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History of 17th September

- ◆ 1948 : Residents merged with India.
- ◆ 1956 : Indian Oil and Natural Gas Commission was formed.
- ◆ 1949 : South Indian political party Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam was founded.
- ◆ 2006 : Indian Air Force's Special Forces Unit Garud Commando attacked Congo peace mission.
- ◆ 1950 : Indian politician and current Prime Minister Narendra Modi was born.

Current Affairs Related to 17th September 2024

- ◆ The Cabinet approved Mission Mausam to enhance the capacity to deal with extreme weather and climate challenges. The Ministry of Earth Sciences will be the nodal body to implement the mission. The main objective of the mission is to promote research and development and capacity in atmospheric science, weather monitoring, modeling, forecasting and management. Advanced observation systems, high performance computing and cutting-edge technologies such as artificial intelligence and machine learning will be integrated under this mission.
- ◆ The Union Cabinet has approved the PM-e-Bus Service Payment Security Mechanism Scheme. The initiative aims to assist public transport authorities in procuring and operating electric buses with a financial outlay of Rs 3,435.33 crore. Under the scheme, more than 38,000 e-buses are to be deployed between FY 2024-2025 and FY 2028-2029. These buses will get operational support for 12 years from the date of their deployment. Currently, many PTAs depend on diesel or CNG buses, which contribute to environmental pollution.
- ◆ PM Modi virtually addressed the International Conference on Green Hydrogen. Mr Modi said that the government has fulfilled its green energy commitments made in Paris before any other G20 country. He said that these obligations have been fulfilled nine years ahead of the 2030 target. He also mentioned that India's capacity to use non-fossil fuels has increased by almost 300% in the last ten years. He also mentioned that India's solar power capacity has increased by more than 3000% in the same period.
- ◆ Open Network for Digital Commerce has announced the appointment of RS Sharma as its non-executive chairman. He has held several important positions in his career in the Indian Administrative Service. These positions include Director General and Mission Director of UIDAI, Chairman of TRAI and CEO of National Health Authority.
- ◆ Under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana, the government has approved health coverage of Rs 5 lakh for all senior citizens aged 70 years and above. This will benefit 4.5 crore families across the country. Citizens above 70 years of age will be eligible to avail AB PM JAY irrespective of their socio-economic status. Senior citizens aged 70 years and above will get a separate card under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana.
- ◆ RBI has given final approval to Payglocal to act as an online payment aggregator. It will provide a wide range of enterprises with a full suite of payment solutions. Payglocal is a leading provider of cross-border payment solutions. Former Visa senior directors Prachi Dharani, Rohit Sukhija and Yogesh Lokhande founded Payglocal in 2021.
- ◆ A new global framework has been introduced by the World Health Organization that aims to streamline the investigation of the origins of new and re-emerging pathogens that have the potential to cause epidemics or pandemics. The framework has been developed by the Scientific Advisory Group on the Origins of New Pathogens. The framework aims to address current shortcomings in outbreak investigation methods and establish a unified approach to the study of pathogen origins.
- ◆ PM E-Drive Scheme has been approved with an outlay of Rs 10,900 crore over a period of two years. The scheme now includes e-vouchers for EV buyers to avail demand incentives. Rs 500 crore has been allocated for deployment of e-ambulances under the scheme. This is a significant step towards integrating EVs in the healthcare sector. The scheme aims to enhance vehicle testing infrastructure with a fund of Rs 780 crore for development of testing agencies.
- ◆ Defence Aviation Expo was inaugurated by Rajnath Singh. There was a great participation of the industry in it.

