

Today in History on 09 DEC

➤ 1625 – Military treaty signed between Holland and England.

The Anglo-Spanish War of 1625–1630 was a conflict fought between Spain and England, with the Dutch Republic and Scotland participating on the English side. An offshoot of the Eighty Years' War between the Dutch and Spanish, the conflict's battles included land and naval combat. The war ended in 1630 with the signing of the Treaty of Madrid, which resulted in the status quo being maintained. However, the conflict resulted in English cloth merchants losing access to profitable markets in Flanders, leading to widespread discontent. It also exacerbated divisions between the Parliament of England and the English monarchy, eventually resulting in the First English Civil War in 1642.

➤ 1762 – The British Parliament ratifies the Treaty of Paris.

Charles acceded to it in 1762. A treaty signed by Prussia, Austria and Saxony in 1763. Along with the Treaty of Paris, it marked the end of the Seven Years' War. The treaty ended the continental conflict without making any significant changes to pre-war boundaries.



➤ 1946 – The Constituent Assembly met for the first time at the Constitutional Hall in New Delhi.

The Constituent Assembly met for the first time on 9 December 1946 and continued to meet until 24 January 1950. Jawaharlal Nehru introduced the Objective Resolution in the third session of the Constituent Assembly of India on 13 December 1946. The resolution laid down the fundamental principles that would guide the Constitution of India and was later incorporated into the Preamble of the Constitution.





➤ 1898 – Belur Math founded.

It was founded in 1897 by Swami Vivekananda and other disciples of Sri Sri Ramakrishna Paramahansa, the great saint of India, who is considered by Hindus to be an incarnation of God and holds a highly respected place among the religious leaders of the world. Belur Math is located in Belur on the west bank of the Hooghly River in West Bengal, India. It is the headquarters of the Ramakrishna Mission and the Ramakrishna Math.



➤ 2002 – John Snow becomes the new Treasury Secretary of the United States.

John W. Snow was the 73rd Treasury Secretary, serving from February 2003 to June 2006. He came into office in the aftermath of the recession, the September 11 terrorist attacks, and a string of corporate scandals that brought about the biggest change in corporate governance since the securities acts of the 1930s. As secretary, he worked to pass the Jobs and Growth Act of 2003 and later expand its key features, many of which remained in effect long after he left office. In particular, he was a strong supporter of low rates of taxation on capital income.



Important NEWS on 09 DEC

➤ Pralhad Joshi Launches 'Anna Chakra' and SCAN Portal

The Union Minister of Consumer Affairs, Food and Public Distribution and New & Renewable Energy, Shri Pralhad Joshi, launched 'Anna Chakra' and SCAN (Subsidy Claim Application for NFSA) portal, marking a significant step toward modernizing India's Public Distribution System (PDS) and subsidy claim mechanisms.



➤ MHA Grants FCRA Licenses to CNI and USIN Foundation

The Union Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has granted FCRA licenses to the USIN Foundation, a think tank, and The Synodical Board of Social Services of the Church of North India (CNI), reinstating CNI's license that was revoked last year. This approval allows CNI to resume receiving foreign funds for social and religious activities. The decision comes as the MHA continues its scrutiny of

NGOs, with recent revocations signaling increasing regulatory oversight.

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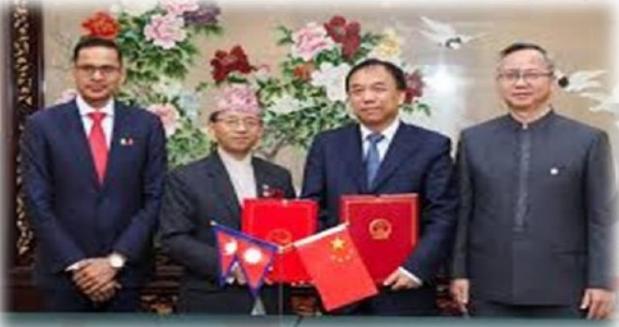
➤ From Freedom Fighter to Namibia's First Female President

Netumbo Nandi-Ndaitwah, nicknamed "NNN," made history by becoming Namibia's first female president. A key figure in Namibian politics, her journey from an activist fighting against South African occupation to her leadership in post-independence Namibia has been nothing short of remarkable. Elected at the age of 72, Nandi-Ndaitwah won with more than 57% of the vote, despite facing political opposition. Her story reflects the transformative power of activism, perseverance, and a strong commitment to economic and social progress.



➤ Nepal and China Sign Framework for BRI Cooperation

During Prime Minister K P Sharma Oli's official visit to China, both countries signed the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) Cooperation Framework. This agreement aims to accelerate the implementation of BRI projects, marking a pivotal moment in Nepal-China relations. While Nepal joined the BRI in 2017, no projects were executed until now.



