

Today in History on 30 SEP 2024

➤ 1687: Aurangzeb captured the Golconda Fort in Hyderabad.

Abul Hasan Qutb Shah was the ruler of Golconda when Aurangzeb captured the Golconda Fort in 1687. The Golconda Fort is located in the western part of Hyderabad city and is about 9 km from Hussain Sagar Lake. The outer fort covers an area of three square kilometres, with a length of 4.8 kilometres. It was originally known as Mankal and was built on a hilltop in the year 1143. It was originally a mud fort built during the reign of the King of Warangal.



➤ 1947: Pakistan and Yemen become members of the United Nations

Pakistan officially joined the United Nations (UN) on 30 September 1947, just a month after it came into existence. It is a charter member and participates in all specialized agencies and organizations of the UN. Pakistan has been elected to the UN Security Council seven times (tied with Colombia), with the most recent term being in 2013.



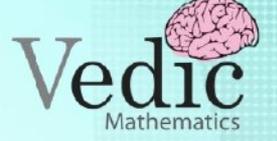
➤ 1994: Space Shuttle Endeavour lifts off on an 11-day mission with six astronauts.

In 1994, Space Shuttle Endeavour lifts off on an 11-day mission with six astronauts. Endeavour flew STS-61, the first servicing mission for the Hubble Space Telescope, in 1993. In 1997, it was taken out of service for eight months for a retrofit, including the installation of a new airlock. In December 1998, it delivered the Unity module to the International Space Station.



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➤ **1996: The name of Tamil Nadu's capital Madras was changed to Chennai.**

In the year 1996, the name of Tamil Nadu's capital Madras was changed to Chennai. The word Chennai is derived from Chennaipatnam, a city near Fort St. George built by the British. Chennai is also a very attractive and famous city from the point of view of tourism. It is considered the gateway to the south of India. Chennai is the fourth largest city in India in terms of area. It is one of the four metropolises of India. Its old name is Madras, which was earlier a short form of Madraspatnam, a village of fishermen.



Important NEWS on 30 SEP 2024



➤ **Malaysia's Iconic Shah Alam Stadium Demolished Amid Safety Concerns**

The iconic Shah Alam Stadium, one of Malaysia's premier sports venues with a seating capacity of 80,372, met its demise as concerns over its safety rendered it unfit for use. Established in 1994, the stadium not only served as the backdrop for exhilarating football matches but also hosted globally renowned concerts.



➤ **2004 - 2555th birth anniversary of Chinese philosopher Confucius was celebrated.**

The year 2004 marked the 2555th birth anniversary of Chinese philosopher Confucius. Confucius was China's most famous teacher, philosopher and political theorist, whose ideas have deeply influenced the civilisations of China and other East Asian countries. Confucius' teachings emphasize three main principles, li, yi and ren. Status is defined as.

➤ Tech Mahindra and University of Auckland Partner for AI and Quantum Research

Tech Mahindra has signed an MoU with the University of Auckland (UoA) to promote innovation in AI, machine learning (ML), and quantum computing. The collaboration will target sectors like healthcare, banking, financial services, insurance, and government, enhancing industry-academic partnerships to boost graduate employability. Focus areas include spiking neural networks, 1-bit large language models (LLMs), and post-quantum cryptography, particularly in healthcare applications such as drug discovery and personalized digital biomarkers.



growth, and Deepak Group will continue to work on Responsible Chemistry for sustainable prosperity.



➤ Hurun India Under-35 List 2024: Celebrating Young Entrepreneurial Talent

The Hurun India Under-35 list for 2024 has emerged as a prestigious recognition of India's young entrepreneurial talent, highlighting the achievements of 150 entrepreneurs aged 35 or younger. This comprehensive list spans various industries, from retail giants to innovative tech startups, showcasing the diverse and dynamic nature of India's business landscape.



➤ Deepak C Mehta, Honored with ICC Lifetime Achievement Award for 2023

Visionary industrialist and leader Shri Deepak C Mehta, Chairman and Managing Director of Deepak Nitrite Limited, has been conferred the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award by the Indian Chemical Council (ICC) at the 59th ICC Annual Awards Function in Mumbai. The Indian chemical manufacturing sector is poised for tremendous

➤ World 6-Red Snooker Championship!

IBSF (International Billiards and Snooker Foundation) World Men's 6, 2024 Red Snooker Championship A veteran Kamal Chawla wins Gold after beating a player from Pakistan in the final. Also, India bagged three bronze medals also in the event final. The tournament was held in Mongolia.



➤ India Elected to GlobE Network Steering Committee

India has been elected to the fifteen-member steering committee of the Global Operational Network of Anti-Corruption Law Enforcement Authorities (GlobE Network) during a plenary session in Beijing, as announced by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on September, 2024. This election follows a multi-stage voting process and underscores India's commitment to addressing international corruption and financial crime.

