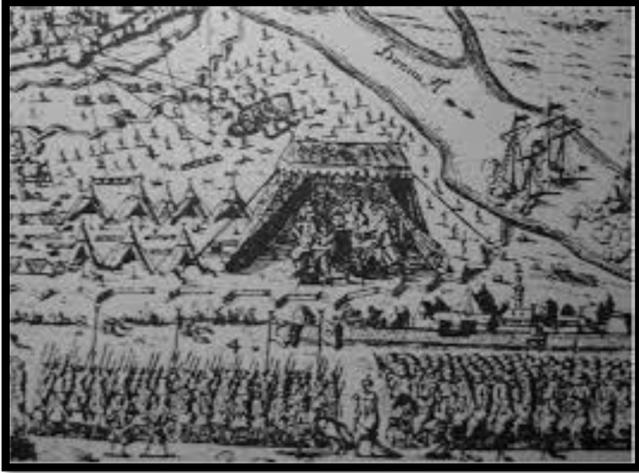


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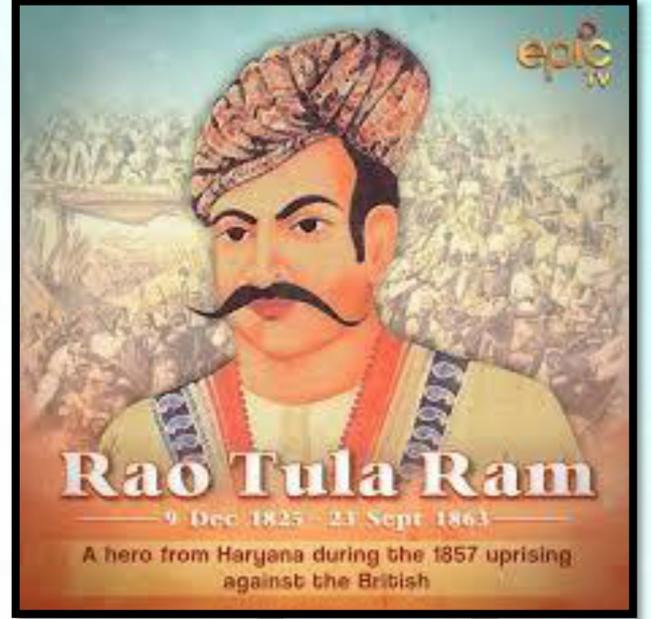
1739, Russia and Turkey sign the Belgrade Peace Treaty.

Treaty of Belgrade, (September 1739), one of two peace agreements signed by the Ottoman Empire that ended four years of war with Russia and two years of war with Austria. Disputes arising from unclear boundaries between Russian-ruled Ukraine and Ottoman-dominated Crimea provided the pretext for Russia's attempt to establish a new military garrison on the northern Black Sea coast in 1735.



1863: Death of Rao Tula Ram

Rao Tula Ram Singh was one of the prominent leaders of the First Indian War of Independence of 1857. He is considered as the "Raj Nayak" in the state of Haryana. Rao Tula Ram is credited with temporarily overthrowing the entire British rule from the south-western region of Haryana during the rebellion and providing military force, money and war material support to the rebel soldiers in the historic city of Delhi.



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In 1879, Richard Rhodes created the first hearing aid machine, called the audiophone. This device consisted of a fan made of a hard rubber material that used the operator's teeth and jaw bone to conduct sound vibrations and improve hearing ability.



1976: Soyuz 22 returned to Earth.

Soyuz 22 was a Soviet crewed spacecraft launched on September 1976. It was an Earth science mission using a modified Soyuz spacecraft, and some observers speculated that it was also a mission to observe NATO exercises near Norway. The spacecraft was a refurbished Soyuz, which had served as a backup for the Apollo-Soyuz Test Project (ASTP) mission the previous year.



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Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched the NPS Vatsalya scheme

Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman officially launched the NPS Vatsalya scheme in line with the announcement made in the Union Budget 2024. The goal of NPS Vatsalya's investment strategy is to give parents the ability to invest in a pension account as a way to save for their children's future.



2020: The Indian Parliament approved the Jammu and Kashmir Official Language Bill-2020.

In the year 2020, the Indian Parliament approved the Jammu and Kashmir Official Language Bill-2020. Which provided for giving official language status of the Union Territory to five languages - Hindi, English, Urdu, Kashmiri and Dogri. The bill clarifies that English can continue to be used in the Union Territory for those administrative and legislative purposes for which it was being used before the implementation of the Act.

ICC Players of the Month for August 2024

In a remarkable achievement for Sri Lankan cricket, the International Cricket Council (ICC) announced that Dunith Wellalage and Harshitha Samarawickrama have been named the ICC Players of the Month for August 2024. This rare double victory marks a significant milestone for Sri Lanka in international cricket. This is only the second time in ICC history that players from the same country have won both men's and women's awards in the same month. Earlier, India's Jasprit Bumrah and Smriti Mandhana achieved this feat in June 2024.



