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History of 25th October

- ◆ **1924** : British authorities in India arrested **Subhash Chandra Bose** and imprisoned him for 2 years.
- ◆ **2009** : Bomb blasts in **Baghdad** killed 155 people and injured 721.
- ◆ **2003** : Famous Indian theorist and social reformer Pandurang Shastri **Athavale** passed away.
- ◆ **1800** : Famous English poet, essayist, historian and permanent **Lord Macaulay** was born.

Current Affairs Related to 25th October 2024

- ◆ **The Indian Institute of Technology Madras** is set to set up its first international flagship centre in Dubai, which will focus on research innovation and entrepreneurship. The IITM Global Dubai Centre, scheduled to launch in early 2025, will specialise in advanced areas such as artificial intelligence, data science, robotics and sustainable energy, becoming a vital link to India's entrepreneurial ecosystem. The initiative has been made possible by an agreement between IIT Madras and Dubai's Department of Economy and Tourism.
- ◆ **The Department of Telecommunications** is considering reducing the period of spectrum leased to telecom operators through auction from the current 20 years to 10 years. This is being evaluated because the life cycle of technology is getting shorter and the value of spectrum is declining in the long term, resulting in operators not getting its full value. If the proposal is finalised, it will be implemented in future auctions. According to the telecom industry, if the period is reduced, the government will also have to reduce the reserve price.
- ◆ **A group of ministers convened to propose revision of GST rates met.** It discussed rationalisation of taxes, especially health and life insurance premiums. The GoM was set up to consider measures to reduce the 18% GST rate applicable on insurance premiums. This was the first meeting of the group. Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Choudhary is in charge of the 13-member GoM.
- ◆ **Pink alarms have been installed in the government district hospital and medical college** of Datia in Madhya Pradesh. This is the first government hospital in the state where this facility has been provided for the safety of women. The idea of the pink alarm system is of District Collector Sandeep Makin. On pressing the pink alarm, a siren will ring and within five minutes the security personnel will reach the person in trouble.
- ◆ **The district version of the PM Gati Shakti National Master Plan** has been launched for 27 aspiring districts. According to Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal, the district version of the scheme will cover more than 750 districts in the next 18 months. The National Master Plan of PM Gati Shakti has recently completed three years. The District Master Plan has been launched on the occasion of the completion of three years of PM Gati Shakti. The government had expanded the scope of PM Gati Shakti to social infrastructure to map power distribution lines, schools, hospitals and others using the Area Development Approach initiative.
- ◆ **The Monetary Authority of Singapore** has granted **HDFC Bank** a **wholesale banking licence** effective immediately. This will enable the bank to offer a wide range of financial products and services to residents of Singapore. HDFC Bank will continue to provide loan administrative services to NRIs in Singapore for obtaining home loans and purchasing property in India through its new branch.
- ◆ **The new guidelines ban the use of words like natural, organic, etc. by brands.** These guidelines have been issued by the Indian Consumer Protection Authority to deal with greenwashing and misleading environmental claims in advertising products. Greenwashing refers to deceptive behavior in which companies make exaggerated or false claims about the environmental benefits of their products or services, often using vague terms like natural, organic or eco-friendly. According to the consumer protection authority, this strategy misleads consumers and undermines genuine environmental efforts.
- ◆ **Arjun Erigaisi** has won the **WR Chess Masters Cup** by defeating **Maxime Vachier-Ligrave** in the final. He defeated his friend R Praggnanandhaa in the semi-finals of the knockout event. Arjun registered a 2-0 win over England's Shivanand Bodhna.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When will the new deadline for advance reservation booking of trains be applicable?

- (A) 30 October (B) 1 November
(C) 10 November (D) 5 December

(B) A new deadline for advance reservation booking of trains will come into effect from November 1. Indian Railways has reduced the advance reservation period from 120 days to 60 days. This move will prevent money getting stuck in railway tickets four months in advance, especially during the holiday season. There will be no change in the 365-day limit for foreign tourists.



