

Today in History on 28 SEP 2024

➤ 1837 - The last Mughal emperor Bahadur Shah II took over the rule of Delhi.

In the year 1837, the last Mughal emperor Bahadur Shah II took over the rule of Delhi. Bahadur Shah II, popularly known as Bahadur Shah Zafar, was the last Mughal emperor of India. He took over the rule of Delhi after the death of his father Akbar Shah II. Bahadur Shah Zafar's reign was politically fraught, and he was imprisoned by the British after the First War of Independence of 1857.



➤ 1838 - Bahadur Shah Zafar ascended the throne.

Bahadur Shah Zafar ascended the throne in the year 1838. Zafar was not only an ardent poet himself but also a patron of arts, language and poetry and hence we find more writers and poets than warriors in his court. As the last emperor of the Mughal Empire,

Bahadur Shah Zafar assumed power at a difficult time. During his reign, the dominance of the British East India Company had increased and Mughal power was waning. With his death, the Mughal Empire in India came to an end.



➤ 1923 - Ethiopia leaves the League of Nations.

In 1923, Ethiopia leaves the League of Nations. On 28 September 1923, Ethiopia joined the League of Nations as an independent African nation in an almost entirely colonized Africa. The League of Nations was an international organization, headquartered in Geneva, Switzerland, created after World War I to provide a forum for settling international disputes.



➤ 1950 - Indonesia became the 60th member of the United Nations.

In the year 1950, Indonesia became the 60th member of the United Nations. After gaining its independence after World War II, Indonesia gained membership in the United Nations, allowing the country to become a participant in global diplomacy and development. Indonesia has two permanent diplomatic missions to the United Nations in New York City and Geneva. These missions are headed by a Permanent Representative and an Ambassador. The Government of the Republic of Indonesia appointed Lambertus Nicodemus Palar as the first Permanent Representative to the United Nations.



Important NEWS on 28 SEP 2024

➤ ADB Retains India's Economic Growth Forecast at 7% for FY24, 7.2% for FY25

The Asian Development Bank (ADB), in its September 2024 Asian Development Outlook, projects India's GDP growth at 7% for FY2024 and 7.2% for FY2025. The report attributes this sustained growth to the government's fiscal consolidation efforts and resilience amidst global geopolitical challenges. ADB highlights agricultural improvements, robust performance in the industrial and services sectors, and rural spending as key growth drivers for FY2024. For FY2025, private investments, urban consumption, and job creation through employment-linked incentives are expected to further boost economic growth.

➤ 2006 - Shinzo Abe was sworn in as the newly elected and 90th Prime Minister of Japan.

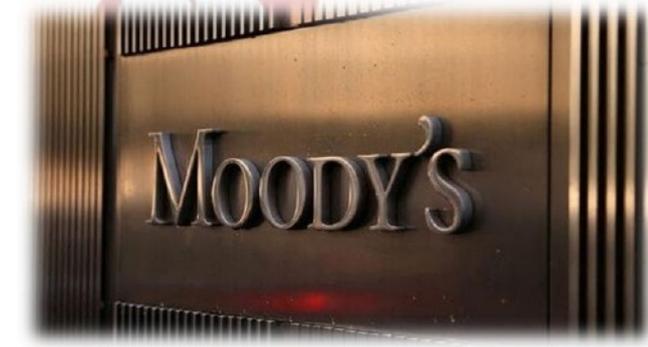
In the year 2006, Shinzo Abe was sworn in as the newly elected and 90th Prime Minister of Japan. Shinzo Abe was a Japanese politician who served as Prime Minister of Japan and President of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) from 2006 to 2007 and again from 2012 to 2020. He was the longest-serving Prime Minister in Japanese history, serving for a total of nearly nine years.



planes, has taken a significant step towards expanding its presence in the Indian market. The company announced the establishment of a new subsidiary dedicated exclusively to military Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) operations in India.

➤ Moody's Upgrades India's Economic Growth Forecast to 7.1% for CY 2024

Moody's has revised its forecast for India's GDP growth in calendar year (CY) 2024, raising it to 7.1% from its earlier projection of 6.8% made in June. This upgrade highlights India's key role in driving growth in the Asia-Pacific region, which is expected to outperform global economies in the coming years.



➤ Dassault Aviation Expands Footprint in India with New Military MRO Subsidiary

Dassault Aviation, the renowned French aircraft manufacturer famous for its Rafale fighter

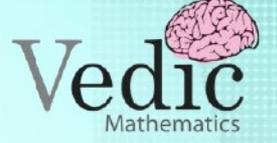


➤ India's DRDO, IIT Delhi develop ABHED LightWeight Bullet Proof Jackets

India's Defence Research & Development Organisation (DRDO), along with researchers of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Delhi has developed Light Weight Bullet Proof Jackets named ABHED (Advanced Ballistics for High Energy Defeat).



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➤ CM-SATH Scheme Officially Launched to Support Meritorious Students

Chief Minister Dr Manik Saha officially launched the CM-SATH scheme to boost the educational prospects of the state's brightest students. The scheme, designed to provide financial support to meritorious students for their higher education, reflects the state government's commitment to quality education.



