

Today in History on 10 OCT 2024

➤ 1756: British forces led by Governor General Robert Clive recapture Calcutta.

In 1756, British forces led by Governor General Robert Clive recaptured Calcutta. As a lieutenant colonel, Clive commanded the expedition sent to recapture Calcutta from Nawab Siraj-ud-Daulah in December 1756. The fort of Baz-Baz was soon captured, with minimal losses to the British. Soon after, Calcutta was captured on 2 January 1757.



➤ 1845: The United States opens the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

In the year 1845, the United States opens the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. It was established on October 10, 1845, during George Bancroft's tenure as Secretary of the Navy. The Naval Academy is the second oldest of the five U.S. service academies and educates midshipmen for service in the officer corps of the United States Navy and the United States Marine Corps. It is part of the Naval University System.



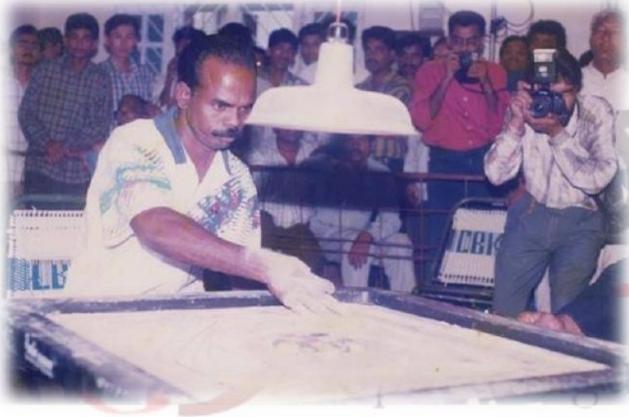
➤ 1906: Indian novelist R K Narayan was born.

In the year 1906, Indian novelist R K Narayan was born. R K Narayan's full name was Rasipuram Krishnaswami Iyer Narayanaswami. Narayan is counted among the three greatest novelists among Indian writers of English literature. His name along with Mulk Raj Anand and Raja Rao is famous as 'Brihatrayi' in the early period of Indian English writing.



➤ 1991: India won the team title at the World Carrom Championship.

In the year 1991, India won the team title at the World Carrom Championship. Many a times, he was a member of the Indian team that won the team event in a tournament. This was the case with the International Carrom Federation Cup in 1989 and 1997, the World Carrom Championship in 1991, 1995 and 2000, the SAARC Carrom Championship between 1997 and 1999, the US Open International Carrom Tournament in 1996 and the French Open International Carrom Tournament in 1998.



➤ 1910: The first All India Hindi Conference was organized in Varanasi under the chairmanship of Madan Mohan Malviya.

In the year 1910, the first All India Hindi Conference was organized in Varanasi under the chairmanship of Madan Mohan Malviya. All India Hindi Sahitya Sammelan is a major public institution dedicated to the promotion of Hindi language and literature and Devanagari. Its headquarters is in Prayag (Allahabad) which has a printing press, library, museum and administrative building. Hindi Sahitya

Sammelan was the first to start a scheme of awards etc. for the creations of Hindi writers to encourage them.



Important NEWS on 10 OCT 2024

➤ PM Narendra Modi Inaugurates Banjara Virasat Museum in Maharashtra

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Banjara Virasat Museum in Pohardevi, Washim, Maharashtra, celebrating the rich cultural heritage of the Banjara community. The museum, a four-story structure, houses 13 galleries showcasing the legacy of the Banjara community and its leaders. Modi also paid floral tributes to Sant Sevalal Maharaj and Sant Ramrao Maharaj, spiritual icons of the community, and performed rituals at the Jagdamba Temple.



➤ Postmaster General Yadav Marks the Start of National Postal Week

The Department of Posts is making significant strides in expanding its service horizons by leveraging innovative technologies and services to connect with citizens across the country, especially in rural and remote areas. During the inauguration of 'National Postal Week' at the Regional PMG office in Ahmedabad. Postmaster General of North Gujarat Region, Shri Krishna Kumar Yadav, highlighted the continued relevance of traditional mail in an age dominated by digital communication.



➤ India and Maldives Boost Ties with \$750 Million Currency Swap Deal

India has extended significant financial aid to the Maldives by signing a \$750 million currency swap agreement to ease the country's foreign exchange crisis. This includes a \$400 million swap and an additional ₹3,000 crore (\$357 million) under the SAARC Currency Swap Framework, available until 2027. The agreement was sealed during a meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu, who is on a five-day visit to India.



➤ Unified Cross-Border Payments: UPI and AANI Link-Up

Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal has informed that the Indian and UAE governments are working on interlinking the UPI of India and the AANI of UAE. It will facilitate seamless cross-border transactions between two countries. This will benefit over 3 million Indians residing in the UAE enabling them to use the power of UPI and AANI.

