

Today's Event – 25TH October 2021

- 1861 – The Toronto Stock Exchange is created.
- 1911 – The Xinhai Revolution spreads to Guangzhou, where the Qing general Feng-shan is assassinated by the Chinese Assassination Corps
- 1917 – Old Style date of the October Revolution in Russia.
- 1920 – After 74 days on hunger strike in Brixton Prison, England, the Sinn Féin Lord Mayor of Cork, Terence MacSwiney dies.
- 1924 – The Zinoviev letter, which Zinoviev himself denied writing, is published in the *Daily Mail*; the Labour party would later blame this letter for the Conservatives' landslide election win four days later.
- 1927 – The Italian luxury liner *SS Principessa Mafalda* sinks off the coast of Brazil, killing 314.
- 1940 – Benjamin O. Davis Sr. is named the first African American general in the United States Army.
- 1945 – Fifty years of Japanese administration of Taiwan formally ends when the Republic of China assumes control.
- 1949 – The Battle of Gunningtou in the Taiwan Strait begins.
- 1962 – Cuban Missile Crisis: Adlai Stevenson shows the United Nations Security Council reconnaissance photographs of Soviet ballistic missiles in Cuba.
- 1971 – The People's Republic of China *replaces* the Republic of China at the United Nations.
- 1973 – Egypt and Israel accept United Nations Security Council Resolution 339.
- 1980 – Proceedings on the Hague Convention on the Civil Aspects of International Child Abduction conclude.
- 1983 – The United States and its Caribbean allies invade Grenada, six days after Prime Minister Maurice Bishop and several of his supporters are executed in a *coup d'état*.
- 1995 – A commuter train slams into a school bus in Fox River Grove, Illinois, killing seven students.
- 1997 – After a civil war, Denis Sassou Nguesso proclaims himself President of the Republic of the Congo.
- 2001 – Microsoft releases Windows XP, becoming one of Microsoft's most successful operating systems
- 2009 – The October 2009 Baghdad bombings kill 155 and wound at least 721.
- 2010 – Mount Merapi in Indonesia begins a month-long series of violent eruptions that kill 353 people and cause the evacuation of another 350,000 people

National Events-

- Punjab Congress chief Navjot Singh Sidhu on Sunday said the State must concentrate on real issues that concern every Punjabi even as MP Manish Tewari said he never saw "such chaos and anarchy" being played out in the party's state unit.

- The Centre will hold a meeting with State Governments to review action taken on the stock limit order on edible oils.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi also greeted the ITBP personnel on the occasion of the force's Raising Day. "From dense forests in Arunachal Pradesh to the icy heights of the Himalayas, our @ITBP_official Himveers have answered the nation's call with utmost dedication.
- The second phase of sea trials of the first indigenously designed and built aircraft carrier Vikrant commenced on Sunday with the warship sailing out from Kochi.
- Delivering his monthly radio talk 'Mann ki baat', Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Sunday said drone technology would be increasingly used to help out people in their day-to-day work.

International Events-

- Chief of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Authority has accused the United States of sabotaging the multi-billion dollar project, the economic lifeline of Pakistan, a media report said. The ambitious CPEC was launched in 2015 when Chinese President Xi Jinping visited Pakistan.
- Israel is expected to move forward with thousands of new homes for Jewish settlers in the West Bank this week, a settlement watchdog group said Sunday.
- A senior US diplomat on Sunday urged North Korea to refrain from additional missile tests and resume nuclear diplomacy between the countries, days after the North fired-off its first underwater-launched ballistic missile in two years.
- China reported 43 new Covid cases, including four locally transmitted infections in Beijing, health authorities said on Sunday. The four new locally transmitted coronavirus cases detected in Beijing pushed the total infections in the city during the current outbreak to 13.
- President Joe Biden was hosting two pivotal senators for meetings in Delaware on Sunday in hopes of resolving lingering disputes over Democrats' long-stalled effort to craft an expansive social and environment measure.

Job alerts-

- South Central Railway Jobs for apprentice and other posts. Last date 3rd November 2021
- RRC ER Jobs for apprentice and other posts. Last date 3rd November 2021
- SJVN Jobs for apprentice and other posts. Last date 10th November 2021
- EDMC Jobs for officer, commissioner, principal and other posts. Last date 10th November 2021
- JKSSB Jobs for JE, Assistant, Steno, Driver and other posts. Last date 9th November 2021

Sports-

- India captain Virat Kohli said the team's gesture of taking the knee in support of the 'Black Lives Matter' movement before the T20 World Cup game against Pakistan was guided by a communication from the "management" after the rival side agreed to pay a tribute of its own.
- A supremely stylish Babar Azam broke a 29-year-old jinx by guiding Pakistan to an emphatic 10-wicket victory over India in the ICC T20 World Cup here on Sunday, their first in 13 attempts against the bitter arch-rivals at a global event. The law of averages had to catch up with India sooner or later after having won seven ODI and five T20 World Cup games since they first met at Sydney in 1992.

