

Today in History on 09 OCT 2024

- **1826- Raja Laxman Singh, a famous writer associated with the history of Hindi literature, was born.**

In the year 1826, Raja Laxman Singh, a famous writer associated with the history of Hindi literature, was born. Till the age of 13, he continued to study Sanskrit and Urdu at home and in 1839, he entered Agra College to study English. On completion of college education, he was appointed as a translator in the office of the Lieutenant Governor of North-Western Province. He worked with great ability and was appointed as the Tehsildar of Etawah in 1855. He helped the British a lot in the revolt of 1857 and the British gave him the post of Deputy Collector as a reward.



- **1876-The first two-way telephone conversation took place over a wire.**

The first two-way telephone conversation took place over a wire in the year 1876. The telephone arose from the creation and gradual improvements of the electrical telegraph. In 1804, Spanish polymath and scientist Francisco Salva Campillo created an electromechanical telegraph. Alexander Graham Bell and Thomas Watson were called upon to replay their first telephone conversation.



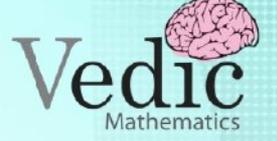
- **1945-Famous Sarod player Amjad Ali Khan was born.**

Amjad Ali Khan was born on 9 October 1945 in Gwalior. Born in the sixth generation of the 'Seniya Bangash' Gharana of music in Gwalior, Amjad Ali Khan inherited music. His father Ustad Hafiz Ali Khan was a renowned musician in the Gwalior royal court.



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➤ 1962 - African country Uganda becomes a republic.

Uganda gained formal independence on October 9, 1962. Its borders, artificially and arbitrarily drawn in the late 19th century, contained two very different societies: the relatively centralized Bantu kingdoms in the south and the more decentralized Nilotic and Sudanic peoples in the north. The country's sad record of political conflict, combined with environmental problems and the ravages of a nationwide AIDS epidemic, hindered progress and development for many years.



➤ 2006 - Google announces its acquisition of YouTube.

YouTube is an American online video-sharing platform headquartered in San Bruno, California. Three former PayPal employees – Chad Hurley, Steve Chen, and Jawed Karim – created the service in February 2005. Google purchased the site in

November 2006 for US\$1.65 billion; YouTube now operates as one of Google's subsidiaries.



Important NEWS on 09 OCT 2024

➤ GREEN Meghalaya Plus Scheme Unveiled by CM in Tura

Conrad K Sangma, Meghalaya Chief Minister launched the GREEN (Grassroot level Response Towards Ecosystem Enhancement and Nurturing) Meghalaya Plus (GMP) Scheme in the first week of October in the state. The main purpose for the launching of the scheme is for conservation and enhancement of forest cover.



➤ Nitish Kumar Unveils Logo, Mascot for Upcoming Women's Asian Champions Trophy

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar unveiled the logo and mascot for the Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2024. Scheduled to take place in Rajgir from November 11 to 20, the tournament will feature the mascot named 'Gudiya,' inspired by Bihar's state bird, the sparrow. The unveiling marks a significant step toward creating a vibrant atmosphere for the upcoming championship.



➤ VSHORADS 4th Gen Missile Tested by DRDO

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) successfully carried out three flight-tests of the advanced fourth-generation Very Short Range Air Defence System (VSHORADS) at the

Pokhran Field Firing Ranges in Rajasthan on October 2024. The tests mark a significant step in enhancing India's defense capabilities, showcasing the missile's precision and reliability in engaging fast-moving aerial targets.



➤ DefConnect 4.0: A Step Towards Indigenous Defence Innovation

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh will inaugurate DefConnect 4.0 on October, 2024, at the Manekshaw Centre in Delhi, marking a major milestone in advancing indigenous defence innovation. Organised by Innovations for Defence Excellence – Defence Innovation Organisation (iDEX-DIO) under the Ministry of Defence's Department of Defence Production, the event brings together various stakeholders to promote collaboration and innovation in the defence ecosystem.



➤ MIDORI Prize 2024 Recognizes Conservation Leaders from Kazakhstan and Peru

The MIDORI Prize for Biodiversity 2024 has been awarded to Vera Voronova from Kazakhstan and Ysabel Agustina Calderón Carlos from Peru for their exemplary contributions to biodiversity conservation and sustainability. Voronova, the executive director of the Association for the Conservation of Biodiversity of Kazakhstan, has led efforts to restore ecosystems and protect endangered species in Central Asia, benefiting rural communities. Calderón Carlos, founder of Sumak Kawsay in Peru, has been recognized for her work in preventing the decline of pollinators, particularly through her "Bee Honey Route," which combines honey production with community development and ecosystem restoration.



