporate Affairs Ms Nirmala Sitharaman and Deputy Prime Minister of Uzbekistan Mr Khodjayev Jamshed Abdukhakhimovich in Tashkent. The BIT ensures appropriate protection for investors of both countries, reflecting relevant international standards and practices. According to an official statement, the treaty aims to enhance investor facilitation by establishing minimum standards of treatment and non-discrimination along with provisions for independent arbitration for dispute resolution.

Q.10. Recently the second India-China and Bio-Energy Conference has been inaugurated in which country?

- (a) Punjab
- (b) Bhopal

- (c) New Delhi
- (d) Kolkata

Answer: (c) New Delhi

Union Minister for Consumer Affairs, Food & Public Distribution and New & Renewable Energy Pralhad Joshi inaugurated the 2nd India Sugar & Bio-Energy Conference in New Delhi. During the inaugural ceremony, Director General of Indian Sugar & Bio-Energy Producers Association (ISMA) Deepak Ballani also launched the ISMA Times Magazine. The magazine will provide information about the sugar industry and its future direction. The conference brings together policy makers, industry leaders, researchers and stakeholders to encourage dialogue, innovation and collaboration for sustainable development of the sugar and bio-energy industries.

Q.11. According to the recently released "World Talent Ranking" report, which country is on top?

- (a) Japan
- (b) Saudi Arabia
- (c) Singapore
- (d) Switzerland

Answer: (d) Switzerland

IMD's recent World Talent Ranking 2024 shows that Switzerland ranks first, followed by Singapore; India ranks 58th globally with a talent score of 40.47. The IMD World Talent Ranking 2024 shows the overall ranking for 67 economies. Economies are ranked from most to least competitive, and changes in the ranking from the previous year are also shown.

Q.12. Recently which country's experienced umpire 'Aleem Dar' has announced his retirement from international umpiring?

- (a) Afghanistan
- (b) Pakistan
- (c) Bangladesh
- (d) New Zealand

Answer: (b) Pakistan

Aleem Dar, a veteran Pakistani umpire and three-time winner of the World Cricket Umpire of the Year award, announced his retirement. He said he will retire in 2025 after Pakistan's domestic season. He was part of the International Cricket Council's (ICC) Elite Panel of Umpires from 2003 to 2023. He is currently in Pakistan's Elite Panel and is one of the four Pakistani umpires in the ICC international panel.

Q.13. Recently RBI has organized a conference for the directors of SFB (Small Finance Bank) in which country?

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

Answer: (d) Bengaluru

Reserve Bank of India Deputy Governor Swaminathan J asked small finance banks to be cautious and reduce risks in time. After inaugurating the SFB Directors Conference organised by the RBI in Bengaluru, Swaminathan said governance will play a key role in taking SFBs towards sustainable development.

Q.14. Recently Pappammal passed away, who was she?

- (a) Social reformer
- (b) Writer
- (c) Journalist
- (d) Organic farmer

Answer: (d) Organic farmer

Renowned organic farmer and Padma Shri awardee Pappammal passed away. She was 108 years old. Ms Pappammal died due to age-related illness in Mettupalayam, Coimbatore. She has been actively promoting natural and organic farming and was engaged in agricultural work till her last breath. She was awarded the prestigious Padma Shri in 2021 for her contribution in promoting organic farming.

Q.15. Recently which country has joined the leadership of anti-corruption coalition?

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

Answer: (b) India

India has been elected to the 15-member GloBE Steering Committee, which focuses on combating corruption and asset recovery. The decision was taken during a plenary session in Beijing following a multi-stage voting process. As a member of the Steering Committee, India is set to play a key role in shaping the global anti-corruption agenda by leveraging its experience and expertise in this field.

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