

Today's Event – 23rd October 2021

- 4004 BC – James Ussher's proposed creation date of the world according to the Bible.
- 42 BC – Liberators' civil war: Mark Antony and Octavian decisively defeat Brutus's army. Brutus commits suicide.
- 425 – Valentinian III is elevated as Roman emperor at the age of six.
- 1295 – The first treaty forming the Auld Alliance between Scotland and France against England is signed in Paris
- 1641 – Irish Catholic gentry from Ulster attempt to seize control of Dublin Castle, the seat of English rule in Ireland, so as to force concessions.
- 1642 – The Battle of Edgehill is the first major battle of the English Civil War.
- 1707 – The First Parliament of Great Britain convenes.
- 1739 – The War of Jenkins' Ear begins when Prime Minister Walpole reluctantly declares war on Spain.
- 1812 – A French general begins a conspiracy to overthrow Napoleon, claiming that the Emperor died in Russia.
- 1850 – The first National Women's Rights Convention begins in Worcester, Massachusetts.
- 1864 – American Civil War: The Battle of Westport is the last significant engagement west of the Mississippi River.
- 1906 – Alberto Santos-Dumont flies an airplane in the first heavier-than-air flight in Europe.
- 1911 – The Italo-Turkish War sees the first use of an airplane in combat when an Italian pilot makes a reconnaissance flight
- 1940 – Adolf Hitler and Francisco Franco meet at Hendaye to discuss the possibility of Spain entering the Second World War.
- 1955 – Prime Minister Ngô Đình Diệm defeats former emperor Bảo Đại in a referendum and founds the Republic of Vietnam.
- 1955 – The people of the Saar region vote in a referendum to unite with Germany instead of France.
- 1956 – Secret police shoot several anti-communist protesters, igniting the Hungarian Revolution.
- 1958 – Canada's Springhill mining disaster kills seventy-five miners, while ninety-nine others are rescued
- 1970 – Gary Gabelich sets a land speed record in a rocket-powered automobile called the Blue Flame, fueled with natural gas
- 1989 – The Hungarian Republic officially replaces the communist Hungarian People's Republic.
- 1989 – Bankruptcy of Wärttilä Marine; the biggest bankruptcy in the Nordic countries up until then.
- 1991 – Signing of the Paris Peace Accords which ends the Cambodian–Vietnamese War.

- 1993 – The Troubles: A Provisional IRA bomb prematurely detonates in Belfast, killing the bomber and nine civilians.
- 1995 – Yolanda Saldívar is found guilty of first-degree murder in the shooting death of popular Latin singer Selena.
- 1998 – Israel and the Palestinian Authority sign the Wye River Memorandum.
- 2002 – Chechen terrorists seize the House of Culture theater in Moscow and take approximately 700 theater-goers hostage.
- 2011 – The Libyan National Transition Council deems the Libyan Civil War over.
- 2015 – The lowest sea-level pressure in the Western Hemisphere, and the highest reliably-measured non-tornadic sustained winds, are recorded in Hurricane Patricia, which strikes Mexico hours later, killing at least 13 and causing over \$280 million in damages.

National Events-

- Researchers worked on a key question regarding SARS-CoV-2 was whether it was behaving, or will behave, as a seasonal virus like influenza, or whether it will be equally transmitted during any time of the year.
- Former Jammu & Kashmir Chief Minister and PDP president Mehbooba Mufti on Friday sent a legal notice to former J&K Governor Satya Pal Malik, seeking `10 crore in damages for making “vexatious, false motivated and incorrect” statement regarding her being a beneficiary of Roshni Act.
- Fresh exchange of firing was reported after a gap of almost 48 hours on the 12th day of the counter terrorist operation going on in the Nar Khas forest area of Mendhar tehsil in Poonch on Friday.
- The Bengal Government has moved into an alert mode following spike in corona cases post the festivities. The State has witnessed more than 1,000 new cases in the past 48 hours with Capital Kolkata alone witnessing 319 cases between Thursday and Friday, sources said adding the number of cases are likely to go up further.
- Kerala logged 9,361 new Covid-19 cases and 99 deaths on Friday, pushing the infection count to 48,88,678 and the death toll to 27,765. According to a release, 9,401 people recuperated from the disease today, taking the total cured in the state to 47,88,629.

International Events-

- Myanmar’s junta has re-arrested more than 100 anti-coup protesters freed in a recent amnesty, according to a local monitoring group that tracks detentions and killings.
- Forty-three countries have called on China to “ensure full respect for the rule of law” for the Muslim Uyghur community in Xinjiang, in a statement read at the United Nations on Thursday that sparked outrage from Beijing.
- The US is concerned about the Chinese hypersonic missiles, President Joe Biden has said, days after a media report claimed that China recently tested a nuclear-capable hypersonic missile that caught America’s intelligence by surprise.
- Coronavirus infections and deaths in Russia climbed on Friday to another pandemic record, putting a growing strain on the country’s health care system.

- China on Friday said there is “no room” for compromise or concessions over the issue of Taiwan, following a comment by US President Joe Biden that the US is committed to defending the island if it is attacked.

