

Today in History on 17 OCT

➤ 1605 – Jalaluddin Muhammad Akbar dies.

Jalaluddin Muhammad Akbar was the third ruler of the Mughal dynasty of Timurid lineage. Akbar is also known as Akbar-e-Azam (meaning Akbar the Great), Shahenshah Akbar, Mahabali Shahenshah. Emperor Akbar was the grandson of Zahiruddin Muhammad Babur, the founder of the Mughal Empire, and the son of Nasiruddin Humayun and Hamida Banu. Babur's lineage was related to Timur and the Mongol leader Genghis Khan, i.e. his descendants were from the family of Timur Lang and maternal side was related to Genghis Khan.



➤ 1817 – Sir Syed Khan, founder of Aligarh Muslim University, was born in Delhi.

Sir Syed Ahmed Khan was a Muslim leader who started religious and worldly education for Muslims living in India. He founded Aligarh Muslim University. Aligarh University was started due to his

efforts, in which the leaders involved worked to educate Muslims with religious education and modern era and worldly education. Syed Ahmed It is true that in the First Indian War of Independence of 1857, he gave shelter to non-military British in his house, later when Sir Syed Ahmed felt that Muslims needed a leader in the Indian freedom struggle



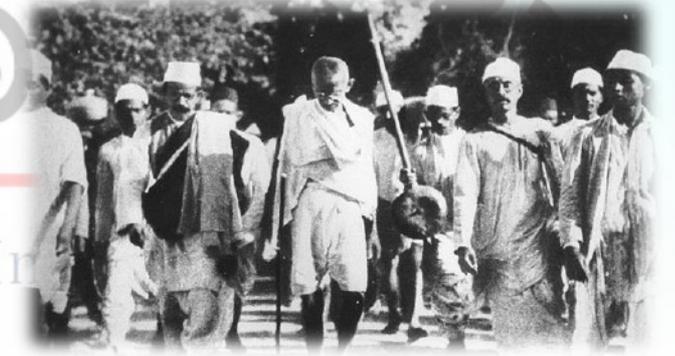
➤ 1918 – Yugoslavia declares itself a republic.

Yugoslavia was formed in 1918 as the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes. In January 1929, King Alexander I assumed dictatorship of the state and renamed it the Kingdom of Yugoslavia, creating "Yugoslavia" for the first time – which was used colloquially for decades. In 1946, Yugoslavia became a socialist federation of six republics: Croatia, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Macedonia. At this time, it adopted the name Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (SFRY).



➤ 1940 - Mahatma Gandhi announced individual Satyagraha.

Individual Satyagraha was started by the Father of the Nation Mahatma Gandhi in 1940. The biggest thing about this Satyagraha was that the Satyagrahi chosen by Mahatma Gandhi would give a speech at a pre-determined place and get arrested. Before his speech, the Satyagrahi would also inform the District Magistrate about his Satyagraha. He had to keep moving forward giving anti-war speeches in every village. Vinoba was arrested by the British government on 21 October.



➤ 1920 - Communist Party of India founded in Tashkent.

On 17 October 1920, a meeting was held in Tashkent at which the Communist Party of India was formed on the principles of the Communist International.

Seven persons were present; Roy, Abani Mukherjee, Acharya, Mohammed Shafiq Siddiqui, Mohammed Ali (Ahmed Hasan), Evelyn Trent-Roy and Rosa Fittingov.



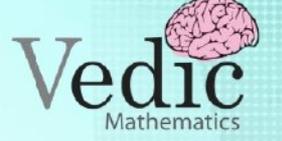
Important NEWS on 17 OCT

➤ Wholesale Inflation Rises to 1.84% in September, Food Prices Surge

India's wholesale price inflation (WPI) increased to 1.84% in September 2024, up from 1.31% in August, driven by a sharp rise in food prices, according to data from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry. This surge was primarily due to a spike in vegetable

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prices, with onion, potato, and tomato costs rising by 78.8%, 78.1%, and 74.5%, respectively. The food price inflation rose to 11.53% from 3.11% in August, marking a two-year high.



➤ Bank of Baroda Introduces Special 'bob Utsav Deposit Scheme' for the Festive Season

Bank of Baroda (BoB) has introduced a new 400-day term deposit scheme known as the 'bob Utsav Deposit Scheme', aimed at offering higher interest rates to various categories of depositors during the festive season. This scheme not only provides competitive interest rates for general depositors but also caters specifically to senior and super senior citizens, making it a beneficial investment option for a wide range of customers.

➤ Navi Achieves 5th Spot in UPI Rankings for Second Time

Navi, a fintech company co-founded by Sachin Bansal, has made significant strides in the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) landscape, emerging as India's fifth-largest ecosystem player. In September, the company achieved remarkable transaction volumes, processing 120.41 million transactions valued at Rs 6,549.1 crore.



