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History of 1st October

- ◆ **1854** : Postage stamps were introduced in India.
- ◆ **1967** : Indian Tourism Development Corporation was established.
- ◆ **1842** : Freedom fighter, educationist and social worker **S. Subrahmanya** Iyer was born.
- ◆ **1978** : Marriage age of girls was increased from 14 to 18 years and that of boys from 18 to 21 years.
- ◆ **2003** : India addressed the concerns of Bangladesh regarding interlinking of rivers.

Current Affairs Related to 1st October 2024

- ◆ The central government has revised the minimum wage rates by adjusting the variable dearness allowance. The increase is aimed at helping workers manage the rising cost of living, especially in the unorganised sector. The last revision was done in April 2024, and the new wages will be effective from October 1, 2024. After the revision, semi-skilled workers will get Rs 868 per day, while unskilled workers doing construction cleaning, loading and unloading in sector A will get Rs 783 per day.
- ◆ Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami released the book *Khaki Mein Sthitpragya*. Former Uttarakhand Director General of Police Anil Raturi has written this book. This book is based on his memoirs and experiences as an IPS officer. This book will help people coming into service to take decisions. Through this book, the author has tried to tell the memories, experiences and challenges based on his three and a half decades of experience as a police officer.
- ◆ Market regulator SEBI launched a dedicated Foreign Portfolio Investor Outreach Cell to improve and simplify the experience of investors accessing the Indian securities market. The cell will focus on direct engagement with foreign portfolio investors, and assist them in seamless access to the Indian securities market. The cell works under the Alternative Investment Funds and Foreign Portfolio Investors Department of SEBI.
- ◆ Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) in collaboration with Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi has developed lightweight bullet-proof jackets called Advanced Ballistics for High Energy Defeat. The jackets have been developed at DRDO Industry Academia Centre of Excellence at IIT. The jackets are made of polymers and indigenous boron carbide ceramic materials. The design configuration is based on characterisation of various materials at high strain rates.
- ◆ The Ministry of Civil Aviation has given approval to India's newest airline Shankh Air. The Directorate General of Civil Aviation still has to give its approval before the airline can start operations. Shankh Air will soon be the first scheduled airline in Uttar Pradesh. Shankh Air will operate out of hubs in Noida and Lucknow. The duration of the NOC for operations is three years.
- ◆ The Government has decided to implement a risk-based strategy for monitoring the quality of imported medical devices and kits. Under this monitoring, random selection of samples will be done for quality testing. In case of essential diagnostic kits, the entire shipment will be tested. A comprehensive document has been issued to assist port authorities with regard to quality control of imported medical devices. The proposed guidelines introduce a structured three-tier sampling system to improve quality assurance.
- ◆ India has officially overtaken Japan to become the third most powerful country in Asia, according to the 2024 Asia Power Index. The Lowy Institute publishes the Asia Power Index. It evaluates countries based on resource capabilities and influence in the Asia Pacific region. India's improvement in ranking is mainly driven by strong economic potential after the pandemic. India's economic potential score saw an increase of 4.2 points.
- ◆ In snooker, Kamal Chawla has won his first IBSF World 6 Red title. He won this title with a 6-2 win over Pakistan's Asjad Iqbal in the final in Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. This victory is important for Chawla. Chawla was the runner-up in the 2017 edition of the tournament. India also won three more bronze medals through Malkit Singh, Vidya Pillai and Kirtana Pandian.
- ◆ India has ranked 39th among 133 global economies in the Global Innovation Index 2024.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is International Day of Older Persons celebrated every year?

- (A) 1 October (B) 2 October
(C) 3 October (D) 4 October

(A) International Day of Older Persons is observed every year on 1 October to highlight the problems faced by older persons and to promote the development of society for all age groups. The United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution on 14 December 1990 and declared 1 October as International Day of Older Persons.

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2. When is World Vegetarian Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 28 September (B) 30 September
(C) 1 October (D) 2 October

(A) 1 October is World Vegetarian Day every year. The North American Vegetarian Society started this day in 1977 and since then we have been promoting the joy, compassion and life-enhancing benefits of vegetarianism. Vegetarianism has grown in popularity over the past few years and for good reason. Its health, environmental and ethical benefits are well-proven.

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3. Recently which country has become the biggest trading partner of Nepal?

