

Today in History on 03 DEC

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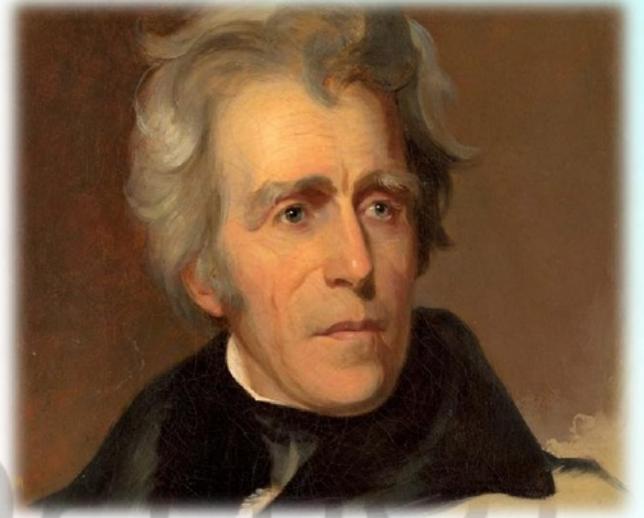
In 1824, the British army surrounded the fort under the leadership of Thackeray. The queen, dressed in a brave attire, gave a befitting reply to the opponents along with her army. Thackeray was killed there and his army fled. Many British soldiers and officers were caught, whom the queen later released; but the traitor Diwan Mallappa Shetty and Venkatrao were hanged.



- **1828 - Andrew Jackson is elected the seventh President of the United States.**

The election of 1828 was one of the most important elections in United States history, ushering in a new era in American history, paving the way for political

campaigns and the solidification of political parties. The previous election in 1824 had seen John Quincy Adams elected president, although his opponent, Andrew Jackson, had won the most electoral votes.



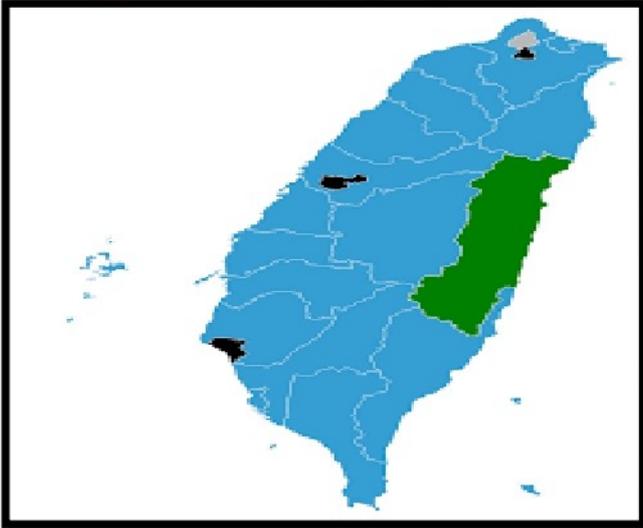
- **1829 - Viceroy Lord William Bentinck banned the practice of Sati in India.**

Sati practice ended in India on 3 December 1829. Then Viceroy Lord William Bentinck called Raja Ram Mohan Roy and consulted him to stop this evil practice. By making a law in this regard, Sati practice was banned forever. Within three days, the order of this law was sent to the magistrates.



➤ 1994 - First independent local election poll in Taiwan.

Provincial and municipal elections were held in Taiwan on 3 December 1994, to elect the governor of Taiwan Province and the mayors of two special municipalities (Taipei and Kaohsiung). This is the first election for all three positions, and the only election for the governorship of the later streamlined Taiwan Province. The Kuomintang (KMT) wins in Taiwan Province and Kaohsiung, while the opposition Democratic Progressive Party (DPP) takes the capital city.



➤ 1884 - Birth of Dr Rajendra Prasad, the first President of the country.

Dr Rajendra Prasad, son of Mahadev Sahai, was born on December 3, 1884 in Jiradei, Siwan, Bihar.