Tripura CM-SATH Scheme

➤ Bank of Baroda and EaseMyTrip Launch Co-Branded Travel Debit Card

Bank of Baroda, in collaboration with EaseMyTrip.com, has introduced the Bank of Baroda EaseMyTrip Co-branded Travel Debit Card, aiming to cater to frequent travelers and those with a penchant for entertainment and lifestyle. This initiative marks the first co-branded travel debit card launched by a public sector bank in India, reflecting the growing trend towards customized financial products.



➤ Thailand to allow same-sex couples to marry in January

Thailand the third place in Asia, after Taiwan and Nepal, to allow same-sex marriage. The bill grants full legal, financial and medical rights for marriage partners of any gender. Thailand's landmark marriage equality bill was officially written into law allowing same-sex couples to legally wed.



Current affairs MCQS on 28 SEP 2024

Q.1. When is World Rabies Day celebrated?

- (a) 26 September
- (b) 25 September
- (c) 27 September
- (d) 28 September

Answer: (d) 28 September

World Rabies Day (WDR), observed every year on September 28, serves as a global initiative to raise awareness about rabies, a deadly zoonotic disease that claims thousands of lives every year. Established by the Global Alliance for Rabies Control (GARC) and recognised by the World Health Organisation (WHO), the day aims to boost efforts to combat rabies and highlight the importance of prevention.

Q.2. Recently, 'Harini Amarasuriya' has been appointed as the Prime Minister of which country?

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

Answer: (d) Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka's new President Anura Kumara Dissanayake has recently appointed Harini Amarasuriya as the new Prime Minister of the country. 54-year-old Amarasuriya is the country's third woman Prime Minister and has become an MP for the first time. Harini is active in Sri Lankan

politics as the leader of the National People's Power (NPP).

Q.3. Who has taken over the post of Director General of Aeronautical Development Agency?

- (a) Ajit Bansal
- (b) Sameer Kumar
- (c) Alok Ranjan
- (d) Jitendra J Jadhav

Answer: (d) Jitendra J Jadhav

The Appointments Committee of the Cabinet has approved a significant change in leadership for India's aeronautics sector. Jitendra J Jadhav, a distinguished scientist with nearly four decades of experience in aircraft design and development, has been appointed as the new Director General of the Aeronautical Development Agency (ADA). This appointment will begin a new chapter in India's pursuit of aeronautical excellence.

Q.4. Recently, who has been appointed as the US National Cricket League Commissioner?

- (a) Aaron Lorgat
- (b) Sheikh Diong
- (c) Vishwajeet Singh
- (d) Arun Sharma

Answer: (a) Aaron Lorgat

Former International Cricket Council (ICC) CEO Aaron Lorgat has been appointed commissioner of the National Cricket League (NCL) of the USA, aimed at popularising cricket in the US. Lorgat, a former first-class cricketer, was ICC CEO from 2008 to 2012, during which time he oversaw three World Cups and played a key role in the introduction of the Decision

Review System (DRS), expansion of anti-corruption measures and development of cricket in associate nations.

Q.5. Which world record has been created recently by planting more than 5 lakh saplings in an hour?

- (a) Varanasi
- (b) Bhopal
- (c) Indore
- (d) Jaisalmer

Answer: (d) Jaisalmer

Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change Bhupender Yadav congratulated the Territorial Army's 128 Infantry Battalion and Ecological Task Force for setting a world record of planting over 5 lakh saplings in an hour. In a social media post, Shri Yadav said the forces planted around 5 lakh 20 thousand saplings under a special plantation drive in Jaisalmer. He said the initiative was undertaken under the Prime Minister's campaign Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam and Territorial Army's outreach programme Partnership and Responsibility, aimed at enhancing ecological restoration and promoting environmental awareness among local communities. Shri Yadav also congratulated several stakeholders including the Indian Army, Indian Air Force, Border Security Force, Police and students of various educational institutions.

Q.6. Prime Minister Modi has recently addressed the 'Summit of the Future' in which city?

- (a) New York
- (b) Texas
- (c) Washington

(d) Delaware

Answer: (a) New York

Prime Minister Modi arrived at the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly to deliver his

address at the Summit of the Future of the Americas in New York, USA. He said reforms in global institutions are crucial for global peace and development. This is two days before the high-level meeting of world leaders begins at the sprawling UN complex in New York City. The challenge was issued a year ago after UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres sounded a global warning about the survival of humanity and the planet.

Q.7. Recently Russia and China started the "Ocean-24" naval exercise in which water body?

- (a) Black Sea
- (b) South China Sea
- (c) Sea of Japan
- (d) Red Sea

Answer: (c) Sea of Japan

Russia and China have launched joint naval exercises, "Ocean-24", in the Sea of Japan, reflecting their growing military cooperation. The Sea of Japan is a marginal sea in the western Pacific, bordered by Russia, North Korea, South Korea and Japan. It connects to the East China Sea, the Sea of Okhotsk, the Inland Sea of Japan and the Pacific Ocean through various straits. The deepest point in the Sea of Japan is the Dohoku Seamount, an underwater volcano. These exercises indicate significant geopolitical movements in the region.

