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History of 8th October

- ◆ **1932** : Indian factory was built.
- ◆ **1936** : Famous Hindi story writer and novelist **Munshi Premchand** passed away.
- ◆ **2004** : Indian **Museum Monsanto's** patent was cancelled.
- ◆ **1990** : Indian freedom fighter, writer, journalist and freedom fighter **Kamlapati Tripathi** passed away.
- ◆ **1965** : **London's** 481 feet **hightech tower** opened. It was the tallest building in England at that time.

Current Affairs Related to 8th October 2024

- ◆ **SEBI has announced a new framework to prevent excessive speculation in the stock market.** This framework will be implemented in a phased manner from November 20. SEBI has announced six major changes in the index derivative trading framework. The contract size has been increased from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 15 lakh. This is the first amendment in the contract size in nine years. These measures include increasing margin requirements and making advance collection of option premium from buyers mandatory.
- ◆ **The government launched the pilot phase of the Pradhan Mantri Internship Scheme** to provide 1.25 lakh internship opportunities during the financial year 2024-2025. Top 500 companies of India are participating in this scheme. This scheme was announced in Budget 2024-2025. Its main objective is to create 1 crore internship opportunities for youth in top companies in the next five years.
- ◆ **The current account deficit widened marginally to \$9.8 billion in Q1 FY25 from \$8.9 billion** in the same period a year ago. The increase was mainly due to a rise in the merchandise trade deficit. India recorded a current account surplus of \$4.6 billion in Q4 FY24. The merchandise trade deficit widened to \$65.1 billion in the reporting quarter from \$56.7 billion in the year-ago quarter.
- ◆ **The Cabinet approved India's decision to join the International Energy Efficiency Hub.** This strategic move is in line with India's commitment to promote sustainable development and reduce greenhouse gas emissions through global cooperation. The International Energy Efficiency Hub was established in 2020 as a successor to the International Partnership for Energy Efficiency Cooperation. The hub will bring together governments, international organisations and private sector institutions to collaborate to promote energy efficiency.
- ◆ **The Union Cabinet decided to merge all central schemes in the agriculture sector** into two new schemes. The new schemes are called Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana and Krishi Vikas Yojana. The estimated cost of the new schemes is Rs 1,01,321.61 crore. States will have to contribute the remaining Rs 32,232.63 crore to the schemes, the central government will contribute Rs 69,088.98 crore. Rs 57,074.72 crore has been set aside for PM RKVI. It aims to promote sustainable agricultural practices.
- ◆ **The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways and the Asian Development Bank co-hosted the Conference on Maritime Decarbonisation in India.** 200 delegates discussed the future of green shipping and port operations. The conference is committed to the vision of achieving net zero carbon emissions by 2070. India's maritime sector is not only a key driver of the economy but also an important factor in the fight against climate change. Delegates discussed several important topics including green port infrastructure, clean port craft and use of zero carbon fuels.
- ◆ **The Union Cabinet has approved giving classical language status to five languages.** There has been a demand for giving classical language status to Marathi since 2013. Till now there have been six classical languages in India. These were Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada, Sanskrit and Odia. Tamil was the first language to be given classical language status in 2004. Sanskrit got classical language status in 2005.
- ◆ **The Supreme Court said that caste-based discrimination against prisoners and segregation of their work according to caste hierarchy are oppressive of fundamental human dignity and personality.** It also condemned the treatment of prisoners from non-notified tribes as habitual offenders within the walls of jails across India. The court directed to amend the prison manual within three months.

National & International Current Affairs

1. When is Indian Air Force Day celebrated every year?

- (A) 2 October (B) 4 October
(C) 6 October (D) 8 October

(D) Indian Air Force Day is celebrated every year on 8 October. The Indian Air Force was formed for the first time on 8 October and its first mission was also completed on this date, due to which every year 8 October is celebrated as Air Force Day. The purpose of celebrating this day was to make people aware about the importance of the Indian Air Force.



