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History of 18th September

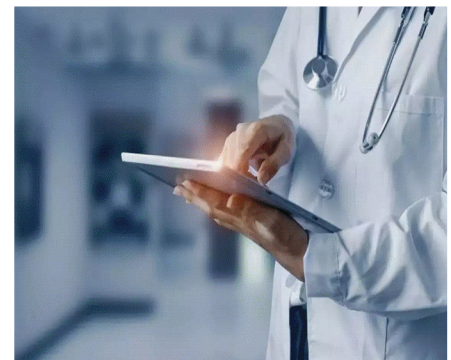
- ◆ **1803** : The **British** captured Puri in Odisha.
- ◆ **1947** : The **National Security Act** was passed.
- ◆ **1958** : **Freedom fighter**, social worker and educationist **Bhagwan Das**, who was awarded Bharat Ratna, passed away.
- ◆ **1615** : **Thomas Roe**, ambassador of King James I of England, reached Surat to meet Jahangir.
- ◆ **1967** : **Nagaland** introduced English as the official language.

Current Affairs Related to 18th September 2024

- ◆ **Special scholarships have been announced for the European Independence Week** to be held in November 2024 in India. It was announced to organize Green Solid on the second day of the International Conference at Bharat Paigam in New Delhi. This integrated Green Integral area connects India's borders with the EU's Green Revolution to enhance its collective potential. The program emphasizes India's role in promoting the EU's green development.
- ◆ **Indian Army landed for the abbreviated version of India Oman Joint Military Exercise Al Najah.** The exercise is scheduled to be held from 13 to 26 September 2024 at Rabkoti Training Area in Salalah, Oman. Exercise Al Najah has been conducted on a biennial basis since 2015 on rotation basis between India and Oman. The last version of this exercise was held in the Kingdom of Rajasthan. The Indian Army comprising a total of 60 troops is being represented by a battalion of the Mekong Infantry Regiment along with other agencies and services.
- ◆ **Defence Development Organisation (DRDO) and Indian Navy conducted a seamless flight test** of a Vertical Launch Short Range Surface to Air Missile (VRLSM) from the test range constructed at Chandipur off Odisha coast. The flight test was conducted by a land based rocket launcher with high range infrastructure at an aerial target flying low over the ground. The missile system detected and engaged the target.
- ◆ **The agreement was signed by ENEC and NPCIL to enhance potential cooperation in various areas.** The agreement has been signed to exchange expertise between the two and enhance potential cooperation in various areas such as supply chain development, human resource development, provision of nuclear consultancy services and future investments.
- ◆ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi's central rally approved Mission SEASON with a cost of Rs 2000 crore for the next two years.** Mission SEASON will be implemented by the Ministry of Earth Sciences. Led by the Ministry of Earth Sciences, this mission aims to deepen research and development in science and improve science and management in the season.
- ◆ **PM Modi chaired the first governing board meeting of the Research National Research Foundation.** Research National Research Foundation was created by the Research National Research Foundation Act 2023. Several programs were introduced in the meeting to enhance India's scientific capabilities and global competitiveness. Its main objective is to promote a strong research ecosystem across the country. This multi-institutional effort will facilitate collaboration between top-level institutions.
- ◆ **The proposed merger of Tata Motors Finance Limited with Tata Capital Limited has been approved** by the Competition Commission of India. Tata Capital Limited is a subsidiary of Tata Sons and operates as a non-banking financial investment and lending company. TCL is primarily engaged in the business of lending, leasing, factoring, financing and distribution of financial products. TMFL also refinances existing vehicle finance loans. It is a wholly owned subsidiary of Tata Motors Limited.
- ◆ **Nepal presented its letter of ratification to the ISA in New Delhi.** The letter of ratification was exchanged during a meeting between Nepal's Foreign Minister Dr. Surendra Thapa and Joint Secretary in the Ministry of External Affairs Abhishek Singh. The International Solar Alliance is an action-oriented, member-driven, collaborative forum. It aims to increase the deployment of solar energy technologies in its member countries as a means of enhancing access to energy, ensuring energy security and promoting energy transition.

