

Today in History on 08 OCT 2024

➤ 1952: The world's first internal pacemaker implanted

Arne Larsson in Sweden was implanted with an internal pacemaker on 8 October 1952. This was the first internal pacemaker implant. It stopped working within three hours. Surgery had to be done the next day. Larsson lived until 2001 and underwent several surgeries in which more than 25 units were replaced.



➤ 1919: World's first transcontinental air race

The first transcontinental air race began on 8 October 1919. A total of 63 airplanes participated in it, including 15 from San Francisco and 48 from New York. These planes had to complete a round-trip of 5,400 miles. Lieutenant Belvin Maynard returned to New York in three days and 21 hours and won this championship.



➤ 1932: Indian Air Force was formed.

The Indian Air Force is a part of the Indian Armed Forces which does the important work of air warfare, air defense, and air surveillance for the country. It was established on 8 October 1932. Before independence (declared a full republic in 1950), it was known as the Royal Indian Air Force and played an important role in the Second World War of 1945. After independence (declared a full republic in 1950), the word "Royal" was removed from it and it became just "Indian Air Force".



➤ 1998: India became a member of the Flight Safety Foundation.

On 8 October 1998, India became a member of the Flight Safety Foundation. The Flight Safety Foundation (FSF) is a non-profit, international organization engaged in research, education, advocacy and communication in the field of aviation safety. The FSF brings together aviation professionals to help solve safety problems and to bring an international perspective on issues relating to aviation safety to the public.



Important NEWS on 08 OCT 2024

➤ Mumbai Clinches 15th Irani Cup Title After 27-Year Wait

Irani cup title finally returning to Mumbai after the drought of 27 years. Ajinkya Rahane led reigning Ranji champion team has drawn the match after taking the first innings lead against the Rest of India in a 5 day match. In which they stood victorious due to courtesy of the first innings lead.



➤ 2000: Vojoslav Kostunica became the President of Yugoslavia.

In the year 2000, Vojoslav Kostunica became the President of Yugoslavia. Yugoslavia was a former federal country in Europe located in the west-central part of the Balkan Peninsula. It was founded in 1918. In 1946, it became a socialist union of six republics. The names of these republics were: Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia.

➤ ADB Approves \$162 Million Loan to Boost Sustainable Tourism Development

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) approved a \$162 million loan to enhance tourism development in Himachal Pradesh. This funding, aimed at reviving the tourism economy in the five districts severely affected by the pandemic—Hamirpur, Kangra, Kullu, Mandi, and Shimla—will support the Sustainable and Inclusive Tourism Development Project.

The project targets the promotion of heritage and cultural sites while developing new infrastructure, ultimately unlocking the state's tourism potential.



➤ Federal Bank Teams Up with Bhashini to Add Vernacular Support to Chatbot Feddy

Federal Bank has signed an MoU with Bhashini, an AI-powered language translation platform, to integrate vernacular language support into its AI chatbot, Feddy. This collaboration, inspired by the Reserve Bank Innovation Hub's (RBIH) initiative for local language banking, aims to make banking services more inclusive and accessible across India. The enhancement allows Feddy to assist users in 14 Indian languages, including Hindi, Bengali, Tamil, and Marathi, among others. This move is seen as a crucial step toward bridging language barriers in financial services.



➤ EAM Jaishankar to Visit Pakistan for SCO Meeting After 9 Years

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will lead India's delegation to Pakistan for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation's (SCO) Heads of Government meeting in Islamabad on October, 2024. This marks the first visit by an Indian External Affairs Minister to Pakistan since Sushma Swaraj attended a conference in 2015. The visit is focused on the SCO's regional cooperation agenda, with no bilateral meetings confirmed as of now, according to the Ministry of External Affairs.



➤ Ahmedabad Police Unveils AI-Enhanced Command and Control Centre

To enhance citizen safety, Ahmedabad Police is establishing a state-of-the-art Command and Control Centre equipped with advanced technologies, marking a significant upgrade in public security measures. This initiative reflects a growing trend in urban policing that integrates modern technology for improved operational efficiency and crime control.