Q.8. Recently KVS Manian has taken over as the CEO of which bank?

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

Answer: (c) Federal Bank

Federal Bank said KVS Manian has taken over as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the bank. He succeeds Shyam Srinivasan, who retired after successfully leading the bank since 2010. Manian joins Federal Bank after a distinguished career at Kotak Mahindra Bank, where he worked for over 25 years and played a key role in its transformation from a non-banking financial company to one of India's leading private sector banks.

Q.9. Recently who has been honored with the 'Global Prestige Awards' in the UK Parliament?

- (a) Sanjana Thakur
- (b) Shiv Shankari
- (c) Arpit Garg
- (d) Vinod Bachchan

Answer: (d) Vinod Bachchan

Renowned Bollywood producer Vinod Bachchan was honoured with the prestigious Global Prestige Award at the House of Lords of the UK Parliament for his significant contribution to the Indian film industry. The awards ceremony was hosted by Lord Bellamy KC and Lord Rami Ranger CBE, eminent Member of Parliament. Known for producing hits such as Tanu Weds Manu, Zila Ghaziabad, Ginny Weds Sunny and Shaadi Mein Zaroor Aana, Bachchan was honoured for his influential role in

taking Indian cinema to a global audience. His films not only entertain millions of people but also promote Indian culture and traditions across the world.

Q.10. Which new airline has been approved recently by the 'Aviation Ministry' in India?

- (a) Shankh Air
- (b) White Sea
- (c) Vande Air
- (d) Namo Air

Answer: (a) Shankh Air

India's newest airline Shankh Air has received approval from the Civil Aviation Ministry to operate in the country, marking a significant milestone in its journey to start operations. However, the airline will have to seek approval from the Directorate General of Civil Aviation (DGCA) before it can officially begin flights. Shankh Air, Uttar Pradesh's first scheduled airline, will have hubs in Lucknow and Noida. According to the company's website, the airline aims to connect major cities across India, offering both intrastate and interstate routes, focusing on areas with high demand and limited direct flight options.

Q.11. Recently, in which state, the first gas-based Yelahanka Gas Power Plant has been commissioned?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Bihar
- (d) Gujarat

Answer: (a) Karnataka

Karnataka's first gas-based 370 MW 'Yelahanka Combined Cycle Power Plant' (CCPP), a unique and significant addition to the energy infrastructure, will be commissioned at Yelahanka. In a progress review meeting chaired by Energy Minister KJ George, it was decided that Chief Minister Siddaramaiah will inaugurate the plant and Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar will also attend the event.

Q.12. Recently, where has Tata Steel started the country's largest blast furnace?

- (a) Gujarat
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Maharashtra
- (d) Bihar

Answer: (b) Odisha

Tata Steel, the company that started steel production in the country, has done wonders again. The company has started a state-of-the-art blast furnace in Kalinganagar, Odisha. The company claims that it is India's largest blast furnace. Under this project, the company has made a huge investment of Rs 27,000 crore there. With the start of this furnace, the production capacity of the Kalinganagar plant will increase from 3 million tonnes per annum (MMTPA) to 8 MTPA. This will now also affect the shares of Tata Steel.

Q.13. Recently, where has the 10th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association India Region Conference started?

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

Answer: (d) New Delhi

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla has said that various issues including digitalization of legislatures, capacity building of legislators, role of legislative bodies in sustainable and inclusive development were discussed in the 10th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association-CPA India Region Conference. As the President of CPA India Region, Mr. Birla chaired this two-day meeting held in New Delhi. 25 Legislative Assembly Speakers, four Speakers and 22 Presiding Officers of Legislatures of States and Union Territories were also present in this conference.

Q.14. Recently, which airport will be renamed as 'Jagadguru Santshreshtha Tukaram Maharaj International Airport'?

- (a) Nashik
- (b) Jalgaon
- (c) Pune
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (c) Pune

The Maharashtra government has approved the proposal to change the name of Pune Airport to Jagadguru Sant Tukaram Maharaj Airport. Now this proposal will be sent to the Center for final approval. Earlier, Union Minister Nitin Gadkari had expressed his support for the name change and promised to ensure its approval from the central government.

Q.15. In which country will Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman attend the annual meeting of AIIB (Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank)?

- (a) Malaysia
- (b) Uzbekistan

(c) Russia

(d) Singapore

Answer: (b) Uzbekistan

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman and Uzbekistan's Minister of Investment, Industry and Trade Laziz Kudratov met in Samarkand. Ahead of the annual meeting of the Board of Governors of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB), the two ministers discussed mutual trade, especially in the field of renewable energy, fertilizers and pharmaceutical manufacturing. According to the Finance Ministry, the two ministers have agreed on a bilateral investment policy. Both countries believe that this will attract investors in the fields of healthcare, hospitality and tourism.



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