➤ LIC Increases Stake in Bank of Maharashtra to 7.10% via QIP

The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has significantly boosted its stake in Bank of Maharashtra from 4.05% to 7.10%, as disclosed in an exchange filing on October, 2024. This increase follows the allotment of 25.96 crore equity shares priced at ₹57.36 each through a Qualified Institutional Placement (QIP). This strategic move reflects LIC's confidence in the bank's growth potential and is aimed at strengthening its balance sheet to support expansion plans.



➤ Nepal Appoints Prakash Man Singh Raut as Chief Justice

Nepal's President Ramchandra Paudel appointed Prakash Man Singh Raut as the new Chief Justice of the country. Paudel administered the oath of office and secrecy to Chief Justice Raut at a special ceremony organized at Sheetal Niwas, the President's Office.



Current affairs MCQS on 09 OCT 2024

Q.1. When is World Post Day celebrated?

- (a) 05 October
- (b) 07 October
- (c) 08 October
- (d) 09 October

Answer: (d) 09 October

World Post Day is celebrated every year on 9 October. Every year more than 150 countries celebrate World Post Day in different ways. In some countries, World Post Day is celebrated as a holiday. In India, the postal service has provided

employment opportunities to many people and this service has also contributed to social and economic development.

Q.2. Recently who has been given additional charge of 'Ministry of Road Transport and Highways'?

- (a) Pankaj Agarwal
- (b) Pradeep Gandhi
- (c) Anurag Jain
- (d) Ajit Bansal

Answer: (a) Pankaj Agarwal

Pankaj Agrawal has been given additional responsibility as Secretary, Ministry of Road Transport and Highways (MoRTH). He is currently serving as Secretary in the Ministry of Power. Agrawal is a 1992 batch IAS officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre. He will take over after the post is vacated by Anurag Jain. The ministry is currently managing important national infrastructure projects.

Q.3. Which country has developed a hypersonic ballistic missile called "Fattah-2"?

- (a) Russia
- (b) Israel
- (c) Iran
- (d) China

Answer: (c) Iran

Iran has recently launched more than 180 ballistic missiles targeting Israeli air defenses, including the hypersonic Fattah-2. The Fattah-2 is a new version of Iran's first domestic hypersonic ballistic missile, Fattah, which means winner in Persian. It has a hypersonic glide vehicle (HGV) warhead that can maneuver and glide at hypersonic speeds. The

missile uses a liquid-fuel rocket propellant, allowing its engine to adjust thrust force.

Q.4. Recently who has got GI TAG for 'Pashmina Wool'?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Sikkim
- (c) Arunachal Pradesh
- (d) Ladakh

Answer: (d) Ladakh

During an event in Leh, Union Textiles Minister Giriraj Singh presented the certificate of Geographical Indication (GI) registration of Ladakh's Pashmina wool to Ladakh's Lieutenant Governor Brigadier (Dr) BD Mishra (Retd). He claimed that giving the GI tag to Ladakh's Pashmina wool will prevent Kashmiri traders from misusing it by claiming it as their own. According to him, "Giving the GI tag to Ladakh's Pashmina wool, also known as Soft Gold, will benefit the people of the region, especially the Pashmina shepherds, which has been misused by the people of Kashmir till now by claiming it as their own."

Q.5. Recently in which state 'Krishi Sakhi Yojana' has been started to empower women in agriculture?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Rajasthan
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Bihar

Answer: (c) Uttar Pradesh

Krishi Sakhis will be selected for 9368 posts in 54 districts of Uttar Pradesh state, these Sakhis will teach the new tricks of natural farming to the farmers of the state. These Krishi Sakhis will be

selected from the most educated women of the village self-help groups under the Rural Livelihood Mission. These Sakhis will teach the farmers in various districts selected for natural farming the methods of preparing the main inputs of natural farming such as Vijamrit, Jeevamrit, Dashrapani, Ghanvijamrit, Agniakh, Barmastra, Neemakh and certified seeds.

Q.6. Adani Group has recently signed an agreement with whom to promote clean energy in India?

- (a) Google
- (b) Instagram
- (c) Meta
- (d) Tata

Answer: (a) Google

The Adani Group has announced a new partnership under which it will provide renewable energy to Google from its upcoming solar-wind hybrid project, scheduled to start in 2025. Located in Khavda, Gujarat, the project is one of the world's largest renewable energy facilities, and is scheduled to begin commercial operations in the third quarter of 2025.

Q.7. Recently, the Chief Minister of which state has launched 'Digital Family Card' on a pilot basis?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Telangana
- (d) Goa

Answer: (c) Telangana

Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy officially launched the pilot programme for family digital cards. Formally launching the pilot programme, the

Chief Minister said, "The state government is moving in the direction of one state-one card. The family digital card will recognise the woman as the head of the family and all information related to 30 departments will be made available at one click."