➤ Department of Posts and Amazon Unite to Enhance Delivery Services

The Department of Posts (DoP), with its deep reach, and Amazon, one of the world's largest e-commerce companies, together seek to empower India's growing e-commerce sector by enhancing logistical capabilities, supporting job creation, and contributing to economic growth, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU).



➤ Power Finance Corporation Secures Record USD 1.265 Billion Loan

PFC (Power Finance Corporation), a Maharatna company and leading NBFC in the Indian power and infrastructure sector, announced the successful closing of issuance of the largest-ever foreign currency term loan from an Indian PSU amounting to USD 1.265 billion. This landmark transaction was executed through a facility agreement with multiple banks based in IFSC GIFT City, Gandhinagar.

Current affairs MCQS on 08 OCT 2024

Q.1. When is the Indian Air Force Day celebrated?

- (a) 05 October
- (b) 06 October
- (c) 07 October

(d) 08 October

Answer: (d) 08 October

Indian Air Force Day is celebrated every year on 8 October. The main purpose of celebrating this special day is to pay tribute to the Air Force of India and acknowledge their contribution. This day is a day for every Indian citizen to be proud of the Indian Air Force, one of the most powerful air forces in the world.

Q.2. Recently, the President of which country will come on an official visit to India?

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

Answer: (c) Maldives

Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu and Maldives First Lady Sajida Mohamed arrived in New Delhi for their first bilateral visit to India. During this visit, President Muizzu will hold meetings with Indian President Draupadi Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and other senior officials. Muizzu was welcomed by Union Minister of State for External Affairs Kiriti Vardhan Singh on his arrival in India.

Q.3. Recently, Union Home Minister 'Amit Shah' has inaugurated a high-tech police headquarters in which country?

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

(d) Ahmedabad

Answer: (d) Ahmedabad

Union Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah inaugurated the newly constructed new Police Commissioner Headquarters in Ahmedabad, Gujarat. It has been built at a cost of Rs 140 crore. Equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, this new police headquarters of Ahmedabad is one of the most hi-tech headquarters in the country. This new hi-tech headquarters of Ahmedabad Police will not only make the work of the policemen easier, but will also provide better security and law and order facilities in the city.

Q.4. Recently, India, Nepal and which country have signed a trilateral electricity trade agreement?

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

Answer: (a) Bangladesh

Officials of Nepal, India and Bangladesh recently signed an agreement. Under this, 40 megawatts of electricity produced in Nepal will be sold to Bangladesh. After this agreement, officials said that this will open the doors to regional energy trade in South Asia. This agreement will come into force from this year. Officials of the three countries signed this much-awaited agreement amid reports of widespread damage to power infrastructure due to floods and landslides caused by heavy rains in Nepal last weekend.

Q.5. Recently, where will the Indian Air Force celebrate its 92nd Foundation Day?

- (a) Jaipur

(b) New Delhi

(c) Bengaluru

(d) Chennai

Answer: (d) Chennai

The Indian Air Force will celebrate its 92nd Foundation Day in Chennai. In New Delhi, Group Captain Supandeep Singh said that a spectacular air show will be organized at Marina Beach. The main function will be held on October 8. The function will also have a flypast and parade at Tambaram Air Force Station. He said that 10 to 12 lakh spectators are expected to come to watch this air show. Meanwhile, Air Force Chief Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh has said that in view of future security challenges, the Air Force is focusing on indigenization to keep its equipment and supply chain smooth. He said that the Air Force's goal is to develop and produce all the necessary equipment in India by 2047.

Q.6. Mohan Raj passed away recently. Who were they recently?

(a) Actor

(b) Musician

(c) Writer

(d) Singer

Answer: (a) Actor

Veteran actor Mohan Raj, better known by his stage name 'Kireedam Jose', passed away. He was 70. The death of Mohan Raj has left a void in South Indian cinema. He was known for his work in Malayalam, Tamil and Telugu films.

Q.7. Recently in which state ADB (Asian Development Bank) has approved a loan of 162 million dollars to promote sustainable tourism?

(a) Madhya Pradesh

(b) Bihar

(c) Punjab

(d) Himachal Pradesh

Answer: (d) Himachal Pradesh

The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has announced that it has approved a US\$162 million loan to boost tourism development in Himachal Pradesh. The loan has been provided to finance the state government's Sustainable and Inclusive Tourism Development Project.