➤ Google to Launch Safety Engineering Centre in Hyderabad

Google and the Telangana government have signed an agreement to establish the Google Safety Engineering Centre (GSEC) in Hyderabad. This specialized international cybersecurity hub will be Google's second such centre in the Asia Pacific, after Tokyo, and fifth globally, joining Dublin, Munich, and Malaga. The GSEC will focus on advancing cybersecurity capabilities, fostering skill development, and creating employment opportunities.



➤ World Bank Approves \$188.28 Million Loan for Maharashtra's Backward Districts

The World Bank has approved a \$188.28 million loan to Maharashtra aimed at boosting economic growth in the state's underdeveloped districts. This loan, provided by the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), comes with a 15-year maturity period, including a five-year grace period. The project focuses on enhancing district-level governance, improving e-governance services, and fostering private sector involvement to accelerate economic development and job creation.



➤ IndiGo Ranks Among Worst Airlines Globally in AirHelp 2024 Report

India's IndiGo Airlines has landed in the bottom tier of the global airline rankings, securing the 103rd position out of 109 in the 2024 AirHelp Score report. This ranking places the low-cost carrier as one of the worst performers, which has raised questions about the credibility of the survey. While Air India fares slightly better at 61st, IndiGo refutes the findings, arguing that the methodology lacks transparency, especially concerning the sample size from India.



Current affairs MCQS on 09 DEC

Q.1. Recently, the Central Government has approved the appointment of whom as a Supreme Court Judge?

- (a) Justice Manmohan
- (b) Justice S Kumaran
- (c) Justice HS Garg
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (a) Justice Manmohan

The government issued a notification appointing Justice Manmohan, Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court, as a judge of the Supreme Court. The Department of Justice notification said, "In exercise of the powers conferred by clause (2) of Article 124 of the Constitution of India, the President hereby appoints Justice Manmohan, Chief Justice of the Delhi High Court, as a Judge of the Supreme Court of

India, with effect from the date on which he assumes his office."

Q.2. Recently, which state government has launched Phase 1 of 'Indiramma Awas Yojana'?

- (a) Himachal Pradesh
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Tamil Nadu
- (d) Telangana

Answer: (d) Telangana

Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy launched a special mobile app for the selection of houses under the state government's Indira Awas Yojana. Selection of houses under the scheme began. Officials will check the applications received on the website and select the sellers. In the first phase of the scheme, the government will provide assistance to the poor to build 4.5 lakh houses. The government will provide assistance of Rs 5 lakh to eligible builders who have a piece of land to build a house.

Q.3. Recently, which state government has launched a new farmer service center 'Aashraya'?

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

Answer: (d) Kerala

The Agriculture Department has launched 'Aashraya' Kisan Seva Kendras with the aim of providing digital services to farmers in Kerala. These are an extension of the recently launched 'Kathir' app (short for 'Kerala Agriculture Technology Hub and Information Repository'), which integrates agriculture-related services on a single platform, giving farmers greater access to these digital services.

Q.4. Recently, in which country Google has announced to set up "Google Security Engineering Center" in India?

- (a) Hyderabad
- (b) Mumbai

- (c) Surat
(d) Bengaluru

Answer: (a) Hyderabad

Hyderabad The Telangana government signed a strategic agreement with Google to set up India's first Google Security Engineering Centre (GSEC) in Hyderabad. The GSEC was first announced at the Google for India 2024 conclave, following which there was a race among states to get the investment. The agreement was signed at the secretariat in the presence of Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy and state IT Minister D Sridhar Babu.

Q.5. Recently, with which country India has signed a Memorandum of Understanding to set up a Joint Commission?

- (a) Kuwait
(b) Iran
(c) Yemen
(d) Dubai

Answer: (a) Kuwait

India and Kuwait have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish a Joint Commission for Cooperation at the Foreign Minister level to strengthen bilateral relations. The MoU was signed between the two countries during the visit of Kuwait Foreign Minister Abdullah Ali Al Yahya to India. This was Abdullah Ali Al Yahya's first visit to India as Kuwait's Foreign Minister. The Kuwaiti Foreign Minister also met Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi.

Q.6. Which country has recently won the title of 'Men's Junior Hockey Asia Cup 2024'?

- (a) India
(b) China
(c) Australia
(d) Pakistan

Answer: (a) India

The Indian Men's Junior Hockey Team won the Men's Hockey Junior Asia Cup title for a record fifth time by defeating arch-rivals Pakistan 5-3 in the final of the 11th Men's Hockey Junior Asia Cup 2024. The

final of the 11th Men's Hockey Junior Asia Cup 2024 was played in Muscat, Oman.

Q.7. What is the name of the Public Distribution System (PDS) supply chain optimization tool launched by the Government of India?