The conference, with the theme 'Sustaining Rural Water Supply', focused on knowledge exchange, innovations, and best practices to tackle global WASH challenges, especially Sustainable Development Goal 6 (SDG 6).



Union Minister Dr Mansukh Mandaviya Inaugurates Second Edition of Inclusion Conclave

Union Minister of Youth Affairs & Sports and Labour & Employment, Dr Mansukh Mandaviya inaugurated the Second Edition of the Inclusion Conclave organized by National Anti-Doping Agency (NADA), India in New Delhi. Union Minister of State for Youth Affairs & Sports, Ms Raksha Nikhil Khadse was also present on the occasion.

19th Divya Kala Mela Unveiled in Visakhapatnam

The 19th edition of the Divya Kala Mela was inaugurated in Visakhapatnam by the Hon. Governor of Andhra Pradesh, Shri S Abdul Nazeer, alongside dignitaries like Dr Virendra Kumar, Union Minister for Social Justice and Empowerment, and other MPs. The event provided concessional loans of ₹40 lakh to 10 Divyang beneficiaries under NDFDC schemes and distributed assistive devices with the support of CSR partners such as HPCL, GAIL India, and IOCL.



International WASH Conference 2024 concludes at 8th India Water Week

The Department of Drinking Water and Sanitation (DDWS), Ministry of Jal Shakti, organized the International WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) Conference during the 8th India Water Week on September 2024 in New Delhi.



Uttarakhand Enacts Landmark Property Damage Recovery Act

In a significant development for the state of Uttarakhand, Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhama expressed his profound gratitude to the Governor for approving the Uttarakhand Public (Government) and Private Property Damage Recovery (Ordinance) Act 2024. This groundbreaking legislation represents a crucial step towards addressing the financial implications of civil unrest and riots in the state.

India's First Fashion Forecasting Initiative 'VisioNxt'

VisioNxt, launched by the National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), is a fashion forecasting initiative aimed at fostering global competition and elevating Indian culture and design. Combining Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Emotional Intelligence (EI), it provides trend insights tailored to India's socio-economic and cultural diversity.



Current affairs MCQs on 23 SEP

Q.1. By which year will India establish its 'Indian Space Station'?

- (a) 2028
- (b) 2040
- (c) 2026
- (d) 2030

Answer: 1. A

Explanation: After the success of Chandrayaan-3, India is now preparing to buy more big things in the space sector. Soon it will carry out four more space-related missions. This also includes the first space station established in space. Which will be established by December 2028. With this, India will become the third country in the world to establish its own station in space.

Q.2. Recently which country has been declared by the World Health Organization as the first country in the world to be "leprosy free"?

- (a) Morocco
- (b) Sudan
- (c) Jordan
- (d) Spain

Answer: 2. C

Explanation: The World Health Organization (WHO) has declared Jordan as the first country in the world to eradicate leprosy. Not a single case of this disease has been found in Jordan for about 20 years. Leprosy is called Leprosy in English and it is a serious disease. A large number of people also become paralyzed when affected by it. According to WHO, there are millions of patients of this disease in more

than 120 countries of the world. The highest number of these is in India. More than 1 lakh cases of leprosy are reported in India every year.

Q.3. Who has recently won the Azerbaijan Grand Prix?

- (a) Oscar Piastrri
- (b) Max Verstappen
- (c) George Russell
- (d) None of the above

Answer: 3. A

Explanation: McLaren's Oscar Piastrri took his first Formula 1 win at the Azerbaijan Grand Prix, marking a significant milestone in his career. The race, held at the Baku City Circuit, took place under a Virtual Safety Car due to a late accident, adding an element of drama to the final moments.

Q.4. Which 'World Food India 2024' has been launched recently?

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

Answer: 4. B

Explanation: The four-day 'World Food India 2024' will begin in New Delhi. The Ministry of Food Processing Industries said that more than 90 countries, 26 states and union territories and 18 central ministries will participate in this event. Japan will be the partner country and Vietnam and Iran will participate as main countries. Innovation, technology and sustainability in the food processing sector will be the main points of this event. This event is also a historic opportunity to highlight

India's emerging role as a global power in food processing.

Q.5. Recently who has been appointed as the new Director General of Narcotics Control Bureau?

- (a) Ajit Bansal
- (b) Santosh Kashyap
- (c) Anurag Garg
- (d) Sameer Kumar

Answer: 5. C

Explanation: The central government has appointed IPS officer Anurag Garg as the new Director General of the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB). The Union Home Ministry (MHA) gave this information. He is a 1993 batch Indian Police Service officer of Himachal Pradesh cadre. Anurag Garg is currently serving as Additional Director General at the headquarters of the Border Security Force (BSF).

Q.6. The Square Kilometer Array Telescope, which was in the news recently, is located in which countries?

- (a) India and Russia
- (b) China and Japan
- (c) Australia and South Africa
- (d) France and India

Answer: 6. C

Explanation: The world's largest radio telescope the Square Kilometre Array (SKA) has begun its first observations, demonstrating partial functionality. The SKA is an international mega science project aimed at building the most sensitive radio telescopes to detect advanced scientific targets. It is located in Australia (SKA-Low) and South Africa (SKA-Mid), with operational headquarters in the UK.

