

Today in History on 23 OCT

- **1814: The world's first plastic surgery was performed in England.**

The world's first plastic surgery was performed on 23 October 1814. Plastic surgery has been in practice for many years. The treatment of broken parts of the human body was first mentioned in an ancient Egyptian medical text around 2500 BC and reconstructive surgery has been performed in India since 800 BC. It is a medical method used to repair damaged or irregular parts of the body.



- **1850: The first National Women's Rights Convocation began in the US for the rights of women.**

In the year 1850, the first National Women's Rights Convocation began in the US for the rights of women. More than 1,000 delegates from 11 states arrived to attend the two-day conference, which was planned by members of the Anti-Slavery Society.



- **1941: German government bans emigration of Jews.**

The German government banned emigration from the Greater Germanic Reich after October 1941. Of the German Jews who remained, about 163,000 in Germany and less than 57,000 from annexed Austria, Jews were able to leave Vichy France by the fall of 1942. These were people who felt they were particularly at risk for Nazi persecution because of their previous outspoken criticisms of the party.



➤ 1934: Mahatma Gandhi resigns as leader of the Indian National Congress.

In 1934, Mahatma Gandhi resigned as leader of the Indian National Congress. He did not disagree with the party's position, but felt that if he resigned, Gandhi's popularity among Indians would not be able to influence the party members, who actually included communists, socialists, trade unionists, students, religious conservatives and people with pro-business ideologies.



➤ 1954: West Germany joins the NATO bloc.

West Germany joined the NATO bloc in 1954. Starting from virtually zero military personnel, within two years of its entry West Germany was able to contribute tens of thousands of additional forces to NATO's ranks. They became fully integrated into NATO's structures, fulfilling two roles: securing the

country's defense and contributing to a restored sovereignty.



Important NEWS on 23 OCT

➤ India and Oman Conduct Joint Naval Drill 'Naseem Al Bahr' off Goa

The India-Oman bilateral naval exercise Naseem-Al-Bahr, held from October, 2024, off the coast of Goa, featured the participation of the Indian Navy's INS Trikand and Dornier Maritime Patrol Aircraft, alongside the Royal Navy of Oman's vessel Al Seeb. The exercise was conducted in two phases.



➤ Indian Army's Sudarshan Chakra Corps Holds 'Swavlamban Shakti' Exercise

The Army's Sudarshan Chakra Corps of the Southern Command is currently conducting 'Exercise SWAVLAMBAN SHAKTI' at the Babina Field Firing Ranges near Jhansi, with the primary objective of enhancing combat capabilities through the integration of niche and emerging technologies. Ensure readiness for evolving warfare scenarios and prioritize critical technologies for future development.



➤ PM Modi Launches Karmayogi Saptah to Boost Civil Service Skills

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Karmayogi Saptah, or National Learning Week, on October, 2024, at the Dr Ambedkar International Centre in New Delhi. This initiative is part of Mission Karmayogi, which aims to foster continuous skill enhancement among civil servants, aligning their competencies with the evolving goals of India, especially towards achieving a developed nation by 2047.



➤ Abhyuday Jindal Named New President of Indian Chamber of Commerce

The Indian Chamber of Commerce (ICC), a prominent national business association, has appointed Abhyuday Jindal, Managing Director of Jindal Stainless Limited, as its new president. The announcement was made during ICC's annual plenary session held in New Delhi, where Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal served as the chief guest.

➤ Government to Extend UDAN Scheme for 10 More Years: Transforming India's Aviation Landscape

In a landmark announcement on October, 2024, Civil Aviation Minister K Rammohan Naidu declared that the government will extend the UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Nagrik) scheme for an additional 10 years. The decision, made during a special event celebrating eight years of the scheme, reinforces the government's commitment to enhancing regional air connectivity and making air travel accessible to every citizen of India.



➤ Madhya Pradesh Introduces 'Pink Alarms' for Enhanced Women's Safety at Datia Hospital

In a pioneering move aimed at enhancing the safety of women in healthcare settings, Madhya Pradesh has installed 'pink alarms' at the government-run district hospital and medical college in Datia.

This initiative addresses growing concerns about the safety of female staff in public hospitals, a

pressing issue that gained heightened attention following the tragic rape and murder of a trainee doctor at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital in Kolkata.



