

## Today in History on 05 OCT 2024

### ➤ 1864: Louis Jean Lumiere, the first to patent the cinematograph, was born.

In the year 1864, Louis Jean Lumiere, the first to patent the cinematograph, was born. Louis Lumiere's name is often associated with that of his brother Auguste Lumiere, known as the Lumiere Brothers. This comparison is a bit excessive in relation to the invention of the cinematograph, since, in fact, Auguste failed in his attempt to build the first machine, and passed it on to his brother, who made the invention a success.



### ➤ 1915: Bulgaria enters World War I.

The Kingdom of Bulgaria entered World War I on the side of the Central Powers in October 1915, when the country declared war on Serbia, and the Armistice of Salonica came into effect on 30 September 1918. Bulgarian campaign during World War I, borders including occupied territories A German postcard commemorating Bulgaria's entry

into the war. After the Balkan Wars of 1912 and 1913, Bulgaria was diplomatically isolated, surrounded by hostile neighbours and deprived of great power support.



### ➤ 1946: The first Cannes Film Festival concludes.

The first annual Cannes Film Festival was held from September 20 to October 5, 1946. Twenty-one countries presented their films at the "First Cannes International Film Festival", which took place in the former Casino in Cannes. Only one year after the end of World War II, most of the films were about the war.



### ➤ 1988: Brazil's Constituent Assembly approves the Constitution.

Brazil's 1988 Constitution is one of the longest constitutions in the world, second only to India's, containing 250 articles that list an impressive list of civil, political, social, economic, and environmental rights. Under this constitution, Brazil is a presidential, federal republic. The constitution grants state and municipal governments administrative autonomy and responsibility for policy implementation.



## Important NEWS on 05 OCT 2024



### ➤ Finance Ministry Introduces New Norms for Handling Delayed Tax Refund Claims

The Ministry of Finance has released comprehensive guidelines to streamline the handling of delayed tax refund claims and loss carry forward applications. These guidelines aim to reduce bureaucratic delays, especially in cases where taxpayers missed filing their income tax returns (ITR) but had refunds due. A tiered authority system and specific time limits have been introduced, making the process smoother and quicker.

### ➤ 1989: Justice Meera Sahib Fatima Bibi became the first woman judge of the Supreme Court.

In the year 1989, Justice Meera Sahib Fatima Bibi became the first woman judge of the Supreme Court. She was made a member of the National Human Rights Commission (India) on 3 October 1993. Her full name is Meera Sahib Fatima Bibi. She has also been the former Governor of Tamil Nadu. Justice Meera Sahib Fatima Bibi was born in Pathanamthitta, Kerala. Her father's name is Meera Sahib and mother's name is Khadija Bibi.



#### ➤ GST Collections in September 2024: Slowest Growth in 40 Months

India's Gross Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections hit a 40-month low in September 2024, growing by just 6.5% to ₹1.73 lakh crore. Net GST receipts rose by 3.9%, marking the slowest growth in the current financial year. Despite this, net collections were marginally up by 1.5% compared to August. The slowdown is attributed to weaker revenue growth from domestic transactions and imports, though imports saw a growth of 8%. GST refunds surged significantly, with overall refunds rising 31% compared to a 38% rise in August.



#### ➤ Launch of PM E-DRIVE Scheme: A New Milestone in India's Electric Mobility

The Ministry of Heavy Industries launched the PM Electric Drive Revolution in Innovative Vehicle Enhancement (PM E-DRIVE) Scheme on September 2024, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi, marking a pivotal shift in India's electric mobility efforts. The scheme, with a financial outlay of ₹10,900 crore for two years, aims to accelerate EV adoption and build critical infrastructure nationwide, aligning with Prime Minister Modi's vision for net-zero emissions by 2070.

#### ➤ Italy Hosts G7 Call to Address Middle East Crisis

On October, 2024, Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni convened a call of G7 leaders to discuss the escalating crisis in the Middle East. Italy, holding the rotating presidency of the G7, emphasized its commitment to finding a diplomatic solution amidst growing tensions, particularly focusing on the Israeli-Lebanese border and Iran's missile attack on Israel.



### ➤ UN Chief Guterres Banned to Enter in the Israel

Foreign Minister of Israel Katz announced that they decided to declare the UN Secretary-General António Guterres an undesirable personality in Israel and to ban his entry into Israel. Israel has declared UN chief António Guterres banning him from entry for "failing" to condemn Iran's missile attacks on Israel.



### ➤ Women Entrepreneurship Platform in Telangana Launched By NITI Aayog

In a groundbreaking initiative to further strengthen the ecosystem for women entrepreneurs in Telangana, NITI Aayog, in collaboration with Telangana government, launched the first State chapter of Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP), with WE Hub serving as the nodal organization. To promote and support women entrepreneurs across various sectors, providing them with resources, tools, and a robust network to enhance their business growth.