- (a) FoodNet
(b) Anna Chakra
(c) GrainFlow
(d) GrainOptimizer

Answer: (b) Anna Chakra

The Union Minister launched 'Anna Chakra' and Scan Portal to optimize the Public Distribution System (PDS) supply chain. Developed with World Food Programme and IIT-Delhi, it uses advanced algorithms for route optimization and efficient foodgrain movement. It is integrated with PM Gati Shakti and Railways' FOIS portal, covering 4.37 lakh fair price shops and 6700 warehouses. The optimization shows potential cost savings of ₹250 crore annually for 30 states. Benefits include faster food delivery, lower logistics costs, lower fuel consumption and lower carbon emissions, supporting 81 crore beneficiaries under the world's largest food security program.

Q.8. Which country has recently signed a framework agreement with China on the Belt and Road Initiative?

- (a) Bangladesh
(b) Bhutan
(c) Nepal
(d) Indonesia

Answer: (c) Nepal

Nepal and China signed the framework of the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli confirmed this. This important agreement has been reached between the two countries during PM KP Sharma Oli's visit to China. Nepal's Ambassador to China Krishna Prasad Oli said that officials of both countries have signed this agreement.

Q.9. Who has recently received Britain's prestigious 'Turner' Award?

- (a) Masad Bulos
- (b) Warren Stephens
- (c) Jasleen Kaur
- (d) None of the above

(c) Jasleen Kaur

Indian-origin artist Jasleen Kaur has won Britain's prestigious Turner Prize 2024 for weaving together "personal, political and spiritual" aspects. Jasleen's works are inspired by her life growing up in the Sikh community in Scotland. Kaur received the prize of about Rs 26.84 lakh for her solo exhibition 'Alter Alter' at a ceremony held at Tate Britain in London.

Q.10. Where has NITI Aayog recently launched 'Trade Watch Quarterly'?

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

(a) New Delhi

NITI Aayog Vice Chairman Suman Beri launched the "Trade Watch Quarterly" analysing India's trade statistical data for the first quarter of FY 2024-25 (April-June) in New Delhi. India's trade performance witnessed stability and moderate growth during the first quarter of FY 2024-25. The country's total trade stood at \$576 billion, registering a growth of 5.45 per cent year-on-year.

Q.11. Recently, the great tennis player of which country "Neil Fraser" has passed away?

- (a) New Zealand
- (b) England
- (c) Australia
- (d) None of the above

(c) Australia

Former Australian tennis legend and three-time Grand Slam singles winner Neale Fraser, who won the Wimbledon men's singles title in 1960 defeating the great Rod Laver, has died. He was 91. Fraser was the captain of Australia's Davis Cup team for 24

years. During this time Australia won the title four times. Fraser made a clean sweep by winning the singles, men's doubles and mixed doubles titles at the US Open in 1959 and 1960. He won a total of 11 Grand Slam titles in men's doubles. Fraser was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 1984. He was awarded the International Tennis Federation's Philippe Chatrier Award for outstanding achievement in the sport in 2008.

Q.12. Recently, where was the 9th edition of the International Conference on Waste Value Technology held?

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

Answer: (a) New Delhi

New Delhi: Global leaders, policymakers and experts discussed waste management, recycling and circular economy at the 9th International Conference on Waste Management organised by Confederation of Indian Industry (CII). The theme of the conference was "Enabling and Building Global Technology Partnerships for a Future Ready and Sustainable Development Environment", which promotes global collaboration for waste reduction and a clean environment.

Q.13. Recently, the King of which country 'King Jigme Khesar Namgyal Wangchu' has come on a two-day visit to India?

- (a) Malaysia
- (b) Myanmar
- (c) Bhutan
- (d) Indonesia

Answer: (c) Bhutan

Bhutan King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck was warmly welcomed by External Affairs Minister Dr S Jaishankar on his arrival in New Delhi on a two-day official visit to India. He was accompanied by Her Majesty Queen Jetsun Pema Wangchuck and senior officials of the Royal Government of Bhutan.

Q.14. Recently the government has launched which of the following portals for fair trade and consumer protection?

- (a) E-Map
- (b) E-Seed
- (c) E-Trade
- (d) E-Mohini

Answer: (a) E-Map

The Government of India is launching the National Legal Metrology Portal (EMAP) to promote fair trade practices and enhance consumer protection. The initiative aims to ensure transparency, accountability and compliance with legal metrology standards. As part of the Ministry of Consumer Affairs' effort, the portal will streamline services for businesses and consumers, thereby promoting a balanced market.

Q.15. Recently which space agency's Proba-3 mission has been launched by ISRO?

- (a) ESA
- (b) NASA
- (c) JAXA
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (a) ESA

ISRO successfully placed two satellites of the European Space Agency's (ESA) Proba-3 mission in a pre-determined orbit. ISRO's PSLV C59 rocket took off carrying Proba 3 from Satish Dhawan Space Centre in Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh. ISRO said on its official X handle, "PSLV-C59/Proba-3 mission has successfully achieved its launch objectives by placing ESA's satellites in their designated orbit with pinpoint accuracy. This is a testimony to the reliable performance of PSLV, collaboration between NSIL and ISRO, and innovative goals of ESA."