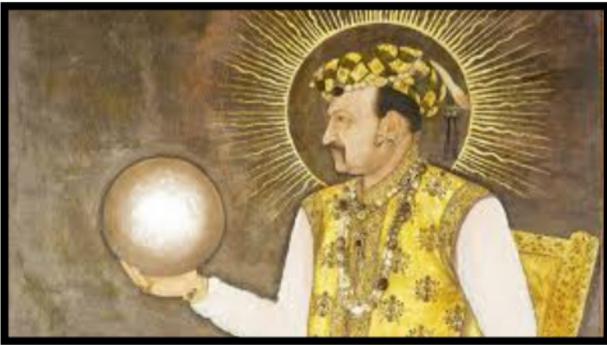


## Today in History on 24 OCT

- **1605: Mughal emperor Jahangir ascends the throne in Agra.**

Jahangir ascended the throne in 1605, eight days after the death of his father. Salim ascended the throne with the imperial title of Nuruddin Muhammad Jahangir Badshah Ghazi and thus began his 22-year reign at the age of 36. His reign was marked by a combination of artistic achievement and political intrigue, set against the backdrop of the considerable expansion and consolidation of the Mughal Empire.



- **1914: Freedom fighter and social worker Lakshmi Sahgal was born.**

Captain Lakshmi was born on 24 October 1914 to S Swaminathan, a lawyer practising criminal law in the Madras High Court, and AV Ammukutty, a social worker and freedom fighter. She belonged to an aristocratic Nair family named "Vadakkath" in Anakkara, Ponnani taluk, Malabar district, British India.



- **1945: The United Nations was founded after World War II with the signature of 50 countries.**

The United Nations was founded in October 1945 with the signing of the Charter of the United Nations by 50 countries. The victorious countries of World War II together established the United Nations with the aim of intervening in international conflicts. The most powerful countries in the UN structure, the Security Council (the United States, France, Russia and the United Kingdom), were very many nations in World War II.



#### ➤ 1946: First photograph of Earth taken from space.

On October 24, 1946, a V-2 No. 13 rocket launched from White Sands Rocket Proving Ground carried a movie camera. The first photograph of Earth from outer space was taken. The rocket was 65 miles (105 km) from Earth when the photograph was taken, and the camera was theoretically 720 miles from the horizon.



#### ➤ 1991: Famous Hindi writer Ismat Chughtai passed away.

Ismat Chughtai died on 24 October 1991 in Mumbai. Ismat Chughtai was an Urdu writer and was also known as 'Ismat Aapa'. She was a prominent writer of Urdu literature and raised the issues of women in a new way. Her first story- Genda, was published in 1949 in 'Saqi', the best literary magazine of Urdu literature of that time and her first novel- Ziddi was published in 1941.



#### Important NEWS on 24 OCT

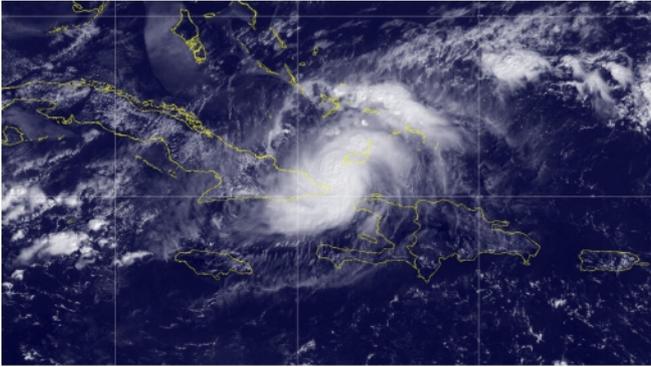
#### ➤ Discovery of 16th Century Copper Plates in Tiruvallur District

A significant archaeological discovery has been made at the Sri Singeeswarar temple in Mappedu village, Tiruvallur district, where a set of copper plate inscriptions dating back to the 16th Century CE were found. During a routine check of the temple's lockers, overseen by the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments (HR and CE) Department, officials uncovered two leaves of copper plates strung together with a ring featuring the seal of the Vijayanagara Kingdom.