➤ India Announces Key Ambassadorial Appointments

The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) has announced a significant diplomatic appointment with Sanjeev Kumar Singla being named as India's next Ambassador to France. This strategic move represents an important shift in India's diplomatic corps and brings a wealth of experience to one of India's crucial European partnerships.



➤ Air Marshal SP Dharkar Steps into Vice Chief of Air Staff Position

Air Marshal SP Dharkar, a distinguished fighter pilot with an impressive 3,600 hours of flying experience, took over as the Vice Chief of the Air Staff. His extensive expertise in aviation and leadership positions within the Indian Air Force is expected to bolster the operational readiness and strategic capabilities of the service.

➤ BCCI Appointment of New Anti-Corruption Unit Chief

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) has made a significant move in its fight against corruption by appointing retired IPS officer Sharad Kumar as the new chief of its Anti-Corruption Unit (ACU). This strategic appointment brings decades of law enforcement experience to cricket administration.



Current affairs MCQS on 10 OCT 2024

Q.1. When is World Mental Health Day celebrated?

- (a) 07 October
- (b) 08 October
- (c) 09 October
- (d) 10 October

Answer: (d) 10 October

World Mental Health Day is celebrated every year on October 10. This year the theme set by the World Federation of Mental Health is Workplace Mental Health. The theme highlights the importance of addressing mental health and well-being at the workplace for the benefit of people, organizations and communities.

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

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

Answer: (d) Maldives

Maldives President Mohammad Muizzu has come to India on a bilateral visit. Here he will meet Indian President Draupadi Murmu and PM Modi. He will also hold meetings with other senior officials. It is worth noting that this is Muizzu's second visit to India in five months. Earlier, he came to India in June to attend PM Modi's swearing-in ceremony.

Q.3. Where will the 'Indian International Science Festival 2024' be organized recently?

- (a) Jaipur

(b) New Delhi

(c) Guwahati

(d) Mumbai

Answer: (c) Guwahati

The International Science Festival of India 2024 will be held in Guwahati, Assam from November 30 to December 3 this year. The festival aims to celebrate India's achievements in the field of science and technology. Science and Technology Minister Dr Jitendra Singh told reporters in New Delhi that the theme of this year's Science Festival is Transforming India into a global manufacturing hub through science and technology. He said the festival is being organised by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research. Dr Singh said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has emphasised on bringing the northeastern region closer to the rest of India and described the region's role as important in the country's development.

Q.4. Where has the 'Jal Jagran Mahotsav' been organized recently?

- (a) Assam
- (b) Meghalaya
- (c) Chhattisgarh
- (d) Sikkim

Answer: (c) Chhattisgarh

As part of its water conservation efforts, the Chhattisgarh government will organise a two-day 'International Water Conference' at Ravishankar Reservoir (Gangrel Dam) in Dhamtari district. According to officials, the aim of the conference is to highlight the district's progress in overcoming water scarcity through the water conservation awareness programme "Jal-Jagar" initiative.

Q.5. Who has recently won the Irani Cup for the 15th time after 27 years?

- (a) Rest of India
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) Jaipur
- (d) Ranchi

Answer: (b) Mumbai

Mumbai won the Irani Cup after a long wait of 27 years. Under the captaincy of Ajinkya Rahane, the team performed brilliantly and won the trophy for the 15th time. The Mumbai Cricket Association announced a prize of Rs 1 crore for the team. Rahane gave the credit of the victory to the entire team. He said that the players' freedom to play as per their wish and following the policy of 'confidence' helped them win the Irani Cup.

Q.6. Who has recently been appointed as the new Chief Justice of Nepal?

- (a) Prakash Man Singh
- (b) Arvind Kumar
- (c) Shreyas Kumar
- (d) Aviral Jain

Answer: (a) Prakash Man Singh

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

Q.7. Where will the maritime military exercise 'Malabar 2024' be held recently, hosted by India?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Andhra Pradesh
- (d) Maharashtra

Answer: (c) Andhra Pradesh

Malabar Exercise 2024 will be held in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. This year's exercise, hosted by India, will see participation from Australia, Japan, and the US. The exercise will begin with a harbour phase, followed by a sea phase.

Q.8. Who has recently won the MIDORI Award for Biodiversity 2024?

