

Today in History on 27 SEP 2024

➤ 1760: Mir Qasim became the Nawab of Bengal.



Mir Qasim was the Nawab of Bengal from 1760 to 1763. He was installed as Nawab with the support of the British East India Company, succeeding his father-in-law Mir Jafar, who had himself been supported by the East India Company after his role in the

Battle of Plassey. However, Mir Jafar had conflicts with the East India Company over too many demands and tried to ally with the Dutch East India Company.

➤ 1821: Mexican independence.

The Mexican Empire declared independence on September 28, 1821. The Mexican War of Independence was an armed conflict and political process that resulted in Mexico's independence from the Spanish Empire. It was not a single, coherent event, but rather local and regional conflicts that occurred within the same period, and can be considered a revolutionary civil war.



➤ 1961: Sierra Leone becomes the 100th member of the United Nations.

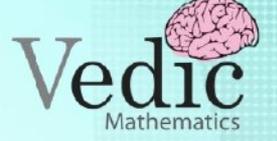
In September 1961, five months after gaining independence from Britain, Sierra Leone is granted full membership status in the United Nations.

On 27 April 1961, Milton Margai leads Sierra Leone in independence from the United Kingdom. Thousands of Sierra Leoneans take to the streets across the country to celebrate their independence. Sierra Leone, officially the Republic of Sierra Leone, is a country in West Africa, bordered by Guinea to the northeast, Liberia to the southeast, and the Atlantic Ocean to the southwest.



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➤ 1998: Internet search engine Google is founded.



Google was officially launched in 1998 by Larry Page and

Sergey Brin to market Google Search, which has become the most widely used web-based search engine. Larry Page and Sergey Brin, students at Stanford University in California, first developed (in 1996) a search algorithm called "Backrub" with the help of Scott Hassan and Alan Steremberg. The search engine soon proved successful and the expanding company relocated several times, finally settling in Mountain View in 2003.



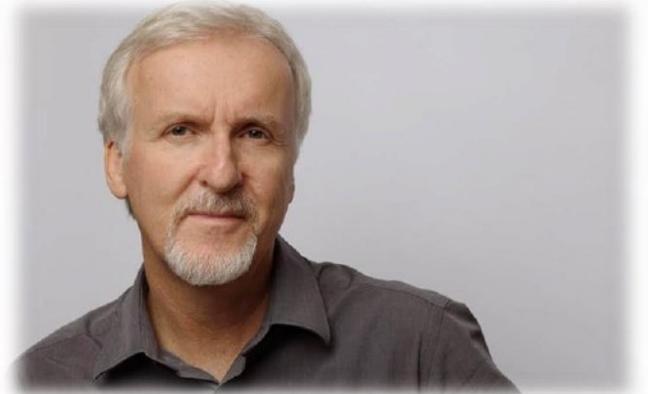
Important NEWS on 27 SEP 2024

➤ 2020: President Ram Nath Kovind gives assent to three farm bills.

According to a gazette notification, the President gave assent to three bills: The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020, The Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Price Assurance and Agreement on Farm Services Bill, 2020, and The Essential Commodities (Amendment) Bill, 2020. The Farmers' Produce Trade and Commerce (Promotion and Facilitation) Bill, 2020 aims to allow the sale of agricultural produce outside mandis regulated by Agricultural Produce Marketing Committees (APMCs) constituted by various state legislations.

➤ James Cameron Joins Stability AI Board

In a groundbreaking move that signals the increasing convergence of Hollywood and artificial intelligence, Stability AI announced that James Cameron, the visionary director behind blockbuster films such as "Titanic" and "The Terminator," has joined the company's board of directors. This unexpected collaboration between one of cinema's most innovative filmmakers and a cutting-edge AI startup marks a significant moment in the evolution of both industries.



➤ Tata Steel Commissions India's Largest Blast Furnace in Kalinganagar

Tata Steel has successfully commissioned India's largest blast furnace at its Kalinganagar facility in Odisha, marking a significant milestone for the steel sector. With a total investment of Rs 27,000 crore, this Phase II expansion will increase the plant's capacity from 3 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) to 8 MTPA. The new facility is designed to meet the growing demands of various industries, including automotive, infrastructure, shipbuilding, defence, and oil and gas. Over the last decade, Odisha has become the largest investment destination for Tata Steel, with a cumulative investment exceeding Rs 100,000 crore.



➤ Vinod Bachchan Honored at the House of Lords, UK Parliament

Renowned Bollywood producer Vinod Bachchan received the prestigious Global Prestige Award at the House of Lords, UK Parliament, recognizing his significant contributions to the Indian film industry. The award ceremony was hosted by Lord Bellamy KC and Lord Rami Ranger CBE, a distinguished Member of Parliament. Bachchan, known for producing hits such as Tanu Weds Manu, Zila

Ghaziabad, Ginny Weds Sunny, and Shaadi Mein Zaroor Aana, was honored for his influential role in bringing Indian cinema to global audiences.