Job alerts-

- Commissionerate of Health & Family Welfare Mission Directorate (CFW), National health Mission (NHM), Andhra Pradesh (NHM AP CFW) Jobs for Mid-Level Health Provider (MLHP) and other posts. Last date 06.11.2021
- Punjab Subordinate Service Selection Board (PSSSB) Jobs for Clerk, IT Clerk, Accounts Clerk and other posts. Last date November 15, 2021
- Odisha Public Service Commission (OPSC) Jobs for Education Service Officers and other posts. Last date 18th December 2021
- National Fertilizers Limited (NFL) Jobs for Junior Engineering Assistant Grade II, Attendant and other posts. Last date 10th November 2021
- Sri Dev Suman Uttarakhand Vishwavidhyalay (SDSUV) Jobs for Professor, Assistant Professor and other posts. Last date 15th November 2021

Sports-

- Returning to action after a break, India’s double Olympic medallist P V Sindhu on Friday bowed out of the Denmark open badminton tournament after losing in straight games to world no 8 Korean An Seyoung in the women’s singles quarterfinals here.
- A mentor can only help as much because it is the players who will have to go out there and perform the “actual task”, the legendary Sunil Gavaskar said on the appointment of Mahendra Singh Dhoni as the Indian team mentor for the T20 World Cup.
- Gerhard Erasmus led from the front with a well-crafted unbeaten fifty to guide debutants Namibia to a historic eight-wicket win over Ireland in the first round Group B match and qualification spot in Super 12s of the ICC T20 World Cup here on Friday.
- England captain Eoin Morgan won the toss and opted to field first against West Indies in a Group 1 match in the Super 12 stage of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium, here on Saturday.
- Australia skipper Aaron Finch won the toss and elected to bowl against South Africa in their opening Group 1 Super 12 match of the T20 World Cup here on Saturday.

Technology-

- Facebook-owned Instagram is testing new tools to make it easier for creators to earn money through its service. The app is now testing affiliate shops, a feature it first previewed at its Creator Week event in June, and a dedicated "partnerships" inbox, reports Engadget.
- Google Meet is rolling out a new feature that would let the meeting host to turn off participants' microphones or cameras. "The meeting host is the only user in a meeting who can use the 'mute all' feature. Once all participants are muted, the meeting host cannot unmute them. However, users will be able to unmute themselves as needed. The mute all feature will only be available for hosts who are joining from a desktop browser, but will be launching on other platforms in the coming months," Google said in a blog post.

- Realme recently launched the GT Neo 2 in China and also unveiled the Buds Air 2 TWS earphones. Both the devices had one thing in common: the green colour variants.
- Digital World Acquisition, a Miami-based special purpose acquisition company (SPAC), closed up 107% at \$94.20 on Nasdaq after earlier hitting a high of \$175.
- Tech giant Apple has lost a legal battle to block Chinese conglomerate Huawei's use of the "MatePod" name as its earbuds device.

Economy –

- Even though the six-member Monetary Policy Committee of the Reserve Bank of India was unanimous in retaining the repo rate at its last meeting, not all members were in consonance for maintaining the accommodative stance.
- The Government on Friday claimed that retail onion prices are not extraordinarily high to necessitate banning export of the key kitchen staple and buffer stock are being released to cool down the prices further while prices of food oils are still low despite the high international prices. On the other hand, experts say the higher prices of food oils will continue in the festive season and will start softening from December with arrival of new crops and a possible decline in global rates
- The country's foreign exchange reserves rose by USD 1.492 billion to reach USD 641.008 billion in the week ended October 15, RBI data showed on Friday.
- Yes Bank on Friday reported a rise of 74.3 per cent in its net profit for Q2FY22 on a year-on-year basis. The lender's net profit during the period under review rose to `225 crore from `129 crore for Q2FY21.
- Department of Telecommunication (DoT), has by way of gazette notification, amended Indian Telegraph RoW Rules November, 2016 to prescribe various terms and conditions for laying overhead Optical Fiber Cable (OFC).

Environment –

- 4.0 earthquake hits Telangana

Local –

- Mumbai has reported 465 covid cases and 5 deaths
- Telangana has reported 207 covid cases and 2 deaths
- 265 prosecutions in Kolkata during night curfew
- Tamil Nadu extends lockdown till 15th November 2021
- Daily covid cases in Gujarat doubling every 24 hours

GK –

Which country received non-harmful Nano Nitrogen liquid fertiliser from India to boost cultivation?

- [A] Bangladesh
- [B] Sri Lanka
- [C] Nepal
- [D] Bhutan

Which Indian state conducts an annual State-level Sugarcane competition to award high-yields?

- [A] West Bengal
- [B] Uttar Pradesh
- [C] Bihar
- [D] Andhra Pradesh

Who has been awarded the top EU human rights prize- the Sakharov Prize for 2021?

- [A] Vladimir Putin
- [B] Alexei Navalny
- [C] Gotabaya Rajapaksa
- [D] Narendra Modi

Which institution released the 2021 Production Gap Report?

- [A] WEF
- [B] UNEP
- [C] FAO
- [D] NITI Aayog

Mount Aso, which erupted recently, is located in which country?

- [A] Indonesia
- [B] Philippines
- [C] Japan
- [D] Malaysia