

Today in History on 14 OCT

➤ 1643- Mughal emperor Bahadur Shah I was born.

The year 1643 marks the birth of Mughal emperor Bahadur Shah I. Bahadur Shah I was born on 14 October 1643, in Burhanpur, India. He was the Mughal emperor of India from 1707-12. As Prince Muazzam, the second son of emperor Aurangzeb, he was the likely successor after his elder brother joined his father's brother and rival, Shah Shuja.



➤ 1882- Punjab University was established in Shimla.

Punjab University was established in Shimla in the year 1882. Punjab University is one of the oldest universities of India. It is located in Chandigarh. It was established in Lahore in 1882 and after partition, it was functioning from Delhi and Shimla for some time in India. Since 1958, it is currently spread over about 450 acres of land in two sectors of Chandigarh city.



➤ 1943- Japan declared the independence of the Philippines.

In the year 1943, Japan declared the independence of the Philippines. The Japanese occupation of the Philippines occurred between 1942 and 1945, when the Japanese Empire occupied the Commonwealth of the Philippines during World War II. The invasion of the Philippines began on December 8, 1941, ten hours after the attack on Pearl Harbor. As at Pearl Harbor, American aircraft were badly damaged in the initial Japanese attack. Lacking air cover, the US Asiatic Fleet in the Philippines withdrew to Java on December 12, 1941.



➤ 1948- War between Israel and Egypt begins.

War between Israel and Egypt begins in the year 1948. The 1948 war formally ends with the signing of armistice agreements between Israel and the four Arab belligerent countries: Egypt (on 24 February 1949), Lebanon (on 23 March 1949), Jordan (on 3 April 1949) and Syria (on 20 July 1949). The Iraqis refuse to participate in armistice talks.



➤ 2010- The 19th Commonwealth Games concluded in Delhi.

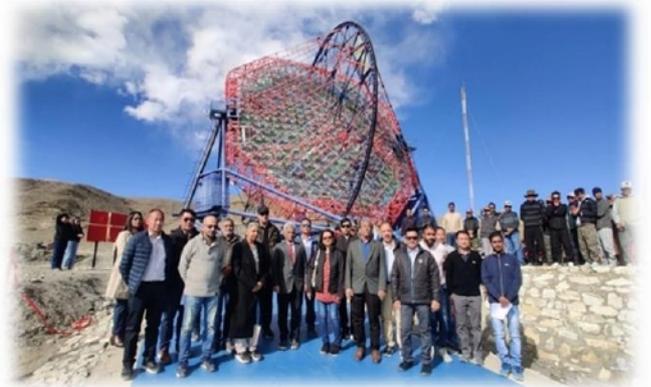
The 19th Commonwealth Games concluded in Delhi on 14 October 2010. These games were organized between 3 and 14 October 2010. This was the first time that India hosted the Commonwealth Games. These games were inaugurated at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Delhi and the closing ceremony was also held here.



Important NEWS on 14 OCT

➤ World's Highest Imaging Cherenkov Telescope Unveiled in Ladakh

On October, 2024, Dr Ajit Kumar Mohanty, Secretary of the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) and Chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, inaugurated the Major Atmospheric Cherenkov Experiment (MACE) Observatory in Hanle, Ladakh. This monumental facility is the largest imaging Cherenkov telescope in Asia and stands as the highest of its kind in the world, located at an altitude of approximately 4,300 meters.



➤ 38th National Games to be Held in Uttarakhand

The Indian Olympic Association (IOA) has chosen Uttarakhand as the host for the 38th Summer National Games, scheduled to take place from 28th January to 14th February 2025. This announcement marks a significant achievement for the state, as it will be hosting the prestigious event for the first time, followed by the upcoming Winter Games, which will be held outside Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh for the first time.



➤ UPI Transactions Surge 52% to 78.97 Billion in H1 2024: Report

In a major boost to India's digital payment landscape, UPI transaction volumes recorded a 52% year-on-year rise to 78.97 billion in the first half of 2024. According to Worldline's India Digital Payments Report, UPI's value surged by 40%, growing from ₹83.16 trillion to ₹116.63 trillion between January 2023 and June 2024. While PhonePe led the market, followed by Google Pay and Paytm, the average ticket size (ATS) saw an 8% decline, reflecting a shift toward smaller transactions.



➤ Indian Navy Partners with Bajaj Allianz for Naval Civilians' Insurance Coverage

In line with its focus on enhancing the welfare of Naval Civilians, the Indian Navy has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Bajaj Allianz Life Insurance. This initiative is a key highlight of 2024, declared as the "Year of Naval Civilians." It underscores the Navy's commitment to financial security and inclusivity for its civilian workforce, particularly by offering affordable life insurance options, including term insurance, to safeguard their families in the event of an untimely death.



➤ Army Commanders' Summit in Sikkim: Border Security in Focus

The Second Army Commanders' Conference of 2024 began on October 2024 in a hybrid format at a forward location in Gangtok, Sikkim. Bringing together senior leaders of the Indian Army, the conference serves as a crucial platform to review the nation's overall security landscape, address key conceptual issues, and devise strategies to tackle emerging challenges.



➤ UNGA Elects 18 New Members to Human Rights Council for 2025-2027 Term

The UN General Assembly (UNGA) has elected 18 new members to the 47-member Human Rights Council for the 2025-2027 term. This decision was made through a secret ballot held recently, with countries like Benin, Bolivia, Colombia, Cyprus, Qatar, and Thailand among the newly elected. The newly elected members will begin their three-year terms on January 1, 2025. The Human Rights Council, based in Geneva, plays a crucial role in promoting and protecting human rights globally.



