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## History of 23rd October

- ◆ **1764** : Mir Qasim was defeated in the battle of Butler.
- ◆ **1943** : Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose established Jhansi Ki Rani Brigade of Azad Hind Fauj in Singapore.
- ◆ **1989** : Hungary declared itself a republic.
- ◆ **2003** : India and Bulgaria signed an extradition treaty.
- ◆ **1623** : Famous poet Tulsidas died.
- ◆ **1778** : Rani Chennamma, a freedom fighter like Jhansi Ki Rani Lakshmbai and a brave woman of Karnataka, was born.

## Current Affairs Related to 23rd October 2024

- ◆ **The Uttarakhand Madrasa Education Board has proposed to include Sanskrit as a compulsory subject in 416 madrasas in the state.** The initiative aims to enrich the curriculum and support the academic development of students. The board is planning to sign an MoU with the state's Sanskrit department on this change. UMEB intends to sign an agreement with the Sanskrit department to implement this initiative, which includes assistance and arrangement of education.
- ◆ **The Jharkhand government launched the Miya Samman Yojana for women, under which monthly compensation is increased from 1000 to 2500.** This decision was seen as a response to the BJP's Gogo Didi Yojana, in which the BJP promised to give 2100 per month to women in its election manifesto. Apart from this, the government has approved 28 schemes to benefit brothels, education and social welfare in the state.
- ◆ **The Supreme Court has decided to decide on the petitions challenging Section 6E of the Citizenship Amendment Act, which was inserted in the Constitution through an amendment in 1985 to further the Supreme Court's disparity.** In its judgment, the Constitution Bench of five judges of the Supreme Court held Section 6A of the Citizenship Act to be constitutional.
- ◆ **The Reserve Bank of India has taken strict action against four non-banking financial companies.** Using powers under Section 45L of the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934, the Central Bank has suspended four non-banking financial companies namely Aashirwad Micro Finance Ltd, Aaron Finance Ltd, DMI Finance Private Ltd and NV Finserv Ltd. Instructions have been issued to stop sanctioning and disbursing loans from the close of business.
- ◆ **Indian Railways has announced significant changes in its pre-booking period.** The pre-booking period for long distance train coaching will now be 60 days instead of 120 days for long distance train which will be effective from 1st November 2024. The decision is aimed at reducing the blockage of money for booking tickets months in advance during festivals and other co-passenger travel periods and to include convenience to passengers. The new pre-booking period will be effective from 1st November 2024.
- ◆ **One of India's most successful captains has been appointed as the new cricket director of JSW Sports.** Ricky Ponting worked as a consultant and coach with JSW's team Delhi Capitals in the IPL in 2019. Later he became the cricket director of the Capitals. Here's what he said about his new role in motion pictures: I know the JSW Group and the Jindal family personally and professionally, which made this decision easy.
- ◆ **A rising artist from Karnal in Haryana has been awarded in the emerging illustrator category at the Victoria and Albert Museum of Illustration in London.** Aditi Anand Ho, a 25-year-old graduate who completed her education at Anglia Ruskin University has been declared the winner of the prestigious emerging illustrator category at the V&A Illustration Awards. Her art Marigolds is set in India and combines themes of child labour and lost childhood.
- ◆ **Nikita Porwal from Madhya Pradesh has made her mark on the stock exchange of Femina Miss India 2024.** The prestigious event was held at Famous Studios in Mumbai, marking the start of the 60th edition of India's prestigious beauty pageant. Competition and Ceremony The Femina Miss India contest saw participation of 30 talents representing the state reputations of 29 states and one union territory. In the grand finale, these unique women gave a tough fight for the coveted title.

## National & International Current Affairs

1. When will the seventh session of the International Solar Alliance Assembly be held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi?

- (A) 25 October (B) 31 October  
(C) 3 November (D) 5 December

(C) The seventh session of the International Solar Alliance Assembly will be held from 3 November at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. It will be a four-day event. It will go on till 6 November. The ISA Assembly will discuss ISA activities related to energy access, security and customs, with an emphasis on enabling member countries to adopt solar energy and raising funds to accelerate the implementation of solar energy.



2. Recently CJI DY Chandrachud has named whom as his successor?

- (A) Sanjeev Khanna (B) Abhinandan Raj  
(C) HS Khurana (D) None of these

(A) Recently, Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud is going to retire next month. In such a situation, he has sent a recommendation to the Center to make Justice Sanjeev Khanna, the second most senior in the Supreme Court, the CJI. DY Chandrachud is retiring from the post of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court on November 10. On the basis of seniority, Justice Khanna will take over the post of CJI in his place.



