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History of 20th September

- ◆ **1857** : British forces **liberated Delhi** in the revolt and then occupied it.
- ◆ **1856** : **Sri Narayan Guru**, a great saint and social reformer of India, **was born**.
- ◆ **1878** : Madras newspaper **The Hindu** was first published as Wikipedia under the editorship of **G.S.S. Restaurant**.
- ◆ **1388** : Prince **Tughlaq Shah III**, Sultan of Delhi, died.

Current Affairs Related to 20th September 2024

- ◆ **The Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade will launch Bhaskar**. India Startup Knowledge Access Registry is a digital platform aimed at strengthening India's startup ecosystem. The Bhaskar initiative is designed to centralize, streamline and enhance collaboration among stakeholders of the entrepreneurial ecosystem. Bhaskar will bridge the gap between investors, startups, mentors and other stakeholders. Bhaskar's primary goal is to create the world's largest digital registry for stakeholders within the startup ecosystem.
- ◆ **The seventh round of Foreign Office Consultations between India and Argentina** was held in Buenos Aires. The Indian delegation was led by Jaideep Mazumdar, Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, while Argentina was represented by Deputy Foreign Minister Leopoldo Francisco Sahores. The two sides reviewed their relations and focused on political, trade and economic ties.
- ◆ **Javelin throw star Neeraj Chopra missed out on reclaiming the Diamond League trophy**, falling just a centimetre behind the champion at the Diamond League Final in Brussels. Chopra's best throw of 87.86m came in his third attempt, finishing behind Grenada's Anderson Peters, who won the title with a throw of 87.87m in his first attempt.
- ◆ **Operation Sadbhav was launched by India to provide humanitarian assistance to countries affected by Typhoon Yagi**. Under Operation Sadbhav, humanitarian assistance will be provided to Myanmar, Laos, and Vietnam, the countries affected by Typhoon Yagi. India sent immediate relief material to Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam to help them deal with the impact of this major storm.
- ◆ **Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the fourth Reinvest at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar**. He inaugurated and laid the foundation stone of projects worth more than Rs 8000 crore. These projects include India's first Vande Bharat Metro train between Ahmedabad and Bhuj.
- ◆ **Union Minister for Communications and Broadcasting Sector Development Putin M. Institute** launched the official website for the much-awaited Ashtalakshmi Mahotsav. The launch event took place at Sanchar Bhawan New Delhi, which highlighted the government's intention to advance the vast potential at the national and global stage. Ashta Lakshmi Mahotsav is a landmark festival scheduled to be held from 6 to 8 December 2024 at India Pavilion, Progress Ground New Delhi. The Ashta Lakshmi Mahotsav aims to provide a platform to connect regional entrepreneurs and entrepreneurs with new business opportunities and investments, providing economic benefits.
- ◆ **The initial automotive test of the Indian light tank Zorawar has been done**. The mechanical field test of the Indian light tank was successful in the first phase. The field test has completed the allied stealth in the desert area. During the test, the tank proved to be as efficient as the ground on which the cement was prepared. This test was conducted by the Defense and Development Organization. The Zorawar tank is capable of crossing high-pressure areas such as hilly areas.
- ◆ **The BRICS Literature Forum 2024 started in Kazan**. The conference was officially inaugurated by Kazan Mayor Ilсур Metshin. The theme of the 2024 edition of Scientific BRICS is New Reality in World Literature, Religious, National Scriptures and Dialogue of Construction. This conference is a confluence of writers, elements, theories, art and theology of BRICS countries.
- ◆ **The Ministry of Corporate Affairs has notified the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development as a Public Financial Institution under the Companies Act**. With the PFI status, NABFID will get various benefits under the Companies Act, Income Tax Act, SARFAESI Act, etc. Under the National Bank for Financing Infrastructure and Development Act 2023, NABFID was established as a Development Finance Institution.

National & International Current Affairs

1. Where will the 55th International Film Festival of India be held recently?

- (A) Mumbai (B) Chennai
(C) Goa (D) New Delhi

(C) The 55th International Film Festival of India 2024 will be held in Goa from 20 to 28 November 2024. In a welcome move, the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting has set up a new section for Indian young filmmakers called the Best Debutant Indian Film Section 2024 as a part of IFFI 2024.