- Former champion Vishnu Vardhan and Sharmada Balu recorded easy wins over their respective opponents to qualify for the men's and women's singles main draws of the Fenesta national hard court tennis championships, here on Sunday.
- India's T20 skipper Harmanpreet Kaur dished out an all-round performance to guide Melbourne Renegades to a comfortable seven-wicket win over Sydney Sixers in the Women's Big Bash league on Sunday.
- Missing injured strikers Romelu Lukaku and Timo Werner, Chelsea still powered to its biggest win of the season — 7-0 against Norwich — with playmaker Mason Mount scoring a hat trick.

Awards and honours-

- Rajnikanth conferred with Dada Saheb Phalke Award

Technology-

- Small is beautiful and the new Apple iPhone 13 mini proves to be the next generation of small-screen smartphones. The iPhone 13 mini offers huge upgrades over its predecessor, featuring a sleek and durable design, an advanced new dual-camera system for improved photos and videos in low light and Cinematic mode.
- PayPal Inc is not pursuing an acquisition of Pinterest Inc at this time, the payments company said
- Australia unveiled plans on Monday to make social media companies obtain parental consent for users under the age of 16
- The setback comes as Tesla is under regulatory scrutiny over the safety of its semi-autonomous driving technology, which it calls "FSD."
- As we are expecting Apple to ditch the notch display in the next iPhone, the company surprised us by including it in the latest MacBook Pro models.

Economy –

- As many as 16,570 new companies were registered in the country in September, taking the total number of active companies to more than 14.14 lakh, according to official data. Data from the corporate affairs ministry showed that a total of 22,32,699 companies were registered in the country as on September 30.
- Petrol and diesel prices on Sunday were hiked for the fifth straight day by 35 paise per litre each, pushing pump rates to new high across the country. The price of petrol in Delhi rose to its highest-ever level of `107.59 a litre and `113.46 per litre in Mumbai
- The 30-share index opened on a positive note but soon pared the gains and was trading 114.93 points or 0.19 per cent lower at 60,706.69 in initial deals. Similarly, the Nifty declined 58.55 points or 0.32 per cent to 18,056.35.
- According to the Crisil research report on economic recovery and pace of investment in the economy, the Industrial Entrepreneur Memorandum (IEM) filings with the Government, the pace of environmental approvals, and the surge in foreign direct investments (FDI), the investments have already crossed pre-pandemic levels, all clearly indicating and confirming a recovery in the economy.

- Rentals of high-street retail are inching back to pre-Covid levels in Delhi-NCR on the back of revival in business, as rents in upscale Khan Market, South Extension and Connaught Place have risen 11-17 per cent during July-September compared to the previous quarter, according to Cushman and Wakefield.

Local –

- 90% adults received 1st dose in 6 districts in Bangalore
- Dead fish found in Rabindra Sarobar (West Bengal)
- Cops in Rajasthan suspect rape due to a dead girl's corpse being found in jungle near Pushkar
- Made-in-Kutch salt tablets are helping Europe to get potable water
- Haryana to carry out anaemia survey at end of November

GK –

Konkan Shakti 2021 is the first-ever tri-services joint exercise between India and which country?

- [A] UK
- [B] USA
- [C] France
- [D] Japan

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) imposed a monetary penalty of Rs 1 crore on which payments bank recently?

- [A] Airtel Payment Bank
- [B] India Post Payment Bank
- [C] Paytm Payment Bank
- [D] NSDL Payment Bank

Sandra Mason has been elected as the first ever President of which country?

- [A] Saint Lucia
- [B] Barbados
- [C] Saint Lucia
- [D] The Bahamas

As per the 2021 Global Agricultural Productivity Report, what is the annual rate of Total factor productivity (TFP)?

- [A] 0.50 %
- [B] 1.36 %
- [C] 2.50 %
- [D] 4.00 %

What is India's total public health sector allocation (% of GDP), as per the Union Budget 2021-22?

- [A] 1.2
- [B] 1.75
- [C] 2.0
- [D] 3.0