3. Who has been recently appointed as Special Secretary for Internal Security Affairs?

- (A) Ravindra Raina (B) Praveen Vashishta  
(C) Surinder Kumar (D) None of these

(B) Recently, senior officer Security Officer Personal Division has been appointed as the new Special Secretary in the Home Ministry. This information has been given in an official order. The 1991 Bihar cadre officer of the Indian Police Service is still working as Additional Secretary in the Home Ministry. This is important as the government's focus is on strengthening the internal security of the country.



4. Who has recently become India's major import source?

- (A) China (B) Russia  
(C) Sri Lanka (D) US

(A) China has become India's top import source with imports worth US\$ 56.29 billion during April-September period of this fiscal, according to recent commerce ministry data. US emerged as the top export destination for the country during this period, with exports growing 5.62 per cent to US\$ 40.38 billion.



5. Recently which bank has opened its first branch in Singapore to increase its global presence?

- (A) Axis Bank (B) ICICI Bank  
(C) HDFC Bank (D) Yes Bank

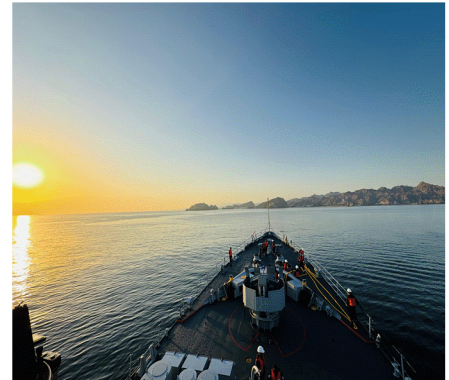
(C) HDFC Bank has recently officially opened its first branch in Singapore. The bank has been granted a wholesale license by the US authority in Singapore. This allows the bank to provide various financial products and established tax facilities in the Singapore region. This branch focuses on providing services to multinational companies, micronational companies, high-end enterprises and trading companies.



6. Where did the Indian Navy's first training squadron recently complete a long distance training deployment?

- (A) Manama (B) Dubai  
(C) Abu Dhabi (D) None of these

(A) Recently Indian Navy's First Training Squadron INS Tir and ICGS Veera completed their long distance training deployment to Manama, Bahrain. A delegation of ITS including sea trainees visited Naval Support Facility, Bahrain and also gained insight into Task Force 59.



7. Which place has recently been declared as India's second largest butterfly diversity centre?

- (A) Sanjay NP (B) Namdapha NP  
(C) Kaziranga NP (D) None of these

(C) Recently more than 446 butterfly species have been identified in Kaziranga National Park. This discovery has established Kaziranga as the second butterfly diversity centre of India after Namdapha National Park. These findings are the result of years of research by Dr. Monsoon Jyoti Gogoi, who has studied the park since 2007.



8. Who has recently been appointed MD of Digital India Corporation of the Ministry of Electronics and IT?

- (A) Arjun Vajpayee (B) Akash Tripathi  
(C) Amit Kumar (D) None of these

(B) Recently, Akash Tripathi, a 1998 batch IAS officer of Madhya Pradesh cadre, has been appointed as the Managing Director/Chief Executive Officer of Digital India Corporation and Chairman/Chief Executive Officer of National e-Governance Division. The Appointments Committee of the Union Cabinet has approved the proposal of the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology for this dual responsibility.



9. Where has India's first airport-based self-operated indoor air quality monitoring facility been launched recently?

- (A) Thiruvananthapuram (B) Mumbai  
(C) Bengaluru (D) None of these

(A) India's first airport based self powered indoor air quality monitoring facility Pawan Chitra was unveiled by Union Minister of State for Science and Technology Dr Jitendra Singh at Thiruvananthapuram International Airport. The off grid air quality monitor is powered by indigenous indoor solar cell developed by CSIR NIIST.



10. Recently with which country India has signed a drone deal worth \$3.5 billion?

- (A) Russia (B) Sri Lanka  
(C) Japan (D) USA

(D) Recently, the Indian Defence Ministry has signed a \$3.5 billion deal with the USA for 31 MQ 9I drones to enhance defence capabilities. The deal includes 15 drones for the Indian Navy and eight each for the Army and Air Force. Sources said that this remote-piloted aircraft, the size of a high-altitude long-endurance fighter jet, will significantly enhance the armed forces' ability to conduct long-range covert surveillance and over-the-horizon precision strikes.