2. Recently in which African country the Ampox vaccination campaign will be conducted on 2 October?

- (A) Congo (B) Mali
(C) Algeria (D) None of these

(A) The government has announced that the Democratic Republic of Congo, the epicentre of Africa's ongoing ampx outbreak, will begin the first phase of its vaccination drive on October 2. The vaccination effort, which runs until October 11, follows the receipt of more than 265,000 doses from international partners.



3. Recently in which state the medical education curriculum will now be available in Hindi?

- (A) Gujarat (B) Haryana
(C) Punjab (D) Rajasthan

(D) On the initiative of Rajasthan CM Bhajanlal Sharma, now the students of medical education in the medical colleges of the state will also get the opportunity to study in Hindi medium. Gayatri Rathore, Principal Secretary of Medical Education Department, said that in the first phase, this facility has been started in Dr. Sampurnanand Medical College, Jodhpur and Barmer Medical College affiliated to Marwar Medical University.



4. Recently, America has announced to provide financial assistance of 200 million USD to which country?

- (A) Bangladesh (B) Maldives
(C) Israel (D) Pakistan

(A) Recently the US will provide 202.25 million US dollars aid to Bangladesh. Its aim is to advance development in the South Asian country, empower youth, strengthen democracy, improve health and expand business and economic opportunities for the people.



5. Which country has recently reached Tier 1 in the Global Cyber Security Index?

- (A) Nepal (B) Sri Lanka
(C) Japan (D) India

(D) India recently reached Tier 1 in the Global Cybersecurity Index 2024 released by the International Telecommunication Union when it comes to role modeling as part of a country's cybersecurity commitments and resulting impacts. The GCI 2024 used a new five-tier analysis, a change that allows for a greater focus on each country's progress with cybersecurity commitments.



6. Recently, which state has topped the country in terms of states having AYUSH facilities?

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

(B) Recently, Madhya Pradesh has topped the list of states providing AYUSH facilities in all 328 primary health centres in urban areas. In tribal areas, AYUSH doctors are available in 228 primary and community health centres, which puts the state at third place nationally. Odisha ranks first with 296 AYUSH doctors and Chhattisgarh ranks second with 279 doctors.



7. Where has India recently participated in the BRICS Literature Forum 2024?

- (A) Russia (B) China
(C) Germany (D) Brazil

(A) Algeria has been approved as the newest member of the BRICS New Development Bank, joining other countries seeking alternatives to international financial institutions such as the World Bank and the IMF. Besides Algeria, the BRICS New Development Bank has welcomed other countries including Egypt, the United Arab Emirates, Iran and Saudi Arabia as part of its growing membership.



8. Where was the Indian International Maritime Dispute Resolution Centre launched recently?

- (A) Gujarat (B) Maharashtra
(C) Manipur (D) Goa

(D) The Indian Centre for International Maritime Disputes Resolution was launched at the 20th Maritime State Development Council meeting held recently in Goa. Plans to set up mega shipbuilding parks in coastal states were discussed. According to the Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways, a policy think tank, the Indian Maritime Centre, was also launched at the council meeting.



9. To whom has Union Home Minister Amit Shah recently given the Rajbhasha Kirti Award?

- (A) Vir Das (B) R. Ravindra
(C) V. Srinivas (D) None of these

(C) Recently, during the All India Official Language Conference in New Delhi, Secretary of the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances, Shri V. Srinivas ji was awarded the Rajbhasha Kirti Award by the Honorable Home Minister and Co-operation Minister Shri Amit Shah. This award has been given by the Official Language Department of the Ministry of Home Affairs to the Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances for the best performance in Official Language Hindi in the category of ministries / departments with less than 300 personnel for the year 2023-2024.



10. Where has India's second largest butterfly species been discovered recently?

- (A) Jaipur (B) Madurai
(C) Itanagar (D) None of these

(B) India's second largest butterfly species, the Southern Birdwing, has recently been found at the satellite campus of the American College between Chathirappatti and Kadavoor on the New Natham Highway in Madurai district. The discovery throws light on the changing movements of butterfly species in the region. The Southern Birdwing was once believed to be India's largest butterfly with a wingspan of 190 mm.



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