2. Recently the first Kho-Kho World Cup will be organized by which country in 2025?

- (A) India (B) Sri Lanka
(C) Bangladesh (D) Australia

(A) The Indian Kho-Kho Federation and the International Kho-Kho Federation have announced that the first Kho-Kho World Cup will be held in India in 2025. The event will feature 24 countries from 6 continents and 16 men's and as many women's teams. Ahead of the World Cup, the KKFI plans to take the sport to 200 schools in 10 cities to promote the sport.



3. Which state government will launch the Chief Minister's Youth Entrepreneur Development Campaign recently?

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

(D) Uttar Pradesh government has launched Mukhyamantri Yuva Udyami Vikas Abhiyan to empower youth and promote entrepreneurship. The scheme aims to set up 10 lakh micro units in the next 10 years. Financial assistance will be provided to 1 lakh educated and trained youth every year. Applicants should have passed at least class eight.



4. Recently, whom will the Maharashtra government honour with the Late Vasudev Gaitonde Lifetime Achievement Award?

- (A) Laxman Shrestha (B) Nand Kishore
(C) Anurag Jain (D) None of these

(A) Recently, renowned artist Laxman Shrestha will be honoured with the late Vasudev Gaitonde lifetime achievement award. The Maharashtra government gives this award for remarkable achievement in the field of visual arts. State Higher and Technical Education Minister Chandrakant Patil made this announcement.



5. Recently which country's cricketer Praveen Jayawickrama has been banned from all forms of cricket for one year?

- (A) Sri Lanka (B) England
(C) New Zealand (D) Japan

(A) Recently, Sri Lanka's left-arm spinner Praveen Jayawickrama has been banned from all forms of cricket for one year. The ICC has found him guilty of violating the Anti-Corruption Code (ACC). 26-year-old Jayawickrama has accepted the charge.



6. Who has recently won the title of SAFF Under-17 Championship?

- (A) Bhutan (B) India
(C) Australia (D) Bangladesh

(B) India continued to dominate the recently concluded SAFF Under-17 Championship when they retained the title by beating Bangladesh 2-0 in the final of the 2024 edition at the Changlimithang Stadium in Thimpu, Bhutan. After a dominant first half, Mohammad Kaif scored a header in the 58th minute to give India the lead.



7. Who has been recently appointed as the Chairman of Utkarsh Small Finance Bank?

- (A) PK Gupta (B) Rajshree Birla
(C) MV Shreyams Kumar (D) None of these

(A) Recently RBI re-approved PK Gupta as the Chairman of Utkarsh Small Finance Bank. Reserve Bank of India has approved the reappointment of Praveen Kumar Gupta as the non-executive Chairman of Utkarsh Small Finance Bank. Gupta retired as the Managing Director of State Bank of India after 38 years of service.



8. Where was India's first modern cowshed with Bio CNG plant inaugurated recently?

- (A) Karnataka (B) Andhra Pradesh
(C) Madhya Pradesh (D) Rajasthan

(C) Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the Lal Tipra Gaushala with Bio CNG plant in Gwalior and launched various development projects worth Rs 685 crore in Madhya Pradesh. The Gaushala or cow shelter having bio CNG plant, which can produce three tonnes of natural gas per day using 100 tonnes of cow dung, has been set up in collaboration with Indian Oil Corporation.



9. Recently Nagaland has partnered with whom for the 25th Hornbill Festival?

- (A) Wales (B) Peru
(C) Egypt (D) None of these

(A) Recently, Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio announced a significant cultural partnership between Nagaland and Wales for the upcoming 25th Hornbill Festival. This collaboration will culminate Wales in India 2024, a year-long initiative aimed at strengthening ties between the two regions.



10. Recently which country has organized the G7 conference to discuss the Middle East crises?

- (A) Japan (B) France
(C) Italy (D) Germany

(C) Recently Italian Prime Minister Giorgio Meloni convened a meeting of G7 leaders to discuss the growing crisis in the Middle East. Holding the rotating presidency of G7, Italy has vowed to find a diplomatic solution to the tensions, particularly focusing on the Israel-Lebanon border and Iran's missile attack on Israel.