➤ Subianto Announces Indonesia's Largest-Ever Cabinet

Newly inaugurated President Prabowo Subianto has unveiled Indonesia's largest-ever Cabinet, comprising 109 members. Named the "Red and White Cabinet" after Indonesia's flag, this lineup reflects his vision of a strong, unified government. Subianto, who was sworn in on Sunday, seeks to unite the nation's multicultural fabric and diverse political interests. Analysts, however, have noted that the expanded Cabinet might overburden the bureaucracy.



Current affairs MCQS on 23 OCT

Q.1. Recently, where was the National Conference on 'Rights of Older Persons' held?

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Chennai
- (c) Hyderabad
- (d) Bengaluru

Answer: (a) New Delhi

The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) organized a function and National Conference on the Rights of Older Persons at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi on its 31st Foundation Day. The NHRC was established on 12 October 1993. Shri Jagdeep Dhankar, Vice President of India was the Chief Guest. He said that India's human rights record is unmatched, especially for minorities, marginalized and vulnerable groups. The growing ageing population presents both opportunities and challenges. The Commission has taken steps to protect the rights of the elderly, including the formation of a core group and issuance of guidelines.

Q.2. Recently which country will sign labour mobility agreement with India?

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

Answer: (d) Germany

India and Germany are set to sign a memorandum next week that will facilitate informal and skill exchange between the two countries. Through this agreement, Indian skilled professionals can be easily absorbed in the German industry, the agreement states. This agreement is the first under the G20's "skill-based tourism pathway", which was agreed by member countries in New Delhi last year.

Q.3. Recently which country has launched new visa-on-arrival policy for Indians?

- (a) Japan
- (b) France
- (c) UAE
- (d) Russia

Answer: (c) UAE

In a new news for Indian travellers, the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has introduced a new visa-on-arrival policy, making entry easier for individuals holding a valid permanent resident card or visa from the United States, the United Kingdom or any European Union country. This change grants eligible Indian nationals a 14-day visa-on-arrival upon arrival in the UAE.

Q.4. Recently who has won the WR Chess Masters Cup?

- (a) Arjun Erigaisi
- (b) R Praggnanandhaa
- (c) Maxime Vachier
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (a) Arjun Erigaisi

Arjun Erigaisi of India won the WR Chess Masters Cup in London. He defeated Maxime Vachier-Lagrave in the final. After two drawn classical games, Arjun won the tiebreaker playing with black pieces under time pressure. The tournament was a 16-player knockout event. Arjun is now a frontrunner on the FIDE circuit.

Q.5. Recently where has the 'National Para Swimming Championship' started?

- (a) Jaipur
- (b) Nashik
- (c) Pune
- (d) Goa

Answer: (d) Goa

The 24th National Para-Swimming Championships kicked off in Goa, witnessing a vibrant celebration of exceptional talent and indomitable determination among athletes from across the country. This year's event has gathered competitors from various states, each eager to showcase their skills and compete for the coveted title, a true testament to the spirit of resilience and athleticism.

Q.6. Recently IPS Ajay Singh has become the new DGP of which state?

- (a) Jharkhand
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Rajasthan

Answer: (a) Jharkhand

On the instructions of the Election Commission amid the Jharkhand Assembly elections, the state government has removed acting DGP Anurag Gupta with immediate effect and appointed IPS Ajay Singh as Director General of Police in his place. Senior IPS officer Ajay Singh has previously been the DGP of Jharkhand. IPS Ajay Singh was the Chairman cum Managing Director of Jharkhand Police Housing Corporation Limited.

Q.7. Recently which state has launched Citizen Sentinel App to monitor traffic rule violations?

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

Answer: (a) Kerala

Kerala Transport Minister K B Ganesh Kumar launched the Citizen Sentinel app here using which people can upload photos and videos of traffic rule violations on the NextGen Parivahan app. Photos and videos of any rule violation up to 8 MB can be uploaded on the app, after which Motor Vehicles Department (MVD) officials will verify them. MVD sources said an e-challan will then be sent to the vehicle owner.

Q.8. Recently which country has become India's major import source?