➤ Inauguration of the 41st Indian Coast Guard Commanders' Conference

Raksha Mantri Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated the 41st edition of the Indian Coast Guard (ICG) Commanders' Conference in New Delhi on September, 2024. This three-day conference serves as a crucial platform for ICG Commanders to engage in meaningful discussions on strategic, operational, and administrative matters amid evolving geopolitical landscapes and maritime security complexities.



➤ Rubber Research Institute signs MoU with IndianOil

A memorandum of understanding was signed between Rubber Research Institute of India (RRII) and Indian Oil Corporation Ltd (IOCL) to enhance the research on using Rubber Process Oils marketed by IOCL in different tyre and non-tyre rubber products.



➤ Russia and China start naval exercises in the Sea of Japan

Russia and China started naval exercises in the Sea of Japan. The exercises will include anti-aircraft and anti-submarine weapons. This exercise aims to deepen the strategic cooperation level between the Chinese and Russian militaries and enhance their ability to jointly deal with security threats.



➤ Iran unveils all new and powerful suicide drone 'Shahed-136B'

Amid the growing tension in the Middle-East, Iran for the first time has showcased the Shahed 136B drone and Jihad ballistic missile. Iran presented this new kamikaze drone as part of its military modernization program, in a context marked by growing instability in the region.



Current affairs MCQS on 27 SEP 2024

Q.1. Recently Anura Kumara Dissanayake has been elected President of which country?

- (a) Sri Lanka
- (b) Bhutan
- (c) Bangladesh
- (d) Nepal

Answer: (a) Sri Lanka

Born on November 24, 1968 in Galewela, Anura Kumara Dissanayake has transformed Sri Lankan politics, leading his Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) party to an unprecedented election victory, winning 42.31% of the vote. His rise from a rural background to the presidency marks a significant shift in the country's political landscape, particularly

following economic crises and public discontent with the traditional political elite. Anura's leadership marks a move away from the party's militant past to a more democratic and reformist approach, which resonates with voters' desire for change.

Q.2. Defense Minister Rajnath Singh has recently inaugurated Sainik School at which place?

- (a) Lucknow
- (b) Jaipur
- (c) Leh
- (d) Bhopal

Answer: (b) Jaipur

As part of the Government's vision to set up 100 new Sainik Schools on affiliate basis across India, Defence Minister Shri Rajnath Singh inaugurated Sainik School Jaipur, Rajasthan. The Ministry of Defence has approved 45 out of 100 schools in collaboration with government companies, private entrepreneurs and private techies. Out of these, studies have started in full swing in forty (40) schools and Sainik School, Jaipur is one of them.

Q.3. Recently who has been appointed Director of NCRB (National Crime Records Bureau)?

- (a) Ajit Bansal
- (b) Anurag Garg
- (c) Sameer Kumar
- (d) Alok Ranjan

Answer: (d) Alok Ranjan

Alok Ranjan, a 1991 batch IPS officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre, has been appointed as the Director of National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB). The Appointments Committee of the Union Cabinet has approved his deputation. Alok Ranjan, a 1991 batch officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre, will serve as NCRB

director till his retirement on June 30, 2026, replacing Vivek Gogia, who has been repatriated to the AGMUT cadre. Amit Garg, a 1993 batch IPS officer of Andhra Pradesh cadre, will head the SVPNPA till his retirement on October 31, 2027.

Q.4. Recently who has been appointed Director of Climate Fund?

- (a) Sheikh Diong
- (b) Kumar Vijayan
- (c) Ajit Sharma
- (d) Vishwajit Singh

Answer: (a) Sheikh Diong

The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change announced that the board of the Fund to Respond to Loss and Damage to help countries affected by climate-induced disasters has appointed Senegalese finance expert Ibrahima Cheikh Diong as its first director.

Q.5. Where has the 45th FIDE Chess Olympiad been organized recently?

- (a) Hungary
- (b) Spain
- (c) France
- (d) Germany

Answer: (a) Hungary

Both Indian men's and women's chess teams won gold medals at the Chess Olympiad held in Budapest, Hungary. The Indian men's team won against Slovenia and the Indian women's team triumphed over Azerbaijan. Before India, only China and the former Soviet Union had won gold medals in both men's and women's categories in the same Chess Olympiad edition.

Q.6. Who has recently been awarded the Outstanding Actor in Indian Film Industry by Guinness World Records?

- (a) Vijay Shekhar
- (b) Jitendra Sharma
- (c) Allu Arjun
- (d) Chiranjeevi Konidela

Answer: (d) Chiranjeevi Konidela

Megastar Konidela Chiranjeevi, one of the most celebrated actors of Indian cinema, was honoured with a Guinness World Record recognising him as the most successful star in the Indian film industry in the actor/dancer category. He received this special award during an event that celebrated his amazing career as both an actor and a dancer. His career spans over 40 years, making this honour even more meaningful.

Q.7. Where has the 10th Annual Conference of the 'World Free Zone Organization Congress' started recently?