➤ DigiLocker Partners with UMANG App for Seamless Access to Government Services

DigiLocker, a secure cloud-based platform for document storage and verification, has integrated with the UMANG app to enhance access to various government services. This collaboration aims to simplify citizen interactions with the government, enabling users to manage multiple services through a single platform. To utilize this integration, users need to update the DigiLocker app, install the UMANG app, and access a range of services conveniently.

Current affairs MCQS on 14 OCT

Q.1. Recently which ministry launched Yuva Sangam Portal?

- (a) Ministry of Defence
- (b) Ministry of Education
- (c) Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports
- (d) Ministry of Women and Child Development

Answer: (b) Ministry of Education

The Ministry of Education launched the registration portal for the fifth phase of Yuva Sangam under Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat. Yuva Sangam aims to strengthen the bond between youth of different states and union territories. Participants in the age group of 18 to 30 years can register on the portal. During the Yuva Sangam tours, participants will gain experience in five areas: tourism, tradition, progress, interaction and technology in 5-7 days.

Q.2. Recently where will the 38th edition of "National Games" be organized?

- (a) Uttarakhand
- (b) Punjab
- (c) Uttar Pradesh
- (d) Maharashtra

Answer: (a) Uttarakhand

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Q.3. Recently where has Prime Minister Modi inaugurated the Indian Skills Institute?

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) Delhi
- (c) Jaipur
- (d) Mumbai

Answer: (d) Mumbai

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the Indian Institute of Skills (IIS) in Mumbai, which aims to enhance the employability of youth and prepare an industry-ready workforce for Industry 4.0. IIS, located on the 4-acre campus of the National Skill Training Institute, focuses on cutting-edge technologies such as factory automation, artificial intelligence (AI), data analytics and additive manufacturing.

Q.4. Recently "Marburg Virus" is spreading rapidly in which country?

- (a) China
- (b) Italy
- (c) Rwanda
- (d) Japan

Answer: (c) Rwanda

A total of 58 cases of Marburg virus disease (MVD) have been reported in Rwanda, including 13 deaths (case fatality ratio (CFR): 22%). WHO has classified this outbreak as a Grade 3 emergency, the highest international level for emergencies.

Q.5. Recently 'Han Kang' of which country got the Nobel Prize for Literature?

- (a) South Korea
- (b) Singapore

(c) China

(d) Japan

Answer: (a) South Korea

South Korean writer Han Kang has been announced to be awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature for the year 2024. This honor has been given to her for her poetic prose. Her books include 'The Vegetarian, The White Book, Human Acts and Greek Lessons'. The Nobel Committee announced this on Thursday. Mats Malm, the permanent secretary of the Nobel Committee of the Swedish Academy, announced the award here.

Q.6. Recently, the 'Legends League Cricket Tournament' has started in which state?

(a) Kashmir Valley

(b) West Bengal

(c) Odisha

(d) Karnataka

Answer: (a) Kashmir Valley

International cricket has returned to the Kashmir Valley after a long gap of forty years. The Legends League cricket tournament is starting. Seven matches of this league will be played at Bakshi Stadium in Srinagar.

Q.7. Recently, which state government has released a special postal cover in honor of Ratan Tata ji?

(a) Maharashtra

(b) Karnataka

(c) Kerala

(d) Bihar

Answer: (d) Bihar

Bihar Postal Circle honours Ratan Tata by releasing a special cover celebrating his contribution to industry and philanthropy. Paying tribute to the legacy of Ratan Naval Tata, Bihar Postal Circle has released a special cover commemorating his contribution to industry, philanthropy and national development. It is not only a tribute but also a reminder of his enduring values and leadership.

Q.8. Recently, the book "WAR" written by whom has been released?

(a) Bob Woodward

(b) Claudia Sheinbaum

(c) Kristen Mitchell

(d) None of the above

Answer: (a) Bob Woodward

Journalist Bob Woodward has released his latest book "War". The much-anticipated book delves deep into the power dynamics between former US President Donald Trump, current President Joe Biden and Russian President Vladimir Putin. War is Woodward's fourth book focusing on Donald Trump since the former president rose to power in 2016. Bob Woodward is an Associate Editor at The Washington Post and a veteran journalist known for his groundbreaking investigative reporting.

Q.9. Recently, the gross enrollment under 'Atal Pension Yojana' has crossed how many crores?

(a) 07 crores

(b) 09 crores

(c) 06 crores

(d) 05 crores

Answer: (a) 07 crores

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate a world-class stadium in his parliamentary constituency Varanasi in Uttar Pradesh on October 20. Dr Sampurnanand Sports Stadium, named after the second chief minister of Uttar Pradesh, is located in Sigra, Varanasi. The Varanasi District Magistrate said that the stadium is fully ready for the players and is spread over about 15 acres.

14 peaks above 8,000 metres. He achieved this feat after hoisting the flag on China's Shishapangma peak along with his fellow climber Pasang Narbu Sherpa.

Q.14. Recently, which country's legendary player 'Rafael Nadal' has announced his retirement?

- (a) Sweden
- (b) France
- (c) Spain
- (d) Germany

Answer: (c) Spain

Spanish tennis legend Rafael Nadal will retire from professional tennis at the end of the 2024 season. According to the ATP, 38-year-old Nadal will play his last professional event in the Davis Cup Finals, which will begin on November 19-24 in Malaga. In a video posted on his official X handle, Nadal said, "Hello everyone, I am here to tell you that I am retiring from professional tennis."

Q.15. Recently, 'Nim Rinzee Sherpa' of which country has become the youngest mountaineer to climb the 14 highest peaks of the world?

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

Answer: (a) Nepal

Nepal's 18-year-old Nima Rinzee Sherpa has become the world's youngest climber to have conquered all

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