

Today's Event – 18th September 2021

- 1793 – The first cornerstone of the United States Capitol is laid by George Washington.
- 1809 – The Royal Opera House in London opens.
- 1812 – The 1812 Fire of Moscow dies down after destroying more than three-quarters of the city. Napoleon returns from the Petrovsky Palace to the Moscow Kremlin, spared from the fire.
- 1837 – Tiffany & Co. (first named Tiffany & Young) is founded by Charles Lewis Tiffany and Teddy Young in New York City. The store is called a "stationery and fancy goods emporium".
- 1851 – First publication of The New York Daily Times, which later becomes The New York Times.
- 1862 – The Confederate States celebrate for the first and only time Thanksgiving Day.
- 1879 – The Blackpool Illuminations are switched on for the first time.
- 1882 – The Pacific Stock Exchange opens.
- 1895 – The Atlanta Exposition Speech on race relations is delivered by Booker T. Washington.
- 1898 – The Fashoda Incident, a territorial dispute between Britain and France, triggers a war scare
- 1919 – Fritz Pollard becomes the first African American to play professional football for a major team, the Akron Pros.
- 1922 – The Kingdom of Hungary is admitted to the League of Nations.
- 1927 – The Columbia Broadcasting System goes on the air.
- 1928 – Juan de la Cierva makes the first autogyro crossing of the English Channel.
- 1934 – The Soviet Union is admitted to the League of Nations.
- 1947 – The National Security Act reorganizes the United States government's military and intelligence services.
- 1948 – Operation Polo is terminated after the Indian Army accepts the surrender of the army of Hyderabad.
- 1948 – Margaret Chase Smith of Maine becomes the first woman elected to the United States Senate without completing another senator's term.
- 1954 – Finnish president J. K. Paasikivi becomes the first Western Head of State to be awarded the highest honor of the Soviet Union, the Order of Lenin
- 1960 – Fidel Castro arrives in New York City as the head of the Cuban delegation to the United Nations.
- 1962 – Burundi, Jamaica, Rwanda, and Trinidad and Tobago are admitted to the United Nations.
- 1973 – The Bahamas, East Germany, and West Germany are admitted to the United Nations.
- 1977 – Voyager I takes the first distant photograph of the Earth and the Moon together.
- 1980 – Soyuz 38 carries two cosmonauts (including one Cuban) to the Salyut 6 space station.

- 1981 – The Assemblée Nationale votes to abolish capital punishment in France.
- 1982 – The Sabra and Shatila massacre in Lebanon comes to an end.
- 1984 – Joe Kittinger completes the first solo balloon crossing of the Atlantic.
- 1988 – The 8888 Uprising in Myanmar comes to an end.
- 1990 – Liechtenstein becomes a member of the United Nations.
- 1997 – United States media magnate Ted Turner donates US\$1 billion to the United Nations.
- 1997 – The Anti-Personnel Mine Ban Convention is adopted.
- 2001 – First mailing of anthrax letters from Trenton, New Jersey in the 2001 anthrax attacks.
- 2007 – Buddhist monks join anti-government protesters in Myanmar, starting what some call the Saffron Revolution.
- 2014 – Scotland votes against independence from the United Kingdom, by 55% to 45%.
- 2016 – The 2016 Uri attack in Jammu and Kashmir, India by terrorist group Jaish-e-Mohammed results in the deaths of nineteen Indian Army soldiers and all four attackers

National Events-

- FIR has been lodged against unknown individuals for removing the flag from the J&K building
- Captain Amarinder Singh resigns from the post of CM of Punjab
- As per the Indian government, 78 crores vaccines has been supplied to the states
- Congress leader Shashi Tharoor vouches for a new leadership format for the party
- 34k cases of covid-19 recorded in the last 24 hours in India

International Events-

- US President Biden to convene a summit on September 22, 2021, on combatting covid-19
- Afghan survivors of US drone strikes said that apologies are not enough to bring family members
- 3 people were killed in a bomb explosion Nangarhar province of Afghanistan
- British food industry demands action over shortage of CO₂
- Attack on a gas pipeline in Syria caused an outage

Job alerts-

- HPSC ADO Jobs for SDAO and other posts. Last date 6th October 2021
- TISS Jobs for Non-Teaching and other posts. Last date 3rd October 2021
- LBSNAA Jobs for the driver, DEO, storekeeper, and other posts. Last date 30th September 2021
- DMHO Lennore Jobs for staff nurse, worker, and other posts. Last date 23rd September 2021
- UTET Jobs for teachers and other posts. Last date 30th September 2021

Sports-

- Liverpool defeats Crystal Palace with a 3-0 lead in Premier League 2021
- Mumbai Indians choose Roosh Kalaria as a replacement for the injured Mohsin Khan
- Pramod Bhagat along with other 4 Paralympians chosen for Dhyan Chand Khel Ratna Award
- IPL 2021 returns as a precursor before the T20 World Cup 2021
- Extended New Zealand cricket squad flies out of Pakistan on a chartered plane

Awards and honours-

- Chandigarh awarded NQAS and LaQshya for quality assurance
- Four skill trainers received Kaushalacharya Awards 2021
- Actor Aditya Seal awarded Most Promising Actor by Uttarakhand CM Pushkar Singh Dhami

Technology-

- Uttar Pradesh has become the cyber-crime capital of India with over 11k cases
- Karnataka government creating a bill to ban online gambling arenas
- IIT Guwahati launched the Centre for Intelligent Cyber-Physical Systems for advanced engineering and to meet industries' needs
- Xiaomi patents earthquake monitoring technology for smartphones
- Space startup Agnikul gets to resources to ISRO

Economy –

- Royal Enfield has let go of 90-100 employees based on their performance and appraisal plan
- TCS planning for employees to return to the office by December 2021
- Ministry of civil aviation stated that airlines can operate at 85% capacity as per pre-Covid condition
- Bikram Singh Bedi, CEO of Google Cloud India, has stated that cloud customers are looking for solutions, not infrastructure
- World's wealthiest families have earned around 312 billion dollars over the past year

Environment –

- 4.3 magnitude earthquake hits Los Angeles
- Hyderabad to get rain after September 20th, 2021
- US President Joe Biden urges people to reduce methane usage to tackle climate changes

Local –

- Prayagraj witnessed the highest numbers of vaccination in a day in Uttar Pradesh
- Mumbai has reported 485 cases of covid-19 and six deaths
- Delhi has reported 41 fresh cases of covid-19 without any death
- Karnataka has recorded 889 cases of covid-19 and 14 deaths

- Kolkata has been ranked as one of the safest cities for senior citizens

GK –

Which organization has launched the Planetarium Innovation Challenge?

- [A] MyGov India
- [B] ISRO
- [C] NITI Aayog
- [D] Birla Planetarium

Recently, which country has applied to join the Asia-Pacific Free Trade grouping?

- [A] India
- [B] Japan
- [C] China
- [D] Singapore

Where was Swachhata Pakhwada 2021 launched?

- [A] Mormugao Port Trust
- [B] Cochin Port Trust
- [C] Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust
- [D] Nhava Sheva International Container Terminal

Recently, RBI has given its nod to which bank to form a special committee of directors in order to oversee the operations?

- [A] Equitas Small Finance Bank
- [B] IDFC First Bank
- [C] Yes Bank
- [D] Ujjivan Small Finance Bank

Which organization is working on technologies in order to develop a reusable GSLV Mk-III launch vehicle?

- [A] Space X
- [B] ISRO
- [C] Virgin Galactic
- [D] ROSCOSMOS