Q.8. Recently in which state did the Prime Minister of India inaugurate the 'Banjara Heritage Museum'?

(a) Odisha

(b) Maharashtra

(c) Karnataka

(d) Madhya Pradesh

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Answer: (b) Maharashtra

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Banjara Heritage Museum at Pohardevi in Washim, Maharashtra, showcasing the heritage of the Banjara community. The four-storey Banjara Heritage Museum showcases the rich heritage of the Banjara community through portraits of their leaders and historical artifacts.

Q.9. Where has India's first 'Super Capacitor Plant' been inaugurated recently?

(a) Andhra Pradesh

(b) Kerala

(c) Tamil Nadu

(d) Karnataka

Answer: (b) Kerala

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated India's first supercapacitor manufacturing facility at Keltron Component Complex Limited (KCCL) at Kalayassery in Kannur. Speaking on the occasion, the Chief Minister highlighted the role of Keltron as a model public sector undertaking (PSU) in the electronics and IT industry and said that since its inception in 1974, Keltron has set an example for other public sector organisations across India.

Q.10. Recently with which country India has signed MoU for the supply of important minerals?

- (a) America
- (b) Japan
- (c) Singapore
- (d) China

Answer: (a) America

India and the US have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to expand and diversify supply chains of critical minerals. The MoU will leverage complementary strengths and facilitate mutually beneficial development of exploration, extraction, processing, recycling and related activities of critical minerals of India and the US.

Q.11. Which country has recently joined the International Centre for Energy Efficiency?

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

Answer: (d) India

The Union Cabinet chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has approved India's membership in the International Centre for Energy Efficiency, further strengthening India's commitment towards sustainable development. With the Bureau of Energy Efficiency as the implementing agency, India will exchange expertise and innovations with sixteen other member countries to promote energy efficiency and tackle climate change.

Q.12. Who has recently been awarded the '2024 SASTRA Ramanujan Prize'?

- (a) Alexander Dunn
- (b) Rajshree Birla
- (c) Brian Wall
- (d) M V Shreyamas Kumar

Answer: (a) Alexander Dunn

Another genius in the world of mathematics will be honoured as the SASTRA Ramanujan Prize 2024 will be awarded to its winner. This prestigious award, which recognises outstanding contributions to mathematics, particularly those influenced by the great Srinivasa Ramanujan, will be given to Alexander Dunn of the Georgia Institute of Technology, US.

Q.13. Recently, the Cabinet has given classical language status to how many languages?

- (a) Four
- (b) Five
- (c) Three
- (d) Two

Answer: (b) Five

The Union Cabinet headed by PM Narendra Modi has taken a big decision by giving the status of 'classical

languages' to Marathi, Pali, Prakrit, Assamese and Bengali. With this, the number of classical languages in India has now increased to 11. Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav said on this occasion that PM Modi has always given priority to Indian languages and this step is an important effort in that direction.

Q.14. Recently, which state government has launched an initiative to promote 'cervical cancer elimination'?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Tamil Nadu
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Rajasthan

Answer: (c) Karnataka

ECHO India, a non-profit organization revolutionizing capacity building in healthcare, education and livelihoods, in collaboration with leading NGOs and private healthcare institutions, supported the launch of a joint initiative by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Karnataka called 'Accelerating Cervical Cancer Elimination: The Karnataka Movement'. The initiative aims to accelerate efforts to eliminate cervical cancer in the state.

Q.15. Foreign Minister Jaishankar will visit which country recently to attend the SCO meeting?

- (a) Pakistan
- (b) Japan
- (c) Sri Lanka
- (d) Afghanistan

Answer: (a) Pakistan

External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will visit Pakistan to attend the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit. The summit will be held in Islamabad on October 15 and 16. "External Affairs Minister Jaishankar will lead a delegation to the SCO summit to be held in Islamabad on October 15 and 16," Foreign Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal said. He recently criticized the neighboring country at the United Nations General Assembly over cross-border terrorism, now Foreign Minister S Jaishankar will visit Pakistan after about a month.

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