

Today in History on 01 OCT 2024

➤ 1854: The use of postage stamps started in India.

The use of postage stamps started in India in the year 1854. The first postage stamps had the head of Queen Victoria and a picture of India. Its price was half an anna (1/32 rupees), which was an important achievement of the postal service of that time. The first post office in India was established by the East India Company in Kolkata in the year 1727.



➤ 1919: Famous Urdu poet Majrooh Sultanpuri was born.

Majrooh Sultanpuri was an Indian Urdu poet. He was a famous lyricist of Hindi films and one of the greatest Urdu poets of the progressive movement. He is considered one of the best poets of Urdu literature of the 20th century. He became famous as a lyricist in Bollywood. Through his works, he gave a new direction to the country, society and literature.



➤ 1949: The rule of the Communist Party began in China.

The rule of the Communist Party began in China in the year 1949. On October 1, 1949, the Communists established the People's Republic of China, thus China became communist. With the establishment of communist rule under the leadership of Mao, not only China was transformed but the whole world was also deeply affected. Some of its effects continue till date, this can be understood in the context of Taiwan-Tibet.



➤ 1967: Indian Tourism Development Corporation was established.

Indian Tourism Development Corporation was established in the year 1967. Its objective was to promote tourism in the country and develop tourism related facilities. One of the hotels developed by the government was Akbar Hotel in Chanakyapuri, which was constructed from 1965 to 1969.



➤ 1953 - Andhra Pradesh is formed.

Andhra Pradesh was recognised as a separate state on 1 October 1953. This was a significant step in the context of Indian state reorganisation, which gave recognition to different linguistic and cultural communities. On 1 October 1953, 11 districts of the Telugu-speaking part of Madras State became the new Andhra State with Kurnool as the capital.



Important NEWS on 01 OCT 2024

➤ Shigeru Ishiba Set to Become Japan's Next Prime Minister

Shigeru Ishiba, former defence minister, is poised to become Japan's next prime minister after winning the Liberal Democratic Party's (LDP) leadership vote. Ishiba will succeed Fumio Kishida, who stepped down following scandals that damaged his tenure. With the LDP holding a majority in the lower house, Ishiba's path to the role is effectively secured. He edged out economic security minister Sanae Takaichi by a narrow margin of 21 votes in the leadership race.



➤ For SeamLess Market Access SEBI Launches FPI Outreach Cell

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has launched a dedicated Foreign Portfolio Investor Outreach Cell as part of the Alternative Investment Fund and Foreign Portfolio Investors Department (AFD). This cell will focus on direct engagement with Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs), and supporting them in accessing the Indian securities market seamlessly.



➤ India and Uzbekistan Sign Bilateral Investment Treaty in Tashkent

India and Uzbekistan have signed a Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT) aimed at boosting investor confidence and enhancing economic cooperation between the two nations. The treaty was formalized by Indian Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Uzbekistan's Deputy Prime Minister Khodjayev Jamshid Abdulkhakimovich in Tashkent. This BIT assures protection for investors from both countries, providing a minimum standard of treatment and non-discrimination while facilitating dispute resolution through arbitration.



➤ Best Tourism Villages Competition-2024 Winner Revealed By Ministry

The Ministry of Tourism in Government of India announced the winners of the Best Tourism Villages Competition 2024 on the occasion of World Tourism Day 2024. This award competition was the 2nd edition since its launching. It showcases the renowned cultural and natural assets of Indian villages, preserving and promoting community based values, goods and lifestyles.



➤ Ministry of Tourism Unveils Paryatan Mitra and Didi Initiative

On the occasion of World Tourism Day, the Ministry of Tourism launched “Paryatan Mitra” and “Paryatan Didi,” a responsible tourism initiative aimed at improving tourist experiences across India. The initiative focuses on empowering local communities, especially women and youth, to serve as ambassadors and storytellers of their destinations, enhancing hospitality, cleanliness, and sustainability.



➤ Women in Space Leadership Programme Initiative Launches by DST

The Department of Science and technology (DST) in India with the collaboration with the British Council launches the initiative of “A Women in Space Leadership” (WiSLP) as a part of the UK-India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI).



➤ Anil Raturi’s “Khaki Mein Sthitapragya: Memories and Experiences of an IPS Officer”

In Khaki Mein Sthitapragya, former DGP of Uttarakhand, Anil Raturi, compiles select memories and experiences from his nearly three and a half decades of service in the Indian Police Service. The book provides an insightful look at the social environment during his career and serves as a reflection on governance, policing, and the ethical

dilemmas faced by public servants. It offers valuable lessons for present-day officers, while also shedding light on the evolving relationship between law enforcement and society.