- (A) Sri Lanka (B) US
(C) India (D) Australia

(C) India remains Nepal's largest trading partner, according to the latest Nepal trade data released by the Customs Department. Nepal's trade deficit reached 237.45 billion NPR in the financial year 2024-2025 by mid-September. Currently, Nepal maintains trade relations with 145 countries but has a trade deficit with more than 100 of them.



4. Recently which country's all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan has announced his retirement from Test cricket?

- (A) Bangladesh (B) Australia
(C) Pakistan (D) Sri Lanka

(A) Recently, Bangladesh all-rounder Shakib Al Hasan announced his retirement from Test cricket. He will retire from Test cricket after the home series against South Africa in Mirpur. Shakib also confirmed his immediate retirement from T20 Internationals. He has represented Bangladesh in every edition of the T20 World Cup since its inception in 2007.



5. When is International Coffee Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 1 October (B) 2 October
(C) 3 October (D) 4 October

(A) International Coffee Day is an occasion used to promote and celebrate coffee as a beverage, with events now taking place in many places around the world. In March 2014 ICO member countries agreed to hold International Coffee Day on 1 October to create a day of celebration for coffee lovers around the world.



International
Coffee Day

6. Recently which Union Minister has launched the web portal Paridhi 24x25 and AI Taxonomy e-book?

- (A) Giriraj Singh (B) Rajnath Singh
(C) Narendra Modi (D) Amit Shah

(A) Recently Union Textiles Minister Shri Giriraj Singh launched India Specific Fashion Trend Book, Visionext's bilingual web portal Paripheara 24x25 and AI Taxonomy eBook, the event was attended by more than 150 industrialists from fashion, textiles and retail sector along with artisans and weavers from various craft clusters.



7. Recently, S&P Global Rating has estimated India's economic growth to be what percent in the financial year 2024-2025?

- (A) 5.9% (B) 6.4%
(C) 6.8% (D) 7.1%

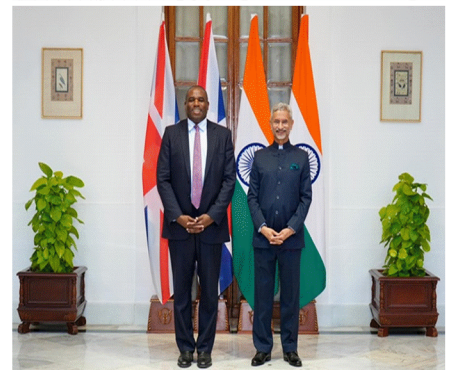
(C) There is good news for the common people who have been facing the brunt of inflation recently. Soon your loan installment may come down. S&P Global Ratings has maintained India's growth forecast at 6.8% for the current financial year 2024-2025. It has also expressed hope that the RBI will start cutting interest rates in its October monetary policy review.



8. Recently Foreign Minister S Jaishankar participated in the first joint ministerial meeting of L-69 and C-10 nation groups.

- (A) Mumbai (B) New York
(C) Beijing (D) None of these

(B) External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar participated in the first joint ministerial meeting of the L-69 and C-10 group of nations during the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly. During the meeting, Jaishankar highlighted the need for reform of UN Security Council membership in permanent and non-permanent categories. According to a press release of the Ministry of External Affairs, the L-69 Annual Ministerial Meeting was chaired by Prime Minister Ralph E. Gonsalves of Saint Vincent and the Grenadines in his capacity as spokesperson of L-69.



9. Recently the next Air Force Deputy Chief has been appointed.

- (A) SP Dharkar (B) Sameer Shukla
(C) Alok Ranjan (D) None of these

(A) Recently, Air Marshal SP Dharkar, an accomplished fighter pilot of the Air Force, has been appointed as the next Deputy Chief of the Air Force. He will replace the current Deputy Chief Air Marshal AP Singh, who has been made the Chief of the Air Force. After the new Chief takes charge, Dharkar is an experienced fighter pilot who has flown more than 3600 hours.



10. Where was India's first paperless election held recently?

- (A) Goa (B) Haryana
(C) Gujarat (D) Madhya Pradesh

(D) Recently, the Madhya Pradesh State Election Commission took a historic step in the Panchayat by-election by establishing the country's first paperless polling station in Ratua Ratanpur Gram Panchayat of Berasia Vikaskhand of Bhopal district. In this paperless voting held recently at polling station 295, 84 percent people exercised their franchise. Election officials have called this initiative a success and termed it a step taken in a new direction.