National & International Current Affairs

- 1. When is World Bamboo Day celebrated every year?**
 (A) 18 September (B) 19 September
 (C) 20 September (D) 21 September
(A) World Bamboo Day is celebrated on 18 September to raise awareness about the importance of bamboo. Bamboo is a unique plant that grows fast and can be used in a variety of ways. It is not only strong and versatile, but it is also eco-friendly, helping to reduce carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere.
- 2. Recently in which state a tribal university will be established with 80% reservation?**
 (A) Jharkhand (B) Chhattisgarh
 (C) Maharashtra (D) Karnataka
(C) Recently Maharashtra will set up a tribal university in Nashik with 80% reservation for tribal students. Maharashtra Governor CP Radhakrishnan has said that a tribal university with 80% reservation for students from the tribal community will be set up in Nashik. The governor who is also the chancellor of all universities in Maharashtra said that the university will bring social development.
- 3. Recently, which state has become the first state to provide AYUSH facility in urban primary PHC?**
 (A) Madhya Pradesh (B) Gujarat
 (C) Haryana (D) Rajasthan
(A) Recently Madhya Pradesh has become the first state in the country where AYUSH facilities are available in all 328 primary health centres in urban areas. Out of 1440 primary health centres in rural areas, AYUSH facilities are available in 695 and are being expanded in the remaining. AYUSH doctors are available in 228 primary and community health centres in tribal areas.
- 4. Recently the Government of India has approved health insurance of how many lakh rupees for senior citizens?**
 (A) 4 Lakh (B) 5 Lakh
 (C) 6 Lakh (D) 7 Lakh
(B) Recently, the Government of India has approved health coverage for senior citizens under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana. This scheme will benefit about six crore senior citizens. Under this initiative, a new unique card will be issued to eligible senior citizens. An insurance cover of Rs 5 lakh has been given under this scheme.
- 5. Which state government has recently signed an agreement with Caterpillar for equipment manufacturing?**
 (A) Tamil Nadu (B) Jharkhand
 (C) Kerala (D) Odisha
(A) Recently, US machinery manufacturer Caterpillar will set up its equipment manufacturing plant in Tamil Nadu. An MoU with Autodesk to provide skill development for youth and support MSMEs and startups was signed during Chief Minister MK Stalin's visit to the US. An investment of Rs 2,000 crore by Jabil in Tiruchirappalli will create 5,000 jobs and also set up a new electronics manufacturing cluster.



6. Who has recently launched 'avilo'?

- (A) Jio (B) Adani
(C) IndiGo (D) None of these

(B) Recently, Adani Airports Holdings Ltd has launched Avio digital platform to give passengers instant information on various ways to reach the airport, from waiting time to gate change and bag arrival on the belt. The company operates seven airports in the country.

7. Which has recently become the first major Indian bank to join PCAF?

- (A) Axis Bank (B) Union Bank of India
(C) HDFC Bank (D) UCO Bank

(B) Recently, Bank of India has become the first major Indian bank to join the corporate cap for carbon accounting financials, which includes its equity portfolio to manage and reduce its credit operations. This decision has been taken in line with the recently released Global Focus on Risk Management and Issuer Guidelines issued by the Reserve Bank of India.

8. Recently, what percentage of India's GDP growth rate has been estimated by the IMF in the financial year 2024-2025?

- (A) 6.2% (B) 6.4%
(C) 6.9% (D) 07%

(D) Recently, the International Monetary Fund has raised its rating for India's GDP growth in the financial year 2024-2025 to 7%, which is 20 basis points higher than the previous estimate of 6.8%. This revision is a detail of the IMF's updated World Economic Outlook report, which is driven by large-scale units built especially in rural areas.

9. Where did the Indian Embassy recently showcase Punjab tourism and ODOP?

- (A) Canada (B) USA
(C) Bahrain (D) Germany

(C) Recently the Indian Embassy in Bahrain unveiled new exhibitions showcasing the tourist attractions of Punjab and One District One Product scheme at this vibrant event. This event makes Punjab the sixth state to join the Embassy's ongoing Focus State Union Territory initiative.

10. Who has been appointed as the non-executive chairman of ONDC recently?

- (A) Rajesh Verma (B) R S Sharma
(C) Arvind Vadhera (D) None of these

(B) Recently, Open Network for Digital Commerce has announced the appointment of Facebook as its non-executive chairman. Sharma, who has previously served as the executive and mission director of the Unique Identification Authority of India, chairman of the Indian regulatory authority and CEO of the National Health Authority, has now taken ONDC to the next stage of growth and innovation.