➤ Labour Ministry Partners with Amazon to Ignite Job Opportunities for Youth

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



Current affairs MCQS on 30 SEP 2024

Q.1. Which country is the host of "World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA2024)"?

- (a) Myanmar
- (b) India
- (c) Bangladesh
- (d) Nepal

Answer: (b) India

The World Telecommunication Standardization Assembly (WTSA2024) will be held in India from 14-24 October 2024, a landmark event that will be the first time for the country in the ITU's 150-year history. This important event will be attended by telecom leaders and experts from over 190 countries, who will focus on the critical role of telecom standards in enhancing global connectivity and innovation. Outreach sessions in major Indian cities aim to engage students and promote the exchange of knowledge about future technologies such as 5G and 6G.

Q.2. Who has recently been awarded the ICC Life Time Achievement Award 2023?

- (a) K. Chokalingam
- (b) Deepak C Mehta
- (c) Sopna Kallingal
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (b) Deepak C Mehta

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Council (ICC) at the 59th ICC Annual Awards function in Mumbai.

Q.3. Who has recently been appointed as the next Deputy Chief of the Air Force?

- (a) Ajit Bansal
- (b) Alok Ranjan
- (c) Sameer Kumar
- (d) S. P. Dharkar

Answer: (d) S. P. Dharkar

Air Marshal SP Dharkar has been appointed as the next Deputy Chief of Air Staff. He will replace Air Marshal AP Singh, who will become the Chief of Air Staff. Dharkar is an experienced fighter pilot with over 3600 flying hours of experience. He has held several important positions throughout his career and will take over his new role once the new chief takes over.

Q.4. Which Union Minister has recently launched the web portal 'Paridhi 24x25' and AI Taxonomy e-book?

- (a) Rajnath Singh
- (b) Giriraj Singh
- (c) Narendra Modi
- (d) Amit Shah

Answer: (b) Giriraj Singh

Union Textiles Minister Giriraj Singh along with Union Minister of State for External Affairs and Textiles Pabitra Margherita launched the India-specific fashion trend book "Paridhi 24x25", VizioNXT's bilingual web portal and AI Taxonomy e-book. The landmark event was attended by over 150 industry leaders from the fashion, textiles and retail

sectors along with prominent craftsmen and weavers from various craft clusters. VizioNXT has already produced over 60 micro trend reports, over 10 close-to-season trend reports, 3 research papers and the first AI Taxonomy book on Indian apparel categories.

Q.5. Recently the sixth session of the Joint Trade Committee between which country and India has been held in New Delhi?

- (a) Australia
- (b) Sweden
- (c) Egypt
- (d) Singapore

Answer: (c) Egypt

The 6th Session of the India-Egypt Joint Trade Committee (JTC) was held in New Delhi under the chairmanship of Ms. Priya P. Nair, Economic Adviser, Department of Commerce, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India and Mr. Yahya Elwathik Bellah, Deputy Minister of Investment & Foreign Trade and Chairman of the Egyptian Commercial Service, Arab Republic of Egypt. The Egyptian delegation was accompanied by His Excellency Mr. Wael Mohamed Awad Hamid, Ambassador of Egypt to India and 08 representatives from the relevant Ministries.

Q.6. Recently in which state CM-SATH scheme has been launched to provide assistance to meritorious students?

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

Answer: (a) Tripura

Taking a significant step towards improving the education system in Tripura, Chief Minister Prof (Dr) Manik Saha formally inaugurated the 'CM Saath' scheme at a function held at Agartala Town Hall. During his speech, the Chief Minister emphasized the importance of education in the Prime Minister's vision and highlighted that the Central and State governments are taking proactive steps to provide quality education to every student of the state.

Q.7. What is the rank of India in the 'Global Innovation Index (GII) 2024'?

- (a) 35th
- (b) 36th
- (c) 37th
- (d) 39th

Answer: (d) 39th

India is ranked 39th among 133 global economies in the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2024. It is ranked 10th among Central and Southern Asian economies and also 1st among lower-middle income economies. India is ranked 4th in the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) science and technology cluster rankings. Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru and Chennai are among the top 100 science and technology clusters in the world. India has moved up from 81st place in 2015 to 7th in intangible asset intensity. The GII evaluates global innovation trends, with Switzerland, Sweden, the US, Singapore and the UK leading in innovation globally.