➤ Skill Ministry and Meta Partner to Launch AI Assistant for Skill India Mission

The Ministry of Skill Development & Entrepreneurship (MSDE) has partnered with Meta to introduce an AI-powered assistant for the Skill India Digital (SID) Portal and establish five Centres



of Excellence (CoEs) in Virtual Reality (VR) and Mixed Reality (MR) across India.



➤ From Learning to Leading the PM Internship Scheme

The Prime Minister's Internship Scheme was launched on October, 2024. This ambitious initiative, implemented through an online portal, aims to provide one crore young individuals with valuable internship opportunities over the next five years, allowing them to immerse themselves in diverse business environments and explore various professions.



➤ S Paramesh Assumes Office as New Director General of Indian Coast Guard

S Paramesh officially took charge as the Director General (DG) of the Indian Coast Guard at its headquarters in New Delhi. His appointment comes following the tragic demise of his predecessor, DG Rakesh Pal, last month. Paramesh, who had been officiating as the Director General, was formally appointed by the government a day prior. Upon assuming office, he was honored with a ceremonial guard of honour.



➤ Caste Survey Begins in Telangana, Third in India

Telangana becomes the third state to initiate a caste-based headcount, following Andhra Pradesh and Bihar. The Telangana government has initiated the process of a comprehensive household caste survey in the state aimed at targeted and equitable resource distribution among all communities.



Current affairs MCQS on 17 OCT

Q.1. When is International Day for the Eradication of Poverty celebrated?

- (a) 14 October
- (b) 15 October
- (c) 16 October
- (d) 17 October

Answer: (d) 17 October

International Day for the Eradication of Poverty is observed across the world every year on October 17. The day aims to raise awareness about poverty and the need for poverty eradication across the world, especially in developing countries.

Q.2. Recently, a major cyber attack has taken place on the nuclear facilities of which country?

- (a) Iran
- (b) Italy
- (c) Israel
- (d) France

Answer: (a) Iran

Iran suffered a massive cyber attack that severely disrupted almost all domestic operations of its government and especially destroyed its nuclear reactor. The incident is being seen as a retaliation for Iran's missile attacks against Israel, increasing tensions between the two countries.

Q.3. Adani Group will recently improve the power situation in which country?

- (a) Malawi
- (b) Kenya
- (c) Sudan
- (d) Mali

Answer: (b) Kenya

The conglomerate led by Indian billionaire Gautam Adani has signed a deal to build and operate major power transmission lines in Kenya for 30 years, the African country's Energy Cabinet Secretary Opiyo Wandai said. Adani Energy Solutions Ltd signed a project agreement with Kenya Electricity Transmission Company Ltd (Ketraco).

Q.4. Recently, which Indian naval ship 'Shardul' has reached as part of its long-distance training deployment?

- (a) Dubai
- (b) Kochi
- (c) Kolkata
- (d) Mumbai

Answer: (a) Dubai

Indian Naval Ship (INS) Shardul, part of the First Training Squadron (1TS), arrived at Port Mina Rashid, Dubai as part of its long distance training

deployment. The visit is a significant step towards enhancing maritime cooperation and promoting mutual understanding between India and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Q.5. Recently, the prestigious 'Alai Balai' ceremony was held in which state?

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

Answer: (b) Telangana

Telangana is organising the prestigious Alai Balai festival in Hyderabad. Speakers at the event stressed the need to promote unity and preserve cultural heritage through festivals. Organised by the Alai Balai Foundation, governors of various states including Telangana, Uttarakhand, Rajasthan, Meghalaya and former Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu attended the Alai Balai. Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya had initiated the Alai Balai festival in 2005 to showcase Telangana's culture.

Q.6. Recently 'GN Saibaba' has passed away. Who was he?

- (a) Professor
- (b) Director
- (c) Writer
- (d) Journalist

Answer: (a) Professor

Former Delhi University (DU) professor GN Saibaba passed away at the age of 57. Saibaba suffered from a mysterious infection in his childhood, which left

him paralyzed below the waist. After being released from Nagpur jail on March 7, he had talked about health problems while in jail. During that time, Saibaba's family and lawyers had repeatedly expressed concern about his health and treatment by filing petitions in the court.

Q.7. In which state was the Inter-Parliamentary Union meeting held recently?

- (a) Geneva
- (b) Singapore
- (c) Canberra
- (d) Mumbai

Answer: (a) Geneva

Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla is leading a parliamentary delegation to the 149th session of the Inter-Parliamentary Union beginning in Geneva, Switzerland. In a post on social media, Mr Birla said that during his visit, he will address the House on the theme "Harnessing science, technology and innovation for a more peaceful and sustainable future".

Q.8. Which state has become the third state to conduct caste-based census?