### ➤ Hurricane Oscar Hits Cuba, Triggers Protests Amid Economic Crisis

Hurricane Oscar made landfall in the Bahamas before crossing Cuba's eastern coast, leaving at least six dead and causing widespread destruction. The storm triggered power outages that halted daily activities, prompting protests in neighborhoods like Santos Suárez and central Havana. Residents banged pots and pans, while some blocked streets in protest over water shortages. The blackout followed energy issues that have persisted since Hurricane Ian in 2022.



### ➤ New Citizen Sentinel App Unveiled in Kerala for Traffic Monitoring

In a significant move to enhance traffic law enforcement, Kerala's Motor Vehicle Department (MVD) has launched the Citizen Sentinel mobile application, empowering citizens to actively participate in ensuring road safety. The app allows users to report traffic violations in real time by

capturing photos or videos of infractions and uploading them for review by enforcement officials.



### ➤ Global Public Debt Set to Exceed \$100 Trillion, Warns IMF

According to a report released by the International Monetary Fund (IMF), the world's total public debt is poised to surpass \$100 trillion this year for the first time. The IMF warns that this figure may rise even more rapidly than previously anticipated, driven by political sentiment favoring increased spending and the growing borrowing needs associated with slow economic growth.



### ➤ Yogi Adityanath Rolls Out Key Welfare Schemes for Police Personnel on 'Police Smriti Diwas'

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath unveiled a series of welfare schemes for police personnel, including a substantial 70% increase in uniform allowance and a 25% hike in housing allowance for constables residing in barracks. These significant measures were announced during his address at the 'Police Smriti Diwas' event in Lucknow, held in honor of police personnel who have laid down their lives in the line of duty, according to an official statement.



### ➤ 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas to Be Held in Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Odisha is set to host the 18th Pravasi Bharatiya Divas from January 8th to 10th next year in its capital city, Bhubaneswar. The event, which celebrates the contributions of the Indian diaspora, will take place at Janata Maidan. Odisha Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi has approved the proposal submitted by the Union Ministry of External Affairs, making Bhubaneswar the venue for this prestigious global gathering.



### ➤ Mission Basundhara 3.0 Assam's Push for Indigenous Land Rights

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma officially launched Mission Basundhara 3.0 at an event held at Srimanta Sankardev Kalakshetra in Guwahati. This ambitious initiative is designed to empower indigenous communities by providing them with formal land rights, ensuring greater security and recognition of their holdings.



### Current affairs MCQS on 24 OCT

**Q.1. When is the United Nations Day celebrated?**

- (a) 21 October
- (b) 22 October
- (c) 23 October
- (d) 24 October

**Answer: (d) 24 October**

United Nations Day has been celebrated on October 24 every year since 1948. The United Nations was founded in 1945 to support collective action to advance peace, development and the protection of human rights for all. The UN officially came into existence after the Charter was ratified by a majority of its signatories, including the five permanent members of the Security Council. It was internationally proclaimed by the United Nations in 1971 and is celebrated as a public holiday in UN member states.

**Q.2. Where has the 'Light House Tourism Conclave 2024' been organized recently?**

- (a) Nashik
- (b) Jaipur
- (c) Puri
- (d) Pune

**Answer: (c) Puri**

On the first day of the 2nd National Lighthouse Festival, the Minister of Ports, Shipping and Waterways (MoPSW) hosted the Lighthouse Tourism Summit 2024 in Puri, which was attended by over 100 participants, including government officials, tourism experts and conservationists. The event aimed to explore the vast potential of lighthouse tourism and explore strategies for the conservation of these marine structures while combining heritage conservation with tourism development.

**Q.3. In the amended constitution, North Korea has recently described which country as hostile?**

- (a) Japan
- (b) America
- (c) Singapore
- (d) South Korea

**Answer: (d) South Korea**

North Korea has declared South Korea a "hostile state," its state media reported, and confirmed that its National Assembly had amended the constitution in line with its leader's pledge to renounce unification as a national goal. North Korea's news agency KCNA reported that the military destroyed parts of road and rail links with South Korea, a legitimate action against a hostile state as defined by the constitution.