He was a brilliant student; he was given a scholarship of Rs 30 per month when he came first in the entrance examination of Calcutta University. He joined the famous Calcutta Presidency College in 1902. Ironically, his scholarship was the first test of his patriotism. Gopal Krishna Gokhale had started the Servants of India Society in 1905 and asked him to join it.



Important NEWS on 03 DEC

➤ India Re-Elected to UN Peacebuilding Commission for 2025-2026

India has been re-elected to the United Nations Peacebuilding Commission (PBC) for the 2025-2026 term, reaffirming its pivotal role in international peace efforts. The announcement was made by India's Permanent Mission to the UN, highlighting the country's unwavering dedication to promoting global stability as a founding member and major contributor to UN peacekeeping.



Handicrafts & Handlooms Development Corporation Limited (NEHHDC), the Mahotsav aims to showcase the vibrant cultural and economic potential of Northeast India.



➤ SC Collegium Recommends Justice Manmohan for Apex Court

The Supreme Court Collegium, led by Chief Justice of India (CJI) Sanjiv Khanna, has proposed the elevation of Delhi High Court Chief Justice Manmohan to the apex court. Justice Manmohan's recommendation comes at a time when the Supreme Court operates with 32 judges, two short of its sanctioned strength of 34, following the retirements of Justices DY Chandrachud and Hima Kohli.



➤ Australia Bars Under-16s from Social Media

Australia has enacted a world-first legislation to ban children under 16 from social media platforms, such as TikTok, Facebook, and Instagram, as part of its effort to protect minors from online harm. The law imposes hefty fines of up to AUD 50 million for non-compliance, with social media companies given a year to implement the changes.



➤ Ashtalakshmi Festival Starts December 6

The Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav 2024, a grand three-day cultural festival, will be held at Bharat Mandapam, Pragati Maidan, New Delhi, from December 6th to 8th, 2024. Organized by the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (MDoNER) and managed by its CPSE, the North Eastern

➤ Jaishankar Opens Indian Embassy's New Chancery in Italy

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar inaugurated the new Chancery of the Indian Embassy in Rome,

emphasizing the deep historical ties between India and Italy. He highlighted the maritime connections and the shared commitments to global issues such as freedom of navigation and maritime security. The inauguration reflects the expanding partnership between the two nations and aims to strengthen services for the Indian diaspora.



➤ Gujarat's Gharchola Handicraft Gets GI Recognition

Gujarat's iconic handicraft, 'Gharchola,' has been awarded the Geographical Indication (GI) tag by the Union government, taking the state's total GI tags to 27, with 23 dedicated to handicrafts. This recognition highlights the rich cultural heritage and exquisite craftsmanship of Gujarat's artisans. Presented during the "GI and Beyond - Virasat Se Vikas Tak" program in New Delhi, the accolade underscores the state's commitment to preserving and promoting its artistic traditions.



➤ France to Feature Prominently at 30th Kolkata International Film Festival

The 30th edition of the Kolkata International Film Festival (KIFF) is set to showcase a diverse range of films from 41 countries, with a special emphasis on French cinema. Scheduled from December 4 to 11, 2024, the festival will feature 175 films, including contemporary works by French women filmmakers, classic French films, and a variety of international and Indian cinema.



Current affairs MCQS on 03 DEC

Q.1. When is Indian Navy Day celebrated?

- (a) 01 December
- (b) 02 December
- (c) 03 December
- (d) 04 December

Answer: (d) 04 December

Indian Navy Day is celebrated every year on 4 December to commemorate the successful attack of the Indian Navy on the Karachi port. During the Indo-Pakistani War of 1971, the Indian Navy conducted Operation Trident against the Pakistani port city of Karachi. During Operation Trident, anti-ship missiles were used for the first time in the

region. India celebrates Navy Day every year on 4 December to commemorate this event.

Q.2. Which ministry has designated snakebite cases and deaths as a 'notifiable disease'?

