

Today in History on 15 OCT

- **1240: Death of Razia Sultan, who ruled the Delhi Sultanate from 1236 AD to 1240 AD.**

Razia al-Din (1205-1240), royal name "Jalal Ud-Din Razi", commonly known in history as Razia Sultan, was a Muslim woman ruler of Delhi. She was the Sultan (a title used by Turkish rulers) of the Delhi Sultanate. She ruled the Delhi Sultanate from 1236 AD to 1240 AD. Razia abandoned the practice of purdah and used to go to the royal court with an open face like men.

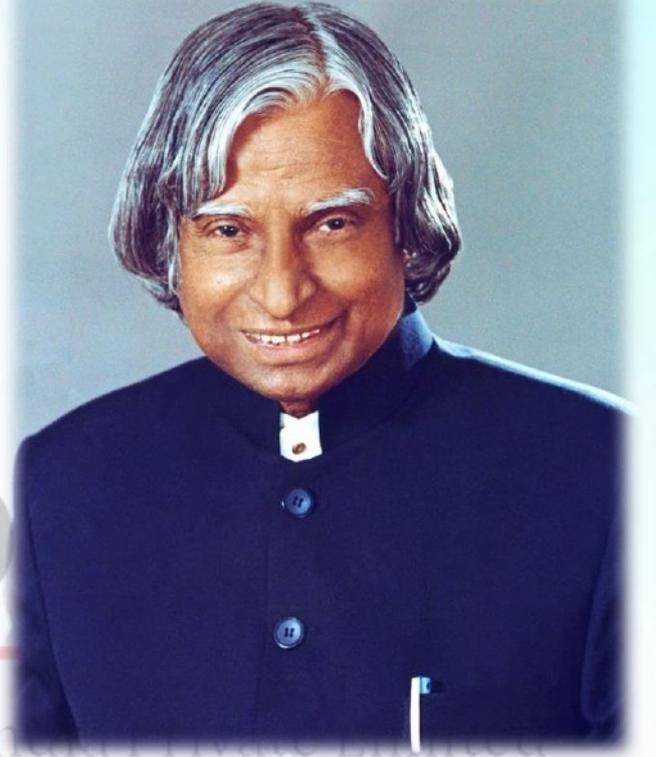


Razia
Sultan

- **1931: Former President and Missile Man APJ Abdul Kalam was born.**

Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam, also known as Missile Man and People's President, was the eleventh elected President of the Republic of India. He was renowned as a former President of India, a renowned scientist and engineer. He played a

decisive, organisational, technical and political role in India's Pokhran-II nuclear test in 1998, the second time since India's first original nuclear test in 1974.



- **1932: Tata Group started the first airline. It was named 'Tata Sons Limited'.**

In 1932, Tata Company started India's first airline named Tata Sons Limited. This airline run by JRD Tata was an important step that started the era of air travel in India. Tata Airlines, which later became Air India, played a major role in the development of the Indian aviation industry.



Tripura officially became a part of the Republic of India. This was an important step for the integrity and unity of India.



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In 1935, the first commercial flight of Tata Airlines started, which was a milestone in the history of Indian aviation. This flight was from Karachi to Mumbai and was operated by JRD Tata himself. This airline later became the national airline "Air India".



Important NEWS on 15 OCT

➤ India's Textiles Sector Targets \$350 Billion by 2030

India's textiles sector is set for significant expansion, with an 11% year-on-year growth in Ready-Made Garments (RMG) of all Textiles exports, as per India's trade data of August 2024, signaling a bright future. The Textiles sector in the country is expected to grow to USD 350 billion by 2030, driven by India's inherent strengths and a strong policy framework that encourages investment and exports.



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In 1949, the state of Tripura was merged into India. There were many discussions about the political status of Tripura after independence, but on this day

➤ Young Sherpa Conquers World's Tallest Mountains at 18

An 18-year-old Nepali mountaineer, Nima Rinji Sherpa, made history by becoming the youngest person to summit all 14 of the world's 8,000-meter (26,246-foot) peaks. His remarkable achievement was sealed after successfully reaching the summit of Tibet's 26,335-foot Shisha Pangma.