### ➤ India to Host Historic First-Ever Kho Kho World Cup in 2025

Kho Kho Federation of India (KKFI) in collaboration with the International Kho Kho Federation revealed plans to organize the inaugural Kho Kho World Cup in India come 2025. This historic event marks a significant milestone in the journey of this traditional Indian sport toward global recognition.

This diverse participation shows the growing international appeal of Kho Kho, which has evolved from its simple mud grounds to now being played on professional mats in 54 countries.



### Current affairs MCQS on 05 OCT 2024

**Q.1. NITI Aayog launched the first state chapter of Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) in which state?**

- (a) Telangana
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Odisha

**Answer: (a) Telangana**

NITI Aayog launched the first state chapter of Women Entrepreneurship Platform (WEP) in Telangana. This was done in collaboration with WE Hub and the state government. The platform supports women entrepreneurs by tackling issues such as lack of finance and guidance. It focuses on digital skills, financial services and market connections. Over 30,000 women entrepreneurs and 400 mentors are part of this platform. WE Hub will lead the activities related to WEP in the state.

**Q.2. Who has recently topped LinkedIn's list of top startups in India for 2024?**

- (a) Lucidity
- (b) Sprinto
- (c) Zepto
- (d) ODDA

**Answer: (c) Zepto**

Professional networking platform LinkedIn has released the 2024 LinkedIn Top Startups India list – an annual ranking of emerging companies where

professionals want to work. This year's list for India is dominated by software-focused startups. While e-grocery platform Zepto (#1) maintains its lead for the second consecutive year.

**Q.3. Who has recently taken over as the Secretary General of 'NATO'?**

- (a) Miley Cyrus
- (b) Morne Morkel
- (c) Albert Quill
- (d) Mark Rutte

**Answer: (d) Mark Rutte**

Mark Rutte took over as Secretary General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), replacing Norway's Jens Stoltenberg. The change is the first shift in NATO's top leadership position in a decade. Rutte's appointment comes at a critical time for the 32-member alliance, which is facing concerns about the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, Russia's future actions and potential political changes in the United States.

**Q.4. Who has recently hoisted the tricolor on Mount Yunam, a 20300 feet high peak in Himachal Pradesh?**

- (a) Abhineet Maurya
- (b) Ashish Singh
- (c) Rakesh Sharma
- (d) Yashwant Nayak

**Answer: (a) Abhineet Maurya**

Mountaineer Abhineet Maurya has set a new record by hoisting the tricolor on Mount Unam, a 20300 feet high peak in Himachal Pradesh. District Magistrate Mangala Prasad Singh started Abhineet's expedition by presenting the tricolor. For this, Abhineet reached Lahaul district of Himachal Pradesh and

started the expedition from Bharatpur Base Camp. Five members were involved in Abhineet's expedition, but due to bad weather and health, four members had to leave the expedition at the base camp itself. Abhineet and the local guide completed this expedition.

**Q.5. In which state has India's first Oxygen Bird Park been inaugurated recently?**

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Uttarakhand

**Answer: (b) Maharashtra**

Recently, the Oxygen Bird Park (Amrit Mahotsav Park) was inaugurated in Nagpur, Maharashtra by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways. It is part of an environmental initiative taken by the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) on the Nagpur-Hyderabad National Highway-44. It has fast-growing and oxygen-emitting trees, which aim to prevent air pollution and promote a healthy environment. It has been developed as a natural ecosystem to conserve local and migratory bird species.

**Q.6. Which mission has been launched recently to promote cruise tourism in India?**

- (a) Cruise Blue Mission
- (b) Cruise Bharat Mission
- (c) Cruise Vihar Mission
- (d) Cruise Jalayan Mission

**Answer: (b) Cruise Bharat Mission**

Union Minister for Ports, Shipping and Waterways Shri Sarbananda Sonowal launched the 'Cruise India

Mission' from Mumbai Port. The mission aims to enhance India's potential as a global hub for cruise tourism, with a target to double the cruise passenger traffic by 2029. It focuses on three major cruise segments: ocean and port, river, inland and island. The initiative is expected to significantly improve the cruise sector in India and promote the country as a leading global cruise destination.

**Q.7. What is the production target of crude palm oil by 2025-26 under National Edible Oil Mission - Oil Palm (NMEO-OP)?**

- (a) 5 lakh tonnes
- (b) 11.20 lakh tonnes
- (c) 2.50 lakh tonnes
- (d) 16.50 lakh tonnes

**Answer: (b) 11.20 lakh tonnes**

Recently a national level multi-stakeholder consultation workshop on Sustainable Oil Palm Cultivation was held under NMEO-OP. The workshop focused on increasing oil palm cultivation and crude palm oil production in India. It engaged various stakeholders to discuss sustainable practices and strategies for implementing the National Edible Oil Mission-Oil Palm (NMEO-OP). NMEO-OP was launched by India in August 2021 to promote oil palm cultivation and crude palm oil production. It focuses on the Northeast region and Andaman and Nicobar Islands. The scheme has a financial outlay of Rs 11,040 crore, with Rs 8,844 crore provided by the Central Government. It aims to increase oil palm cultivation from 3.5 lakh hectares to 10 lakh hectares and crude palm oil production to 11.20 lakh tonnes by 2025-26.