- (a) Paris
- (b) Rome
- (c) Italy
- (d) Dubai

Answer: (d) Dubai

The 10th annual World Free Zones Organisation (World FZO) Congress kicked off at Madinat Jumeirah in Dubai. This year's event brings together leading experts, decision-makers and stakeholders from across the world in free zones, logistics and multilateral sectors.

Q.8. Which bank has recently launched the "Paisa Save" cash-back credit card?

- (a) Axis Bank
- (b) Yes Bank
- (c) State Bank of India
- (d) Bank of Baroda

Answer: (b) Yes Bank

Paisabazaar has partnered with Yes Bank to launch its co-branded credit card – Yes Bank Paisabazaar PaisaSave Credit Card, which is designed to reward frequent shoppers by offering substantial cashback on everyday purchases, both online and offline, making it a must-have for value-conscious customers.

Q.9. Which country of India has recently participated in the G7 Sanskrit Ministers' meeting?

- (a) Canada
- (b) Italy
- (c) Germany
- (d) France

Answer: (b) Italy

The Indian delegation led by Shri Arunish Chawla, Secretary, Ministry of Culture, Government of India accompanied by Ms Lily Pandya, Joint Secretary, participated in the Special Session of the G7 Ministers' Meeting on Culture held in Naples, Italy. The meeting was also attended by the heads of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property (ICCROM) and the African Development Bank, as well as culture leaders from the African Union, Brazil, Canada, the European Union, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States.

Q.10. Who has recently won the Singapore Grand Prix 2024?

- (a) Jones Williams
- (b) Valtteri Bottas
- (c) Lando Norris
- (d) Max Verstappen

Answer: (c) Lando Norris

The Singapore Grand Prix saw a great display of skill and courage as McLaren's Lando Norris claimed his third career win in Formula 1. The win not only showcased Norris' growing skill but also injected new excitement into the championship battle.

Q.11. Which state has topped in cases of atrocities on Dalits recently?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: (a) Uttar Pradesh

A recent government report has highlighted the alarming rise in atrocities against Dalits, officially known as Scheduled Castes (SC), in India. Of the 51,656 cases registered under the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act in 2022, Uttar Pradesh had the highest percentage of 23.78% with 12,287 cases, followed by Rajasthan with 8,651 cases (16.75%) and Madhya Pradesh with 7,732 cases (14.97%). Notably, 97.7% of all atrocities registered against Scheduled Castes occurred in only 13 states, underlining a concentrated issue in these regions. Additionally, Madhya Pradesh leads in atrocities against Scheduled Tribes (ST) with 2,979 cases (30.61%).

Q.12. Who has recently won the title of Miss Universe India 2024?

- (a) Riya Singha

- (b) Anupriya Singh
- (c) Pranjal Priya
- (d) Chhavi Varg

Answer: (a) Riya Singha

Riya Singha has been crowned Miss Universe India 2024 and will now represent India at the global Miss Universe 2024 pageant. The grand finale of Miss Universe India 2024 was held in Jaipur, Rajasthan. The event was full of excitement, with Riya emerging as the winner and bagging the coveted title. Riya could not hold back her happiness after her big win. Speaking to ANI, she smiled and said, "Today I won the title of Miss Universe India 2024. I am very grateful. I have worked very hard to reach this point where I can consider myself worthy of this crown. I am very inspired by the previous winners."

Q.13. In which state will the IIFA Awards be held in the year 2025?

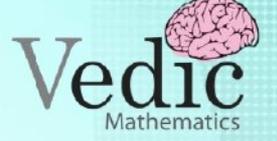
- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Jaipur
- (c) Bhopal
- (d) Mumbai

Answer: (b) Jaipur

Hindi cinema's biggest award ceremony, the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA), is going to be held in the capital Jaipur in March next year. Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan, will host the prestigious 25th International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards ceremony from March 7 to 9, 2025 at JECC Sitapura. This was announced during a formal agreement signing ceremony at the iconic Albert Hall, which was also attended by Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari. Rajasthan Tourism Commissioner V P Singh and IIFA Vice President Suresh Iyer signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), with which preparations for this grand event began.

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Q.14. Which film has recently been nominated for the 97th 'Oscar Awards'?

- (a) Munia
- (b) Savi
- (c) Lapta Ladies
- (d) None of these

Answer: (c) Lapta Ladies

Kiran Rao's 'Missing Ladies' has been selected as India's official entry for the Oscars 2025, the Film Federation of India announced. This Hindi film, a light-hearted satire on patriarchy, has been selected from 29 films including Bollywood hit 'Animal', Malayalam National Award winner 'Attam' and Cannes Film Festival winner 'All We Imagine as Light'.

Q.15. Where has Indian Prime Minister Modi recently announced to open Indian Consulate?

- (a) Los Angeles
- (b) Boston
- (c) Both of the above
- (d) None of these

Answer: (c) Both of the above

Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently announced the opening of two new Indian consulates in Boston and Los Angeles, marking a significant expansion of India's diplomatic footprint in the United States. The move meets long-standing demands of the Indian American community in these influential cities. Boston is a major hub for education and pharmaceuticals, while Los Angeles, home to Hollywood, will host the next Summer Olympics.



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