Current affairs MCQS on 01 OCT 2024

Q.1. When is World Vegetarian Day celebrated?

- (a) 28 September
- (b) 29 September
- (c) 30 September
- (d) 01 October

Answer: (d) 01 October

World Vegetarian Day is celebrated every year on October 1. This day is dedicated to all those people who adopt and promote a vegetarian lifestyle. Vegetarianism is not only beneficial for our health, but it is also essential for the environment and animal welfare. The main objective of this day is to raise awareness about the benefits of vegetarianism and motivate people to adopt it.

Q.2. Recently 'B Vanlalvanna' has been appointed as the Ambassador of India to which country?

- (a) Indonesia
- (b) Singapore
- (c) Japan
- (d) Cambodia

Answer: (d) Cambodia

B Vanlalvanna has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Cambodia, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) said in a statement. The 1998 batch Indian Foreign Service officer is currently Joint Secretary in the Ministry. "B Vanlalvanna (IFF:1998), currently Joint Secretary in the Ministry, has been appointed as the next Ambassador of India to Cambodia," the MEA said. His appointment is expected soon. Prior to this appointment, Devyani Uttam Khobragade was serving as the Indian Ambassador to Cambodia.

Q.3. The "Three Gorges Dam" mentioned in the news recently is located on which river in China?

- (a) Yellow River
- (b) Mekong River
- (c) Yangtze River
- (d) Pearl River

Answer: (c) Yangtze River

NASA scientists suggest that China's Three Gorges Dam may affect the Earth's rotation due to the transfer of huge amounts of water. Located on the Yangtze River in Hubei province, it is the world's largest hydroelectric power station. Completed in 2012, the dam is 2,335 meters long and 185 meters high. Its reservoir holds 40 cubic kilometers of water, generating up to 22,500 megawatts of electricity. It uses water from the Qitangxia, Wuxia and Xilingxia valleys to rotate turbines. The dam also

increases shipping capacity and helps reduce the risk of flooding.

Q.4. Where is the IIFA Awards 2024 being held recently?

- (a) Abu Dhabi
- (b) London
- (c) Kuwait
- (d) Dubai

Answer: (a) Abu Dhabi

IIFA Awards 2024 is going to be held in Abu Dhabi this time. This award ceremony is going to last for three days. This time also Bollywood actors as well as famous filmmakers and celebrities are going to attend the ceremony. For the last three years, this event is being organized continuously in Abu Dhabi.

Q.5. The Ministry of Labor will partner with whom to create employment opportunities for the youth?

- (a) Amazon
- (b) Flipkart
- (c) Ola
- (d) Uber

Answer: (a) Amazon

The Union Labour Ministry and Amazon have signed an MoU to leverage the National Career Service (NCS) portal to enhance job opportunities in India. The MoU, signed by Union Minister Mansukh Mandaviya and Minister of State Shobha Karandlaje, aims to expand job access for the youth of the country by providing diverse employment services through the NCS platform. The partnership highlights the role of advanced technologies like AI in upgrading the portal to provide a more user-friendly experience for both job seekers and employers.

Q.6. Who has recently assumed the chairmanship of the Asian Supreme Audit Institutions Organization?

- (a) Alok Ranjan
- (b) Sameer Kumar
- (c) Ajit Bansal
- (d) Girish Chandra Murmu

Answer: (d) Girish Chandra Murmu

Comptroller and Auditor General of India (CAG) Girish Chandra Murmu officially took over the chairmanship of the Association of Asian Supreme Audit Institutions (ASOSAI) for the term 2024-2027. This significant change was highlighted during the 16th Assembly of ASOSAI, which has expanded its membership to include 48 Supreme Audit Institutions (SAIs) across Asia.

Q.7. Which country has recently become the largest trading partner of Nepal?

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

Answer: (d) India

India remains Nepal's largest trading partner. According to Nepal Trade Statistics released by the Customs Department, Nepal's trade deficit was NPR 237.45 billion as of mid-September for FY 2024-25. Out of the 145 countries with which Nepal has trade relations, Nepal has a trade deficit with more than 100 countries. Nepal has the highest trade deficit with its two neighbors India and China at 144.67 billion and 51.80 billion respectively. Nepal exports hydropower, resin, agricultural produce, yarn, pashmina shawls, hides, handicraft items, silver and gold jewelry and other items to India. While Nepal imports petroleum products, chemical fertilizers,

salt, sugar, rice, vehicles, copper, cotton and other items from India.