Q.8. Shigeru Ishiba has been elected as the Prime Minister of which country?

- (a) Malaysia
- (b) Indonesia
- (c) Japan
- (d) Mexico

Answer: (c) Japan

Emperor Naruhito appointed Shigeru Ishiba as the 102nd Prime Minister of Japan after approval by the lower house of the Japanese Parliament. Ishiba, 67, will replace Fumio Kishida, who resigned amid political scandals. The Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), which has ruled Japan almost continuously since 1955, elected Ishiba as its leader on 27 October 2024.

Q.9. Prime Minister Modi has recently inaugurated the 'Banjara Heritage Museum' in which?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Karnataka
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Tamil Nadu

Answer: (a) Maharashtra

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Banjara Heritage Museum in Washim, Maharashtra in October 2024. During his visit to Maharashtra, PM Modi visited Washim and Thane. PM Modi launched a Rs 23,300 crore initiative related to the agriculture and farming sector in Washim. The Banjara Heritage

Museum is located in Poharadevi, Washim. The museum showcases the rich heritage and legacy of the Banjara community.

Q.10. Who has recently won the title of 'Vizag Open 2024'?

- (a) Angad Cheema
- (b) Milind Soni
- (c) Arun Jha
- (d) Aman Raj

Answer: (a) Angad Cheema

City Beautiful golfer Angad Cheema got a fitting reward for his consistency this season as he won the Rs 1 crore Vizag Open 2024 at East Point Golf Club (EPGC) in Visakhapatnam. This was his second PGTI title. He had to wait for this for 11 years.

Q.11. Recently, India's foreign exchange reserves have crossed how many billion dollars for the first time?

- (a) 900
- (b) 800
- (c) 700
- (d) 600

Answer: (c) 700

India now has the world's fourth-largest foreign exchange reserves, having breached the \$700 billion mark for the first time in September. India's reserves - which include major currencies, special drawing rights in gold and reserves with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) - have been rising steadily since 2013, when the country was part of the "fragile five" category and foreign investors pulled out due to weak macroeconomic fundamentals.

Q.12. Who has been promoted as Executive Director by RBI recently?

- (a) Aviral Jain
- (b) Arun Kumar
- (c) Rajshree Birla
- (d) Shreyas Kumar

Answer: (a) Aviral Jain

The Reserve Bank of India has announced the promotion of Aviral Jain as Executive Director (ED). Central bank official Jain was earlier serving as the Regional Director of Maharashtra in RBI. As Executive Director, he will oversee the smooth functioning of several departments of RBI.

Q.13. With whom has the Department of Posts recently signed an agreement for logistics cooperation?

- (a) Meesho
- (b) Flipkart
- (c) MYNTRA
- (d) Amazon

Answer: (d) Amazon

The Department of Posts (DoP) and Amazon, one of the world's largest e-commerce companies, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to empower India's growing e-commerce sector. The partnership aims to enhance logistics capabilities, help create jobs, and contribute to economic growth. The MoU builds on an existing partnership that allows Amazon to use the extensive postal network for parcel deliveries across India. The agreement was signed in New Delhi by Venkatesh Tiwari, Operations Director, Amazon Seller Services Private

Limited, and Kushal Vashisht, General Manager, Parcel Directorate, Department of Posts.

Q.14. Recently, in which state, 696 leopards have been found for the first time in the state-sponsored leopard census?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Uttarakhand
- (d) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: (b) Odisha

According to the first state-sponsored leopard census released in Odisha, 696 leopards have been found in various forest areas. Simlipal Tiger Reserve and surrounding areas have around 200 leopards, the highest in the state. Satkosia landscape became another promising site for these animals, which has the second-highest leopard population in the state with 150. During the census, 70 to 80 wild leopards were found in Hirakud, Redhakhol and Sambalpur areas of Sambalpur district, followed by 40 leopards in Sunabeda and Khariar forests of Nuapada district. 45 per cent of the leopard population in Odisha is located outside the protected area network. The exercise was carried out in 47 forest divisions of the Odisha Forest Department to identify the presence of leopards through various signs including footprints, scratches, faeces, rakes, urine sprays, voices and livestock hunting. Monitoring was carried out using camera traps at sites with direct or indirect evidence of leopards.

Q.15. Britain has recently decided to hand over sovereignty over Chagos Island to which country?

- (a) Mauritius
- (b) Maldives
- (c) Thailand

(d) Sri Lanka

Answer: (a) Mauritius

Britain has decided to hand over sovereignty over the Chagos Islands to Mauritius. India has played an important role in this decision. India has always supported the end of colonialism. Due to its strong relations with Mauritius, it has also supported its claim on the Chagos Islands. India believes that this agreement is beneficial to all parties and will strengthen long-term security in the Indian Ocean region.

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