- (a) Ysabel Agustina
- (b) Vera Voronova
- (c) Both of the above
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (c) Both of the above

The MIDORI Prize 2024 has been awarded to Vera Voronova (Kazakhstan) and Isabel Agustina Calderón Carlos (Peru) for their outstanding contributions to biodiversity conservation and sustainability. Vera Voronova: Executive Director of the Biodiversity Conservation Association of Kazakhstan, Voronova has led efforts to restore ecosystems and protect endangered species in Central Asia, benefiting rural communities. Isabel Agustina Calderón Carlos: Founder of Sumac Kawsay in Peru, Calderón Carlos has been recognised for her work in pollinator conservation, particularly through the "Bee Honey Route", which combines

honey production with community development and ecosystem restoration.

Q.9. Who has recently won the Best Actress Award at the 70th National Film Awards?

- (a) Deepika Padukone
- (b) Manasi Parekh
- (c) Alia Bhatt
- (d) Rani Mukerji

Answer: (b) Manasi Parekh

For the second time in a row, two talents shared the Best Actress award at the National Film Awards. Actresses Nithya Menen and Manasi Parekh were jointly awarded the Best Actress (Female) award for their outstanding performances in Thiruchitrabalam and Kutch Express respectively. Menon and Parekh were given the honour by President Draupadi Murmu in Delhi.

Q.10. Who has recently unveiled the new logo for 'Kumbh 2025'?

- (a) Yogi Adityanath
- (b) Narendra Modi
- (c) Amit Shah
- (d) Mohan Bhagwat

Answer: (a) Yogi Adityanath

As part of preparations for Maha Kumbh 2025, Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched the logo and a special mobile app. The Maha Kumbh Mela will begin on January 14, 2025 and will continue till February 26, 2025. In this fair, lakhs of devotees will enrich their spiritual life by taking a dip in the holy Triveni Sangam. All the information and facilities related to the fair will be available to the devotees through the app.

Q.11. Where has the Armed Forces Exhibition been organized recently?

- (a) Madhya Pradesh
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Chhattisgarh
- (d) Rajasthan

Answer: (c) Chhattisgarh

Chhattisgarh Chief Minister Vishnu Deo Sai inaugurated an exhibition showcasing the valour of the armed forces in Raipur and said seeing soldiers in uniform will instill a sense of patriotism in all citizens. Praising the massive crowd that turned up at the exhibition held at the Science College Ground, Sai said the Indian Army is renowned globally for its discipline and efficiency and is considered one of the strongest armies in the world.

Q.12. Recently, the "Chief of Staff" of the Prime Minister of which country, Sue Gray, has resigned?

- (a) Germany
- (b) Britain
- (c) France
- (d) Canada

Answer: (b) Britain

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer's chief of staff, Sue Gray, has resigned over concerns that media reports about her role are distracting the government. Sue Gray will now serve as Starmer's envoy to the regions and countries. Morgan McSweeney will replace her as chief of staff. Gray previously investigated the Partygate scandal involving former Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

Q.13. Recently, 'Vistara' has merged with which airline?

- (a) Jet Airways
- (b) Air India
- (c) Indigo
- (d) SpiceJet

Answer: (b) Air India

Air India said that flight numbers operated by Vistara aircraft after the merger next month will carry the prefix 'AI2', while Vistara's aircraft, crew and service will continue to operate as before. The Tata Group-owned full-service carrier also stressed that the Vistara experience will remain intact even after the merger. Vistara, a joint venture between Tata and Singapore Airlines, is set to merge with Air India on November 12, marking a major consolidation in the Indian aviation sector after the integration of AIX Connect with Air India Express.

Q.14. Who has recently unveiled the logo and mascot of the Women's Asian Champions Hockey Trophy 2024?

- (a) Rajnath Singh
- (b) Piyush Goyal
- (c) Amit Shah
- (d) Nitish Kumar

Answer: (d) Nitish Kumar

CM Nitish Kumar unveiled the logo and mascot for the Women's Asian Champions Trophy-2024, which will be held in Rajgir from November 11-20 this year. The mascot has been named 'Gudiya', inspired by the sparrow, the state bird of Bihar. The Women's Asian Champions Trophy-2024 is being jointly organised by Hockey India and the Bihar

government and will be held at the newly built Rajgir Hockey Stadium in Nalanda district.

Q.15. The World Bank will recently pay Rs 1600 crore to which country for carbon trading?

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

Answer: (a) Nepal

According to the agreement with the World Bank, Nepal will get 1600 crore rupees from the sale of carbon this month. According to the Ministry of Forest and Environment, Nepal is going to get this amount for reducing carbon dioxide through the forests of 13 districts of Terai from 2018 to 2024. Under the Terai Land Peripheral Program, Nepal will get 1600 crore rupees for storing 24 lakh tons of carbon from Bagmati River in Sarlahi district of Madhes to Mahakali River in the Indian border of Sudurpaschim Pradesh.

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