- (a) Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change
- (b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- (c) Ministry of Home Affairs
- (d) Ministry of Science and Technology

Answer: (b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare

The Ministry of Health has designated snakebite cases and deaths as a notified disease to improve surveillance and response. Notified diseases are legally required to be reported to authorities for better surveillance and outbreak prevention. The responsibility for implementing and notifying such diseases rests with the states. The National Action Plan for Snakebite Prevention (NAPSE) aims to reduce deaths and disabilities due to snakebite by 50% by 2030. Other notified diseases include AIDS, hepatitis and dengue. WHO's International Health Regulations make it mandatory to report certain diseases to WHO for global health monitoring.

Q.3. Recently, India and which country will jointly design electric propulsion systems for the Navy?

- (a) Japan
- (b) Russia
- (c) Singapore
- (d) Britain

Answer: (d) Britain

A Working Paper on Assistance for Design and Development of Electric Propulsion Systems for the Indian Navy (SOS01) was signed between the Indian and UK Defence Ministries in Portsmouth. The signing is part of three Joint Working Group meetings on Electric Propulsion Capability. The agreement also symbolises promotion of indigenous development of scientific and technological advancements.

Q.4. Recently, International Tourism Mart has been organized at which place?

- (a) Kaziranga National Park
- (b) Kanha National Park
- (c) Jim Corbett National Park
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (a) Kaziranga National Park

The 12th International Tourism Mart is being held at Kaziranga National Park, a UNESCO World Heritage Site in Assam. The International Tourism Mart will highlight the vast potential of tourism in the Northeast region to domestic and international visitors and bring together stakeholders from the tourism and hospitality industry to promote tourism in the region.

Q.5. Who has recently launched an online digital platform 'Eklavya' for training of officers?

- (a) Narendra Modi
- (b) Amit Shah
- (c) Piyush Goyal
- (d) J Upendra Dwivedi

Answer: (d) J Upendra Dwivedi

Chief of Army Staff (COAS) General Upendra Dwivedi launched an online learning platform called "Eklavya" for the Indian Army. The initiative is in line with the Indian Army entering the "Decade of Transformation" as envisaged by the COAS, as well as the Indian Army's theme for 2024 being "Year of Technology Absorption", a release said.

Q.6. In which country has a bill been passed to ban social media for children?

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

Answer: (a) Australia

In Australia, the bill to ban social media for children under the age of 16 has been passed by the Parliament. This bill has been supported by both the ruling party and the opposition. Australia is the first country in the world to pass such a bill. According to

the bill, if platforms like X, TikTok, Facebook and Instagram are unable to stop children from creating accounts, then they can be fined up to Rs 275 crore (32.5 million dollars). There will be no exemption for parental consent or pre-existing accounts. After the law is enacted, the platform will get one year to implement the ban.

Q.7. In which country will the Government of India organize the first 'Ashta Lakshmi Mahotsav'?

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

Answer: (b) New Delhi

The Government of India has decided to organize 'Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav' from 6th to 8th December 2024 at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. This was announced by Union Minister for Development of North Eastern Region Jyotiraditya Scindia. The festival will focus on the eight northeastern states of India. Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate the Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav on 6th December 2024. Chief Ministers of all the northeastern states will also be present on the occasion and a commemorative postage stamp will be released during the inaugural ceremony. Assam, Sikkim, Arunachal Pradesh, Manipur, Mizoram, Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh and Tripura are the 8 states of the Northeast.

Q.8. Which film recently won the Golden Peacock Award for the Best Film at the 55th International Film Festival of India?

- (a) Life of Pi
- (b) Parasite
- (c) Toxic
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (c) Toxic

The 55th edition of the International Film Festival of India (IFFI) concluded in Goa, with Lithuanian film "Toxic" winning the Golden Peacock for the best film. The 55th IFFI was held in Goa, which showcased

Indian and foreign films. The director of the 55th IFFI was renowned filmmaker Shekhar Kapur.

Q.9. Recently, the cultural handicraft heritage of which state "Gharchola" has received the GI tag from the Government of India?