- (a) Kerala
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Telangana
- (d) Gujarat

Answer: (c) Telangana

The Telangana government has launched a comprehensive household caste survey to ensure fair distribution of resources among all communities. This makes Telangana the third state to conduct caste-based census after Andhra Pradesh

and Bihar. The survey aims to plan and implement various opportunities for socio-economic and educational improvement of OBCs, SCs, STs and other weaker sections. It focuses on increasing employment and political opportunities for these communities in the state.

Q.9. Recently which International Dussehra festival has started with traditional rituals?

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) Pune
- (c) Kullu
- (d) Jaipur

Answer: (c) Kullu

International Dussehra festival started with traditional customs in Kullu, Himachal Pradesh. The program was inaugurated by Governor Shiv Pratap Shukla. On this occasion, a grand Rath Yatra of Lord Raghunath was taken out in the historic Dhalpur ground, in which thousands of people participated wearing traditional attire.

Q.10. Recently the former Prime Minister of which country has released his book 'Unleashed'?

- (a) Britain
- (b) America
- (c) Germany
- (d) Italy

Answer: (a) Britain

Former British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi in his book 'Unleashed'. Referring to his first meeting with PM Modi, he has written that he has a different kind of supernatural energy. Former Indian Ambassador Ashok Sajjanhar has reacted to this. He said that

Boris Johnson has mentioned many things about PM Modi in his book.

Q.11. Recently, which Delhi Metro line has been given the 'Carbon Neutral Certificate'?

- (a) Blue Line
- (b) Yellow Line
- (c) White Line
- (d) Purple Line

Answer: (a) Blue Line

The Delhi Metro's Blue Line connecting Yamuna Bank to Vaishali in Ghaziabad has received carbon neutral certification, reflecting Delhi Metro Rail Corporation's (DMRC) efforts to reduce carbon emissions and combat climate change. The achievement follows earlier certification for DMRC's corporate headquarters at Metro Bhawan and staff quarters in Noida's Sector 50, officials said. The initiative is in line with India's goal of achieving net-zero emissions by 2070, marking another step in DMRC's journey towards environmental sustainability.

Q.12. Recently, the 8th edition of the joint training exercise 'KAZIND' between which country and India has concluded in Uttarakhand?

- (a) Afghanistan
- (b) Bangladesh
- (c) Kazakhstan
- (d) Tajikistan

Answer: (c) Kazakhstan

The 8th edition of India-Kazakhstan joint military exercise KAZIND-2024 concluded at Surya Foreign Training Node, Auli, Uttarakhand. The closing ceremony of the joint exercise was attended by

Deputy Chief of Staff of the Kazakhstan Army Colonel D Khamitov, Regional Force Commander of the Southern Command of the Kazakhstan Army Colonel Nurlan Karibayev and Commander of 116 Infantry Brigade Brigadier Upinder Pal Singh.

Q.13. Recently, the Pradhan Mantri Gatishakti Anubhuti Kendra has been organized in which country?

- (a) Delhi
- (b) Kolkata
- (c) Jaipur
- (d) Madras

Answer: (a) Delhi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has appreciated the implementation of Pradhan Mantri Gatishakti National Master Plan in various sectors. The plan is giving impetus to the vision of building a developed India. On the third anniversary of the launch of Pradhan Mantri Gatishakti, Shri Modi in a surprise visit visited Pradhan Mantri Gatishakti Anubhuti Kendra at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. He appreciated the efforts made in the implementation and planning of various projects across the country through Pradhan Mantri Gatishakti. Prime Minister Modi also visited the One District One Product Anubhuti Kendra. He appreciated the initiative for helping in the selection, branding and promotion of products from different districts of the country.

Q.14. Recently, the President of which country has called for an immediate ceasefire in Lebanon?

- (a) America
- (b) Russia
- (c) Germany
- (d) France

Answer: (d) France

French President Emmanuel Macron has called for an immediate ceasefire in Lebanon. Macron stressed the need for a ceasefire during a phone conversation with Lebanese Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri. He expressed concern over the increasing Israeli attacks in Lebanon and its impact on the civilian population. President Macron called on the Lebanese people to unite for the stability and unity of the country. He said France will mobilise the international community to support the Lebanese people through an international conference to be held in Paris on October 24.

Q.15. Murine typhus, which was in the news recently, is caused by which agent?

- (a) Fungus
- (b) Bacteria
- (c) Virus
- (d) Protozoa

Answer: (b) Bacteria

A 75-year-old man from Kerala was diagnosed with murine typhus after travelling to Vietnam and Cambodia. Murine typhus is caused by the flea-borne bacteria *Rickettsia typhi*. It is transmitted to humans by the bite of infected fleas, which are often found on rodents such as mice and rats. Fleas can spread the disease for life once infected, and contact with infected flea feces can also lead to infection. Murine typhus does not spread from person to person and is usually reported in coastal tropical and subtropical regions. In India, cases have been reported in the northeastern states, Madhya Pradesh and Kashmir.