➤ India Joins 44th Codex Nutrition Committee Meeting

India participated in the 44th session of the Codex Committee on Nutrition and Foods for Special Dietary Uses (CCNFSDU) held in Dresden, Germany on October 2024. As a key contributor, India made pivotal interventions on significant agenda items. India advocated revision of existing FAO/WHO documents on probiotics, highlighting their obsolescence due to advances in scientific knowledge.



➤ Marburg Virus Outbreak in Rwanda: A Public Health Crisis

The recent outbreak of Marburg virus in Rwanda has raised significant alarm, marking the first reported cases in the country. As of late September 2024, health officials confirmed 26 cases, including 12 fatalities, with over 80% of infections occurring among healthcare workers. The Marburg virus is one of the deadliest pathogens known, causing severe hemorrhagic fever with a case fatality rate ranging from 24% to 88%.



➤ Union Cabinet Approved the National Maritime Heritage Complex at Lothal, Gujarat

In a significant move to preserve and showcase India's rich maritime heritage, the Union Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, has approved the development of the National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) at Lothal, Gujarat. The project will unfold in two phases, and it aligns with the government's broader vision to highlight the country's ancient maritime prowess, which dates back over 4,500 years.



➤ Tunisia's President Kais Saied Secured Second Five-Year Term

President Kais Saied has secured a second five-year term as Tunisia's leader in an election marked by both overwhelming numbers and significant concerns. The Independent High Authority for Elections of Tunisia (ISIE) announced on October, 2024, that Saied had won a staggering 90.7 percent of the votes cast, a figure that has raised eyebrows among democratic observers worldwide.



➤ Humsafar Policy: Transforming India's Highway Infrastructure

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has unveiled a groundbreaking initiative to revolutionise the travel experience on India's national highways. The Humsafar Policy, launched, represents a comprehensive approach to enhancing highway infrastructure and services, promising to transform the journey for millions of travellers across the country.



Current affairs MCQS on 15 OCT

Q1. In which of the following countries "Ayudha Puja" is celebrated?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) All of these

Answer: (d) All of these

Ayudha Puja is celebrated across the country especially in South Indian states, including Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh and Kerala.

Q2. Recently, the second tiger reserve will be established in which of the following districts of Bihar?

- (a) Muzaffarpur
- (b) Kaimur
- (c) Bhagalpur
- (d) Gaya

Answer: (b) Kaimur

The central government has given its in-principle approval for Bihar's second tiger reserve in Kaimur district. This decision follows a proposal from the Bihar government to develop the Kaimur Wildlife Sanctuary (KWLS) into a tiger reserve.

Q3. Who among the following has been appointed as a member of AAI (Airport Authority of India)?

- (a) Ajit Bansal
- (b) Amrit Mohan Prasad
- (c) Anil Kumar Gupta
- (d) Ramchandra Rao

Answer: (c) Anil Kumar Gupta

Anil Kumar Gupta officially took over the role of Member (Planning) on the Board of the Airports Authority of India (AAI). In this new position, he will be responsible for planning and developing Greenfield and Brownfield airports and overseeing infrastructure modernization across India.

Q4. Which of the following medals has the Indian men's team won in the Asian Table Tennis Championship?

- (a) Bronze
- (b) Gold
- (c) Silver
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (a) Bronze

The Indian men's table tennis team secured the bronze medal at the Asian Table Tennis Championships 2024, their third consecutive bronze medal at the event.

Q5. In which of the following Asian Table Tennis Championship was held?

- (a) Astana
- (b) Singapore
- (c) Paris
- (d) New Delhi

Answer: (a) Astana

The Indian men's table tennis team secured a bronze medal at the Asian Table Tennis Championships 2024 held in Astana, Kazakhstan, marking their third consecutive bronze in this event.

Q6. With which of the following IITs has the 'International Energy Agency' signed an agreement for clean energy?