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

Answer: (a) China

There has been a border standoff between India and China for a long time but it has not affected the trade between the two countries. During April-September this year, China has emerged as India's top import source. During this period, a total of \$56.29 billion was imported from China. During the same period, America has emerged as the top export destination for the country. Exports to America increased by 5.62 percent to \$40.38 billion. Imports from China have increased by 11.5 percent during the first half of the current financial year. Imports stood at \$50.48 billion in the same period of the previous financial year.

Q.9. Recently who has been appointed as the Chairperson of the National Commission for Women?

- (a) Vijaya Rahatkar
- (b) Mohan Ji
- (c) HS Khurana
- (d) Anushka Jain

Answer: (a) Vijaya Rahatkar

Vijaya Rahatkar has been appointed as the Chairperson of the National Commission for Women (NCW). A notification in this regard has been issued by the Ministry of Women and Child Development. Ms Rahatkar has been the Chairperson of the Maharashtra State Women's Commission and Mayor of Aurangabad. She has also served as the National Secretary of the BJP and President of the party's women's wing. The Ministry has also issued a notification appointing Dr Archana Majumdar as a member of the NCW.

Q.10. Recently which IIT will start 'Global Research Center' in Dubai?

- (a) IIT Guwahati
- (b) IIT Madras
- (c) IIT Kanpur
- (d) IIT Delhi

Answer: (b) IIT Madras

The Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Madras has announced plans to launch its first international flagship centre in Dubai, which will focus on research, innovation and entrepreneurship. The initiative, scheduled to open in early 2025, aims to promote collaboration and knowledge exchange between India and the UAE.

Q.11. Recently 'Vasant Anant Gadgil' passed away. Who was he?

- (a) Sanskrit scholar
- (b) Writer
- (c) Singer
- (d) Artist

Answer: (a) Sanskrit scholar

Vasant Anant Gadgil, eminent Sanskrit scholar and founder of Sharada Gyan Peetham, died in Pune at the age of 94. His contribution to the promotion of Sanskrit was enormous, ranging from teaching at Tilak Maharashtra University to international efforts in places like the US and Africa. He was deeply

involved in research of ancient Sanskrit texts like the Vedas and Upanishads and was a key figure at the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute.

Q.12. Recently 'Pink Alarms' were installed in the hospitals of which state?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Madhya Pradesh
- (c) Madras
- (d) Kerala

Answer: (b) Madhya Pradesh

Datia District Hospital and Medical College in Madhya Pradesh have installed 'Pink Alarms' for the safety of women. The initiative was launched after a trainee doctor was raped and murdered in Kolkata. The Pink Alarm system, designed by District Collector Sandip Makin, alerts security within five minutes of being activated. The alarms have been installed in the maternity ward, trauma centre and staff duty rooms in the New OPD block. This is the first government hospital in the state to provide this facility for the safety of women.

Q.13. India has recently doubled the grant to promote tree planting education in which country?

- (a) Myanmar
- (b) Sri Lanka
- (c) Maldives
- (d) Bhutan

Answer: (b) Sri Lanka

India has doubled its grant to Rs 172.25 million to support education in Sri Lanka's plantation areas for the Indian-origin Tamil community. Indian High Commissioner to Sri Lanka Santosh Jha and Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Science & Technology of Sri Lanka J M Thilaka Jayasundara signed and exchanged diplomatic letters to formalise the deal.

Q.14. Recently which country and India have discussed strengthening hydropower cooperation?

- (a) Myanmar
- (b) Nepal
- (c) Bhutan
- (d) Maldives

Answer: (c) Bhutan

Bhutan's Energy and Natural Resources Minister Lyonpo Jame Tshering met Energy Minister Manohar Lal in New Delhi. The meeting focused on strengthening long-term cooperation between the two countries in the hydropower sector. Both sides discussed enhancing their cooperation to further increase energy generation from the Puna-1 Hydroelectric (HEP) Project.

Q.15. Who has been appointed as the CEO of Eco Life recently?

- (a) Sandeep Goenka
- (b) Rohit Garg
- (c) Anurag Sharma
- (d) Jitendra Singh

Answer: (a) Sandeep Goenka

Acko has appointed its founding member Sandip Goenka as the CEO of its new life insurance business. Goenka, who has over two decades of experience, will develop product offerings and ensure long-term growth, operational efficiency and financial performance. His leadership reflects Acko's commitment to expand its presence in the life insurance sector.