**Q.4. Sri Singheshwar Temple, which was in the news, is located in which state?**

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

**Answer: (d) Tamil Nadu**

Copper plate inscriptions from the 16th century were found at the Sri Singheswara Temple in Tiruvallur, Tamil Nadu. The temple is dedicated to Lord Shiva and is located in Mappedu village. It was originally constructed in 976 AD by Aditya Karikalan II, father of the Chola emperor Rajaraja Cholan. Dalavai Ariyanadha Mudaliar, the viceroy of Krishnadevaraya, added the rajagopuram, compound wall and 16-pillar mandapa in 1501. The temple features Dravidian architecture with a 5-tiered rajagopuram. The main deity, Singheswara, is worshipped as a large Shiva lingam.

**Q.5. Recently, Prabowo Subianto has taken over as the President of which country?**

- (a) Singapore

- (b) Indonesia  
(c) Nepal  
(d) Brazil

**Answer: (b) Indonesia**

Indonesia's Prabowo Subianto took office as president of the world's third-largest democracy, winning a landslide victory in the country's election with policies such as free meals for schoolchildren, and naming the outgoing leader's son as his vice president.

**Q.6. Who has been selected as the 'ISSF Athlete of the Year' recently?**

- (a) Yukun Liu  
(b) Yang Jin  
(c) Both of the above  
(d) None of these

**Answer: (c) Both of the above**

Liu Yukun of China, the reigning Olympic champion at the Paris 2024 Olympics, was honoured as the best athlete of the year by the International Shooting Sport Federation (ISSF). Also, Yang Ji-in of Korea was named the best female athlete of the year for her remarkable achievements in the sport.

**Q.7. Coelogyne tripurensis, which was seen in the news, belongs to which species?**

- (a) Orchid  
(b) Butterfly  
(c) Spider  
(d) Fish

**Answer: (a) Orchid**

A new orchid species, Coelogyne tripurensis, was discovered in Jampui Hills of Tripura. It comes from moist broadleaf forests in the Indo-Myanmar biodiversity hotspot. The Coelogyne genus has about 600 species, found in the Indian subcontinent, Southeast Asia and the Pacific Islands. These orchids are mostly epiphytic, valued for their ornamental appeal and easy growth. The new species belongs to

the Fuliginosae section, known for showy flowers and a unique labellum. High phenotypic plasticity makes it difficult to classify species in this group.

**Q.8. Recently Indian Railways has reduced the reservation period from 120 days to how much?**

- (a) 60  
(b) 100  
(c) 50  
(d) 30

**Answer: (a) 60**

The Railway Board has reduced the time limit for advance booking of trains from 120 days to 60 days. The new time limit will come into effect from November 1. A senior official of Southern Railway confirmed that the advance reservation period (ARP) for long distance trains has been reduced to 60 days and said that in this regard the Railway Board has issued a circular to the Principal Chief Commercial Managers of all the zonal railways.

**Q.9. Which country has developed a helicopter launched air-to-surface missile called Izdeliye 305?**

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

**Answer: (c) Russia**

The Russian "Izdeliye 305" or Light Multipurpose Guided Rocket (LMUR) has shown strong resistance to jamming in Ukraine. It is a helicopter-launched air-to-surface missile that targets armored vehicles, structures and ships. The missile is 1.94 m long, 200 mm in diameter and weighs 105 kg. Its aerodynamic design and foldable wings enhance maneuverability. It uses inertial navigation, active radar and an infrared sensor for accurate targeting in various weather conditions. It usually carries a high-explosive warhead.