**Q.8. Who has been appointed as the new CMD of IL&FS Group recently?**

- (a) Nand Kishore

- (b) Saurabh Shah  
(c) Anurag Jain  
(d) None of the above

**Answer: (a) Nand Kishore**

IL&FS Group announced the appointment of Nand Kishore as its new Chairman and Managing Director. Kishore is currently the Managing Director of IL&FS, the company said in a statement. The Ministry of Corporate Affairs has appointed him as the CMD of IL&FS, the statement said. Former bureaucrat CS Rajan was serving as the chairman of the company.

**Q.9. Which state government will shut down the prestigious tram service recently?**

- (a) Arunachal Pradesh  
(b) Assam  
(c) Uttarakhand  
(d) West Bengal

**Answer: (d) West Bengal**

The West Bengal government has decided to shut down Kolkata's iconic tram service, while the only heritage route from Maidan to Esplanade will continue. Kolkata's tram service, which is 150 years old, is the only city in India where tram service is still running. It recently celebrated its 150th anniversary. The first tram, introduced in 1873 in the British capital Calcutta, was pulled by horses.

**Q.10. Recently with which airline SBI Card has launched co-branded credit card?**

- (a) Singapore Airlines  
(b) Air India  
(c) Malaysia Airlines  
(d) Qatar Airways

**Answer: (a) Singapore Airlines**

SBI Card, India's largest pure-play credit card issuer, has launched the KrisFlyer SBI Card in partnership with Singapore's national carrier Singapore Airlines. This travel-focused co-branded credit card is for super-premium cardholders, offering exclusive privileges in-flight and on-ground with the SIA Group comprising of Singapore Airlines, Scoot Airline, KrisShop.com, Kris+ Lifestyle App and Pelago.

**Q.11. Recently who has become the fastest player to score 27000 international runs?**

- (a) Shikhar Dhawan  
(b) Rohit Sharma  
(c) Virat Kohli  
(d) None of the above

**Answer: (c) Virat Kohli**

Indian team's star batsman Virat Kohli has achieved a special feat on the fourth day of the second Test match being played against Bangladesh in Kanpur. Former Indian captain Kohli, who is constantly achieving new heights, has completed 27000 runs in international cricket. With this, Kohli has become the fastest batsman to achieve this feat and in this matter he has left behind his compatriot great batsman Sachin Tendulkar.

**Q.12. Recently who has been awarded the 25th Lal Bahadur Shastri National Award 2024?**

- (a) K.S. Singh  
(b) Akshay Sareen  
(c) Varun Goyal  
(d) Rajshree Birla

**Answer: (d) Rajshree Birla**

Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, Hon'ble Vice President of India presented the 25th Lal Bahadur Shastri National Awards of Excellence-2024 to Smt. Rajshree Birla, Chairperson, Aditya Birla Centre for Community Initiatives and Rural Development. The award ceremony took place at the Vice President's residence in New Delhi, after which Smt. Birla delivered a speech at the National Museum.

**Q.13. Recently who has become the first woman Director General of AFMS (Arms Forces Medical Service)?**

- (a) Amrita Mohan
- (b) Pratima Singh
- (c) Aarti Sareen
- (d) Reena Singh

**Answer: (c) Aarti Sareen**

The Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS) has got its first woman Director General. Surgeon Vice Admiral Aarti Sareen took over as the Director General of the Armed Forces Medical Services (DGAFMS). With this, she has become the first woman officer to take command of DGAFMS.

**Q.14. Recently the 26th Water, Energy, Technology and Environment Exhibition 2024 has started in which country?**

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Dubai
- (c) Goa
- (d) Saudi Arabia

**Answer: (b) Dubai**

Dubai Electricity and Water Authority is organising the 26th Water, Energy, Technology and Environment Exhibition (WETEX) at Dubai World Trade Centre. The exhibition is a standout event in the global sustainability calendar. It is the region's largest exhibition in energy, water, green growth, sustainability, decarbonisation, green mobility, green hydrogen, sustainable cities and related areas, and one of the largest specialised exhibitions worldwide. WETEX 2024 has attracted 68 sponsors and 37 partners and supporters. A total of 2,800 companies from 65 countries are participating in the exhibition. It includes 21 international pavilions and covers an area of 87,494 square metres.

**Q.15. Recently Indian-origin Ravi Ahuja has been appointed as the new CEO of which company?**

- (a) Sony Pictures Entertainment
- (b) Instagram
- (c) Boeing
- (d) Microsoft

**Answer: (a) Sony Pictures Entertainment**

Ravi Ahuja will take over as CEO of Sony Pictures Entertainment (SPE) on January 2, 2025, replacing Tony Vinciguerra, who will remain in the role of non-executive chairman until December 2025. Currently, Ravi serves as Sony's president and chief operating officer, where he plays a key role in overseeing the company's day-to-day operations along with Vinciguerra.

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