Q.8. Recently, cricketer 'Shakib Al Hasan' of which country has announced his retirement?

- (a) Afghanistan
- (b) Bangladesh
- (c) Pakistan
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (b) Bangladesh

Bangladesh Cricket Board President Farooq Ahmed has made it clear that the board cannot assure the personal safety of veteran all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan due to the cases going on against him in the country. 37-year-old Shakib announced his retirement from T20 International with immediate effect. Along with this, he said that if he gets assurance of security on returning home, he would like to play his farewell Test match against South Africa at home in October.

Q.9. Recently 'Shigeru Ishiba' will become the new Prime Minister of which country?

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

Answer: (c) Japan

Japan's former defence minister Shigeru Ishiba is set to become the country's new prime minister after winning a fierce leadership contest within the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP). Ishiba, 67, won the runoff vote, giving him the chance to lead the world's fourth-largest economy when parliament meets in October as the LDP has a majority in the lower house, reports CNN.

Q.10. Where has the 8th meeting of the India-Myanmar Joint Trade Committee been held recently?

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

Answer: (a) New Delhi

The 8th meeting of the India-Myanmar Joint Trade Committee (JTC) was hosted by India at Vanijya Bhavan, New Delhi. The meeting was co-chaired by Shri Siddharth Mahajan, Joint Secretary, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce and Industry, India and Mr. Myint Thura, Director General, Department of Trade, Myanmar. Representatives from stakeholder ministries also attended the meeting.

Q.11. Which country has recently unveiled a new powerful suicide drone Shaheed-136B?

- (a) Saudi Arabia
- (b) Egypt
- (c) Iran
- (d) Afghanistan

Answer: (c) Iran

Iran displayed its new Shahed Jihad ballistic missile with a range of 1,000 kilometres and an advanced Shahed-136B drone capable of striking over 4,000 kilometres during a military parade. It is an advanced version of the Shahed-136 with new features and an operational range of 2500-4000 kilometres. It has a more powerful warhead, a reduced radar signature and an aerodynamic design that is different from the delta wing configuration of the previous model.

Q.12. Cricketer Dwayne Bravo has recently announced his retirement from which country?

- (a) West Indies
- (b) England
- (c) Australia
- (d) New Zealand

Answer: (a) West Indies

Veteran West Indies all-rounder Dwayne Bravo has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket just days before his 41st birthday. Bravo, the highest wicket-taker in T20 cricket history, had a glorious 21-year career come to an end due to an injury he suffered during the 2024 Caribbean Premier League (CPL), which prevented him from playing for the last time on the field.

Q.13. Where was the first edition of 'Indian Arts Festival' inaugurated recently?

- (a) Chennai
- (b) Bhopal
- (c) Secunderabad
- (d) Kochi

Answer: (c) Secunderabad

President Draupadi Murmu inaugurated the 8th Indian Arts Festival focused on Northeastern states in Secunderabad, Telangana. The festival will run till 6 October 2024, showcasing the diversity of art, culture, crafts and cuisine of the Northeast. More than 300 artists and artisans from Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura are participating in it. The event promotes the region's contribution to India's cultural heritage, promotes social harmony and inclusive growth. It is organized by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region and the Ministry of Culture.

Q.14. Recently the book 'Khaki Mein Sthitapragya' written by whom has been released?

- (a) K. Chokalingam
- (b) Anil Raturi
- (c) Ajay Sharma
- (d) Deepak C Mehta

Answer: (b) Anil Raturi

Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami released the book "Khaki Mein Sthitapragya" written by former Uttarakhand Director General of Police Anil Raturi at the IRDT auditorium located at Survey Chowk in Dehradun. This book is based on the experiences and challenges of Anil Raturi's police service period. The Chief Minister said that through this book, Raturi has presented the memoirs and challenges of his service period in an interesting manner, which will help future police officers in taking decisions.

Q.15. Andro, which recently won the 'Best Heritage Tourism Village Award 2024', is located in which state?

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

Answer: (a) Manipur

Andro village in Manipur won the Best Tourism Village award in the Heritage category in the Best Tourism Village 2024 competition. The award was given by the Ministry of Tourism during the World Tourism Day celebrations in New Delhi. The village's rich cultural heritage and unique traditions, including age-old fire worship, contributed to its selection. The cultural heritage and historic temples of Andro village attract tourists from all over the world. Tourism has increased income and employment opportunities for locals, as the

community is actively involved in promoting and maintaining its heritage.

 

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