2. Recently which IIT will start a global research center in Dubai?

- (A) IIT Madras (B) IIT Delhi
(C) IIT Bangalore (D) IIT Kanpur

(A) Indian Institute of Technology Madras is set to take a leap into global research and innovation by setting up its first international flagship centre in Dubai. The IITM Global Dubai Centre is set to launch in early 2025 and will specialise in cutting-edge areas such as artificial intelligence, data science, robotics and sustainable energy.



3. With which country did India recently sign a labour mobility agreement?

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

(D) Recently, both the countries are going to sign an agreement to facilitate the movement of workers and recognize the skills between India and Germany. Sources familiar with the developments said that through this agreement, skilled professionals here will be easily employed by German industry.



4. Recently India and which country have discussed to strengthen hydropower cooperation?

- (A) Nepal (B) Bhutan
(C) Canada (D) Israel

(B) Recently, Bhutan's Energy and Natural Resources Minister Tyonpo Jam Tshering met Union Power Minister Manohar Lal. During this, the two leaders discussed ways to strengthen mutual cooperation on hydropower. The Power Ministry said in a statement that the discussion also included the Poona-1 hydropower project.



5. Recently India has doubled the grant to promote plantation education of which country?

- (A) Bhutan (B) France
(C) Myanmar (D) Sri Lanka

(D) India has doubled its grant to Rs 17,22,50 lakh to promote education in plantation areas of Indian-origin Tamil community in Sri Lanka. Indian High Commissioner to Sri Lanka Santosh Jha and Secretary of Sri Lanka's Ministry of Education and Science & Technology J M Thilaka Jayasundara signed and exchanged diplomatic letters to formalise the grant.



6. Recently which state has launched Citizen Settings App to monitor traffic rule violations?

- (A) Haryana (B) Uttar Pradesh
(C) Kerala (D) Gujarat
(C) After the successful implementation of AI-powered fully automated traffic enforcement system for checking traffic violations in Kerala recently, citizens will soon be able to keep a check on traffic violations as the Transport Department is preparing to introduce an app to bring violations to the notice of Motor Vehicles Department officials.



7. Which country has recently introduced a new Visa on Arrival policy for Indians?

- (A) UAE (B) Russia
(C) England (D) Japan
(A) Recently, the United Arab Emirates is one of the most modern countries in the Middle East. UAE, made up of seven emirates, is known for its glittering cities, excellent infrastructure and great economy. Dubai and Abu Dhabi are full of skyscrapers. Citizens of every country in the world are coming to work in Dubai.



8. Recently IPS Ajay Singh has become the new DGP of which state?

- (A) Odisha (B) Rajasthan
(C) Telangana (D) Jharkhand
(D) Recently, 1989 batch IPS officer Ajay Singh has taken over as the 15th DGP of Jharkhand. Ajay Kumar Singh has been appointed as the DGP of Jharkhand for the second time. The Election Commission had directed to remove the then DGP Anurag Gupta from his post. On the instructions of the Election Commission, the state government removed the then DGP Anurag Gupta from his post and appointed Ajay Kumar Singh as the DGP of the state again.



9. In which state pink alarms have been installed in hospitals recently?

- (A) Kerala (B) Madhya Pradesh
(C) Odisha (D) Maharashtra
(B) Recently, pink alarms have been installed for the first time in the government district hospital and medical college in Datia city of Madhya Pradesh. Officials gave this information. Recently, the issue of safety of women employees in government hospitals came to the fore after the incident of rape and murder of a trainee doctor in RG Kar Medical College of Kolkata.



10. Who has recently become the first Indian woman to score 50 international goals?

- (A) Bala Devi (B) Pramiti Raina
(C) Aditi Anand (D) None of these
(A) Recently Bala Devi who is often known as the goal machine of Nepal, achieved a rare feat in Indian women's football by becoming the first Indian woman to score her 50th international goal in a match against Pakistan during the 2024 SAFF Women's Championship in Nepal. According to the AIFF media team, her achievement was celebrated not only by Indian fans but also by local supporters.