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

Answer: (a) Gujarat

The central government has given the Geographical Indication (GI) tag to another cultural handicraft heritage of Gujarat 'Gharchola' (a bandhej type silk dupatta or sari worn by a girl on the occasion of marriage). Official sources said that Gujarat is famous for its diverse and excellent handicrafts. In the last few years, the state of Gujarat has received a total of 26 GI tags, out of which 22 GI tags have been received for the handicraft sector. Now the Government of India has given the GI tag to another cultural handicraft heritage of Gujarat 'Gharchola'. With this, the total number of GI tags received by Gujarat has gone up to 27, while this is the 23rd GI tag received in the handicraft sector.

Q.10. Recently, Steel Authority of India Limited has signed MoU with which company?

- (a) Tata Steel
- (b) L&T
- (c) John Cockerill India Limited
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (c) John Cockerill India Limited

Maharatna Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with John Cockerill India Limited (JCIL), the Indian arm of the global John Cockerill Group, in Mumbai. The aim is to leverage extensive industry expertise and work towards innovation and sustainability.

Q.11. Recently 'Amiya Kumar Bagchi' passed away. Who was he?

- (a) Historian

- (b) Journalist
(c) Singer
(d) None of the above

Answer: (a) Historian

Amiya Kumar Bagchi, emeritus professor, economic historian and founding director of the Institute of Development Studies Kolkata (IDSK), died at the age of 88. He was one of the most outstanding economists, scholars and public intellectuals of our time. A rebel throughout his life, Bagchi left the college where he was originally admitted to speak out against certain injustices and joined Presidency College, Kolkata, where the atmosphere was more free. After doing his masters in economics from Presidency, he went to the University of Cambridge on a West Bengal government scholarship, where he not only completed his doctoral work but also joined the Faculty of Economics and Politics with a fellowship at Jesus College.

Q.12. Which Indian cricketer has recently announced his retirement?

- (a) Siddharth Kaul
(b) Deepak Chahar
(c) Virat Kohli
(d) Bhuvneshwar Kumar

Answer: (a) Siddharth Kaul

Fast bowler Siddharth Kaul announced his retirement from Indian cricket. He represented the country in three ODIs and as many T20 Internationals in 2018-19. The 34-year-old fast bowler from Punjab, who has played for Delhi Daredevils, Kolkata Knight Riders, Sunrisers Hyderabad and Royal Challengers Bangalore in the IPL, made the announcement on social media.

Q.13. Who has recently launched the 'Ease of Doing Business' portal?

- (a) Piyush Goyal
(b) Nirmala Sitharaman
(c) Dr. S. Jaishankar
(d) Amit Shah

Answer: (a) Piyush Goyal

Union Minister for Commerce and Industry Piyush Goyal launched the CII Ease of Doing Business (EODB) and Regulatory Affairs Portal to access and track information on India's business environment as well as suggestions for improvement. The portal will provide status and key information on key initiatives on ease of doing business of both the Government and CII. Users can track progress and submissions on a real-time basis, ensuring transparency, accountability, meaningful and timely resolution of concerns.

Q.14. Who has recently received the "Indian Film Personality of the Year" award?

- (a) Vikrant Massey
(b) Ranveer Singh
(c) Akshay Kumar
(d) None of the above

Answer: (a) Vikrant Massey

Actor Vikrant Massey was honoured with the Indian Film Personality of the Year Award. The Silver Peacock Award for Best Director for outstanding direction and storytelling was given to Romanian writer and director Bogdan Muresanu for his film 'The New Year That Never Came'.

Q.15. In which country has Union External Affairs Minister Dr. S Jaishankar recently inaugurated the new Indian Embassy?

- (a) Canberra
(b) Rome
(c) Paris
(d) Germany

Answer: (b) Rome

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar inaugurated the new office of the Indian Embassy in Rome. He said that relations between India and Italy are very strong. Both countries are important allies in Europe and major partners in the Mediterranean region. Jaishankar arrived in Rome, Italy on a three-day visit. S Jaishankar said that the continuous dialogue on various issues between the two countries is a sign of depth and expansion in bilateral relations.