**Q.10. Recently 'Khadi Swatantrata Ka Taana Baana' exhibition has been inaugurated in which country?**

- (a) New Delhi
- (b) Jaipur
- (c) Mumbai
- (d) Kanpur

**Answer: (a) New Delhi**

KVIC Chairman Shri Manoj Kumar inaugurated the Khadi Exhibition themed "Khadi: Fabric of Freedom, Language of Fashion" in the presence of Shri K.N. Shrivastava, Director, India International Centre (IIC) taking forward Prime Minister Narendra Modi's vision of "Khadi for Fashion". The exhibition is set up at Gandhi-King Memorial Plaza, India International Centre, Lodhi Road, New Delhi. Organised in collaboration with Centre of Excellence in Khadi (CoEK) and National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT), the exhibition invites visitors to trace the remarkable journey of Khadi from hand-spun fabric during India's freedom movement led by Mahatma Gandhi to its current status as a symbol of sustainability and modern fashion.

**Q.11. Which country has recently won the ICC Women's T20 World Cup?**

- (a) South Africa
- (b) New Zealand
- (c) India
- (d) Australia

**Answer: (b) New Zealand**

New Zealand defeated South Africa by 32 runs to win their first Women's T20 World Cup. The win capped a historic day for New Zealand cricket, as the men's team also secured their first Test win in India in 36 years. The 9th ICC Women's T20 Cricket World Cup was originally scheduled to be held in Bangladesh but was moved to the UAE due to political instability.

**Q.12. Which state has recently decided to implement a sub-quota within the SC quota?**

- (a) Haryana
- (b) Uttar Pradesh
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Maharashtra

**Answer: (a) Haryana**

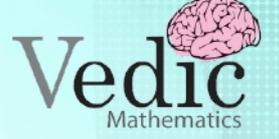
In a historic move, Haryana has become the first state to implement a sub-quota for the Dalit community, which sub-categorizes Scheduled Castes (SC). The decision comes after the Supreme Court's August 2023 verdict, which allowed states to provide reservation by dividing SC and ST communities. Haryana's decision is aimed at rectifying the under-representation in employment sectors of "deprived scheduled castes" (DSC), who are more marginalised than "other scheduled castes" (OSC). The state has divided the SC community into two groups: DSC, which includes 36 castes such as Balmiki and Dhanak, and OSC, which includes castes such as Chamar and Jatav.

**Q.13. Recently, Pubudu Das Nayak has been appointed as the mentor of the cricket team of which country?**

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

**Answer: (c) Nepal**

The Cricket Association of Nepal (CAN) has appointed Pubudu Dasanayake as the mentor of the Nepali team, which is set to participate in the triangular cricket series from October 25 to November 4 under the ICC World Cricket League 2. The triangular series to be held in the USA includes hosts Nepal and Scotland. Under this series, Nepal will play its first match against USA on October 27, second match against Scotland on October 29 and



third match against USA on November 2. In the fourth and final match, Nepal will face Scotland on November 4.

Rourkela Steel Plant, Steel Authority of India Limited.

**Q.14. Recently, the first coal gallery has been inaugurated in which country?**

- (a) Raipur
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Jaipur
- (d) Ranchi

**Answer: (b) New Delhi**

Union Minister of Culture and Tourism Gajendra Singh Shekhawat and Minister of State for Coal and Mines Satish Chandra Dubey inaugurated the first coal gallery at the National Science Centre in New Delhi. The exhibition titled "Black Diamond – Unraveling the Depths" traces the journey of coal from its formation to its crucial role in modern energy generation. The gallery educates visitors about coal extraction, mining techniques, environmental practices and future innovations in sustainable energy through interactive displays.

**Q.15. Who has recently been appointed as the Director-in-Charge of Rourkela Steel Plant of SAIL (Steel Authority of India Limited)?**

- (a) Alok Verma
- (b) Jitendra Singh
- (c) Anurag Sharma
- (d) Rohit Garg

**Answer: (a) Alok Verma**

The Public Enterprises Selection Board (PESB) selected Alok Verma for the post of Director-in-Charge of Rourkela Steel Plant of Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL); a Schedule 'A' Central PSU. A total of 12 persons were interviewed. Verma is currently posted as Executive Director Additional Charge (Works), Steel Authority of India Limited. Subject to requisite clearances and approval of the ACC, he will be appointed as Director-in-Charge,