Q.8. Recently which state government will kill Nilgai and wild boars that damage crops?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Bihar

(c) Maharashtra

(d) Kerala

Answer: (b) Bihar

A campaign to kill Nilgai and wild boars will be launched in five districts of Bihar. State Environment, Forest and Climate Change Minister Prem Kumar has given this information. It was decided to start a campaign to kill Nilgai and wild boars in five affected districts of Bihar. The campaign will be started from this month in Vaishali, East Champaran, Buxar, Siwan and Samastipur as per the 'prescribed procedures'. These five districts are among the most affected districts, where these two animals have caused the most damage to crops.

Q.9. Recently who has won the 'IBSF World 6-RED Championship' in Ulaanbaatar?

(a) Asjad Iqbal

(b) Sanjay Thakur

(c) Kamal Chawla

(d) None of the above

Answer: (c) Kamal Chawla

India's Kamal Chawla has won the IBSF World Men's Six Red Snooker Championship in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. Chawla won his first IBSF world title by defeating Pakistan's Asjad Iqbal 6-2 in the final. Malkit Singh, Vidya Pillai and Kirtan Pandian won three more bronze medals for India. Chawla was the runner-up of this tournament in the year 2017. In the women's category, India's Vidya Pillai could not defend her title. She had to settle for a bronze medal after losing to Hong Kong's Ng On Yee in the semi-finals with a score of 2-4.

Q.10. What percentage of India's economic growth has been estimated by S&P Global Ratings recently in the financial year 2024-25?

(a) 6.8%

(b) 7.5%

(c) 6.4%

(d) 7.1%

Answer: (a) 6.8%

After S&P, now the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has maintained India's economic growth forecast for the financial year 2024-25 at seven percent. The agency said that India's growth prospects remain strong. Earlier, rating agency S&P Global Ratings has maintained India's economic growth forecast for the current financial year 2024-25 at 6.8 percent.

Q.11. Recently Justice 'Suresh Kumar Kait' has become the Chief Justice of the High Court of which state?

(a) Bihar

(b) Rajasthan

(c) Jharkhand

(d) Madhya Pradesh

Answer: (d) Madhya Pradesh

Governor Mangubhai Patel administered the oath of office to Justice Suresh Kumar Kait as the Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court. Justice Kait will be the 28th Chief Justice of Madhya Pradesh High Court. The swearing-in ceremony of the new Chief Justice took place in the Sandipani Auditorium of Raj Bhavan. Many dignitaries including Chief Minister Mohan Yadav were present on this occasion. After the swearing-in ceremony, the Governor and the Chief Minister presented a flower

bouquet to the newly appointed Chief Justice and congratulated and wished him.

Q.12. Recently the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare inaugurated the 'Climate and Health Solutions India Conference' with which organization?

- (a) Asian Development Bank
- (b) World Bank
- (c) International Monetary Fund
- (d) United Nations Environment Programme

Answer: (a) Asian Development Bank

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare (MoHFW) and the Asian Development Bank (ADB) launched the Climate and Health Solutions (CHS) India Conclave in Delhi. The two-day event focused on tackling climate change and public health challenges. Policymakers, experts and stakeholders are collaborating to develop strategies for India's health sector. The conclave aims to build climate-resilient health systems. India is integrating climate factors into health policies and emergency responses, setting an example for developing countries.

Q.13. Recently in which state, Foreign Minister YS Jaishankar has participated in the first joint ministerial meeting of L-69 and C-10 nation groups?

- (a) Japan
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Beijing
- (d) New York

Answer: (d) New York

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar attended the first joint ministerial meeting of the L.69 and C-10

nation groups during the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York. During the meeting, Jaishankar stressed the need for reform of the UN Security Council membership in both permanent and non-permanent categories. According to a statement from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), the L.69 Annual Ministerial Meeting was chaired by Prime Minister Ralph E. Gonsalves of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, who serves as the spokesperson for L.69.

Q.14. Which "Shah Alam Stadium" has been demolished recently?

- (a) Indonesia
- (b) Singapore
- (c) Taiwan
- (d) Malaysia

Answer: (d) Malaysia

Malaysia's famous Shah Alam Stadium, which has a capacity of 80,000 spectators, has been demolished. The Malaysian government has taken this decision due to security reasons, as well as it was not being maintained properly for many years. This stadium was considered unsafe in the year 2020, after which the government decided to destroy it. The process of demolishing this stadium started in July 2024 and it is expected to be completely destroyed by May 2025.

Q.15. Which country has topped the recently released Global Index 2024?

- (a) Greenland
- (b) Sweden
- (c) USA
- (d) Switzerland

Answer: (d) Switzerland

India's ranking in the Global Innovation Index (GII) 2024 has increased by one place to 39. In the last edition i.e. 2023, India was ranked 40th in the world. India's ranking has improved by 42 places in the last nine years. India's ranking in this index was 81 in 2015, which has increased to 39 in 2024. Switzerland has retained its top position in the index this year as well, while the African country Angola is at the lowest position i.e. 133rd.



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