- (a) IIT Guwahati
- (b) IIT Delhi
- (c) IIT Mumbai
- (d) IIT Madras

Answer: (b) IIT Delhi

The International Energy Agency (IEA) signed an MoU with IIT Delhi to study energy technology innovation. The focus of the collaboration is reducing emissions and leading clean energy transitions.

Q7. In the recently released 'Global Hunger Index 2024', India has been ranked in which of the following?

- (a) 95th
- (b) 111th
- (c) 105th
- (d) 107th

Answer: (c) 105th

The Global Hunger Index 2024 ranks India 105th, under the 'serious' category, with high levels of undernourishment and child mortality. India's GHI score of 27.3 indicates significant hunger issues, highlighting that achieving the UN's Zero Hunger goal by 2030 remains improbable.

Q8. Where among the following 'Sadhula Bathukamma' festivals have been organized?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Telangana

(c) Punjab

(d) Arunachal Pradesh

Answer: (b) Telangana

Sadhula Bathukamma Festival: The vibrant Sadhula Bathukamma festival has been organized in Telangana to celebrate the region's cultural heritage.

Q9. Where among the following has the world's tallest 'imaging Cherenkov telescope' been unveiled?

- (a) Ladakh
- (b) Itanagar
- (c) Sikkim
- (d) Jammu and Kashmir

Answer: (a) Ladakh

The Union Territory of Ladakh gets the Major Atmospheric Cherenkov Experiment (MACE) observatory, the world's highest imaging Cherenkov telescope, located at an altitude of over 4,300 meters in Hanle. This observatory underscores India's advancements in space and cosmic-ray research capabilities.

Q10. According to the recently released WWF (World Wide Fund) report, how many per cent of the following has the global wildlife population declined since 1970?

- (a) 73 %
- (b) 40 %
- (c) 67 %
- (d) 42 %

Answer: (a) 73 %

There has been a 73% decline in the average size of monitored wildlife populations from 1970-2020,

according to the World Wide Fund (WWF) for Nature's Living Planet Report (LPR) 2024, a biennial compilation of the threats faced to wildlife.

Q11. Who among the following has been appointed as the new chairman of Tata Trust?

- (a) Neville Tata
- (b) Jimmy Tata
- (c) Noel Tata
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (c) Noel Tata

Putting an end to all speculation around succession, 67-year-old Noel Naval Tata, half brother of Ratan Tata, has been named chairman of Tata Trusts and all trusts covered under it.

Q12. In which of the following countries, the crown of Goddess Kali was stolen from the Jeshoreshwari temple?

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

Answer: (b) Bangladesh

A Goddess Kali crown gifted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to a famous temple in Bangladesh in 2021, has been stolen. The local police are investigating the matter.

Q13. Recently, RBI has increased the limit of UPI wallet from 2000 to how many of the following?

- (a) 9000
- (b) 5000
- (c) 3000

(d) 7000

Answer: (b) 5000

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced an increase in the transaction limits for UPI 123Pay and UPI Lite. The per-transaction limit for UPI 123Pay has been raised from ₹5,000 to ₹10,000, while the UPI Lite wallet limit has increased from ₹2,000 to ₹5,000.

Q14. In which of the following countries, the Union Home Ministry has banned the organization "Hizb ut Tahrir" and declared it a terrorist organization?

- (a) Jerusalem
- (b) Canada
- (c) Tehran
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (a) Jerusalem

The government banned Hizb-ut-Tahrir (HuT), a global pan-Islamic group set up in Jerusalem in 1953, saying the organisation aims to establish Islamic state and caliphate globally, including in India, through jihad and terrorist activities.

Q15. Which of the following country's 'Nihon Hidankyo Organization' will be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize 2024?

- (a) Singapore
- (b) France
- (c) Japan
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (c) Japan

Japanese organisation Nihon Hidankyo, a grassroots movement of atomic bomb survivors from Hiroshima and Nagasaki, won the Nobel Peace Prize,

in a warning to countries that have nuclear weapons
not to use them.

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