National & International Current Affairs

- 1. When is World Patient Safety Day celebrated every year?**
 (A) 14 September (B) 15 September
 (C) 16 September (D) 17 September
(D) World Patient Safety Day is observed every year on 17 September. The aim of World Patient Safety Day is to raise public awareness and participation, enhance global understanding and promote global solidarity and action to promote patient safety. Each year a new theme is chosen to highlight a priority patient safety area.
- 2. Recently, which country will make a law fixing the minimum age for the safety of students on social media?**
 (A) China (B) India
 (C) Australia (D) Japan
(C) Recently, the Australian government may increase the minimum age limit for using social media platforms like Facebook, Instagram and TikTok from 14 to 16 years, considering the impact on the physical and mental health of children. It is being said that children up to the age of 16 will not be allowed to use social media.
- 3. Recently in which state five new POCSO fast track courts will be established?**
 (A) Gujarat (B) West Bengal
 (C) Uttar Pradesh (D) Madhya Pradesh
(B) Recently the West Bengal government has decided to set up five new POCSO fast track special courts in West Bengal. The state already has 62 POCSO courts in addition to six e POCSO courts. Protection of Children from Sexual Offences Act 2012 POCSO ensures speedy justice in sexual crimes against children.
- 4. Recently, which state government has decided to increase the reservation for Agniveers in uniformed services by 10% and age relaxation by three years?**
 (A) Odisha (B) Gujarat
 (C) Madhya Pradesh (D) Goa
(A) Odisha government has approved 10% reservation for former Agniveers in the state. The state government has approved this reservation for former Agniveers in recruitment for police, forest, excise, fire safety related services. The government also allowed Shapoorji Pallonji Port Maintenance Private Limited and Odisha Stevedores Limited to transfer equity shares to Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Limited.
- 5. Recently NPCI has increased the UPI payment limit in India from Rs 1 lakh to how much?**
 (A) 3 (B) 4
 (C) 5 (D) 6
(C) Recently, the Reserve Bank of India has announced to increase the transaction limit for tax payments through Unified Payments Interface from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 5 lakh per transaction. This move will make it even easier for consumers to make tax payments through UPI, which has become the most preferred method of digital payment.

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6. Recently India and which country have signed a historic civil nuclear energy agreement?

- (A) UAE (B) Syria
(C) Mauritius (D) None of these

(A) Recently India and United Arab Emirates signed a historic agreement for civil nuclear cooperation for the first time. This agreement was signed during the visit of Abu Dhabi Crown Prince Sheikh Khalid bin Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan to India. The main objective of this agreement is the MoU between Nuclear Power Corporation of India Limited and Emirates Nuclear Energy Corporation for cooperation in the operation and maintenance of Barakah Nuclear Power Plant.



7. Who has recently won the Singapore Literature Award?

- (A) Arpit Chopra (B) Rishabh Shetty
(C) Prashanthi Ram (D) None of these

(C) Recently Prashanthi Ram, a lecturer at Singapore's Nanyang Technological University, received the Singapore Literature Prize for her short story Nine Yard Sarees. This story revolves around the generations of a Tamil Brahmin family. Prashanthi Ram is a lecturer at Singapore's Nanyang Technological University. The award for non-fiction work went to Shubigi Rao of Indian origin.



8. Who has recently become the world's second largest 5G smartphone market?

- (A) India (B) China
(C) USA (D) Japan

(A) In a significant development for the global telecom industry recently, Counterpoint Research has reported that India has overtaken the United States to become the world's second-largest market for 5G smartphones. This shift underlines India's rapid technological advancement and the growing demand for high-speed connectivity across the country.



9. Who has been appointed as the Chairman of CAQM for NCR recently?

- (A) Daljit Singh (B) Arvind Badhera
(C) Rajesh Verma (D) None of these

(C) Senior IAS officer Rajesh Verma has taken charge as the new full-time chairman of the Air Quality Management Commission. Verma has over 35 years of experience in public administration and governance. He has worked in various departments of the central and state governments. Verma has also been the secretary of President Draupadi Murmu.



10. Whose autobiography 'Five Decades in Politics' has been released recently?

- (A) Rajnath Singh (B) Digvijay Singh
(C) Sushil Kumar Shinde (D) None of these

(C) Senior Congress leader Sushil Kumar Shinde's book 'Five Decades in Politics' was released in Delhi. Congress National President Mallikarjun Kharge, Digvijay Singh and many senior leaders were present in this program. Shinde has mentioned his five decades of experience in politics, his role in the Congress party, controversies over statements and how in 2008 he lagged behind in the race for the Chief Minister of Maharashtra due to the conspiracy of his own leaders.