The SKA-Low in Australia has 1,31,072 antennas, each two metres long, and operates in the 50-350 MHz frequency range. The SKA-Mid in South Africa consists of 197 large parabolic dish antennas and operates in the 350 MHz - 15.4 GHz range, providing the largest observation bandwidth.

Q.7. Who has recently completed the 'Polaris Dawn Mission'?

- (a) SpaceX
- (b) NASA
- (c) CNSA
- (d) None of the above

Answer: 7. A

Explanation: SpaceX's Polaris Dawn mission successfully launched American billionaire Jared Isaacman and three others into orbit on a five-day flight to attempt the world's first private spacewalk. The mission is the first of three Polaris program spaceflights with SpaceX, and the second personally funded by Isaacman.

Q.8. The new MSME Policy 2024 has been launched recently by the Chief Minister of which state?

- (a) Telangana
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Jharkhand

Answer: 8. A

Explanation: Taking a significant step towards empowering MSMEs, IRIS Business Services Limited proudly signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Government of Telangana under the recently launched Telangana MSME Policy 2024. The signing took place at a grand event where the

Hon'ble Chief Minister of Telangana, Shri Revanth Reddy officially launched the far-reaching MSME policy of the state. Other dignitaries present at the event included Deputy Chief Minister Shri Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu and Industries Minister Shri D. Sridhar Babu.

Q.9. Recently, SIDM (Society of Indian Defense Manufacturers) has signed an agreement with whom to enhance defense cooperation?

- (a) US
- (b) UAE
- (c) France
- (d) Spain

Answer: 9. B

Explanation: In a historic step towards enhancing defence cooperation, the Society of Indian Defence Manufacturers (SIDM) signed two MoUs on defence industry cooperation with the Emirates Defence Companies Council (EDCC) and Edge Group UAE.

Q.10. Recently which country will soon start its 'carbon market'?

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

Answer: 10. D

Explanation: India is on the verge of creating a carbon market. The move would set emissions targets for emitters and allow high achievers to sell their excess emissions reductions, while low achievers would have to buy them to meet their targets.

Q.11. Recently the central government has approved Rs 31000 crore for fencing the border of which country?

- (a) China
- (b) Nepal
- (c) Bangladesh
- (d) Myanmar

Answer: 11. D

Explanation: The Centre has sanctioned Rs 31,000 crore for fencing and construction of roads along the 1,610-km long international border between India and Myanmar. "The Cabinet Committee on Security (CCS) has given in-principle approval for fencing and construction of roads along the 1,610-km long international border between India and Myanmar at a cost of about Rs 31,000 crore," Home Ministry sources said. About 10 km of fencing has been completed in Moreh and work is underway on an additional 21 km of border fencing in other areas of Manipur, sources said.

Q.12. Recently Manorama Bhatt has passed away. Who was she?

- (a) Painter
- (b) Writer
- (c) Singer
- (d) Journalist

Answer: 12. B

Explanation: Senior Kannada writer and women's rights activist Manorama M Bhat passed away. She was 92. Born on July 15, 1932 in Puttur, Manorama was not only a noted writer but also a dedicated theatre artist and a staunch supporter of women's rights. Her literary works include story collections such as 'Swayamvara' and 'Shabdagalagada

Dhwanigalu' along with other important works such as 'Vyangya Baduku' and 'Muliya Nenu'.

Q.13. Australia's famous Melbourne University has opened its first global center in India in?

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

Answer: 13. C

Explanation: Australia's renowned Melbourne University inaugurated its first Global Center in New Delhi. This center will start joint academic programs in collaboration with the country's top academic and research institutions including JNU, Delhi University and IITs. Its focus is to work in that direction keeping in mind the needs of the country and the interests of the students.

Q.14. Recently in which state has the Pitru Paksha fair started?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Punjab
- (d) Chhattisgarh

Answer: 14. B

Explanation: The Pitru Paksha Mela has begun in Gaya, which was attended by lakhs of devotees from the country and abroad. On the second day of the fair, the devotees took a bath in the Phalguni river and performed the holy ritual of Pind Daan-Shraddha by offering kheer laddus on the river bank. According to the Hindu tradition, offering Pind Daan with kheer laddus on the banks of the Phalgu river ensures the satisfaction and salvation of ancestors

for generations. The Phalgu river, which is considered sacred and full of the fragrance of Lord Vishnu's body, holds great significance in the city of salvation, Gaya.

Q.15. Recently in which country have solar panel explosions occurred?

- (a) Lebanon
- (b) Somalia
- (c) Iran
- (d) Syria

Answer:15. A

Explanation: Lebanon is facing a crisis after a series of explosions targeting electronic equipment used by Hezbollah, believed to have been organized by Israel. The attacks have caused many casualties and raised fears of a wider war. The explosions have exposed Hezbollah's vulnerabilities and left Lebanese citizens in panic fearing more attacks.

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