

Today's Event – 25th September 2021

- 1513 – Spanish explorer Vasco Núñez de Balboa reaches what would become known as the Pacific Ocean.
- 1690 – *Publick Occurrences Both Foreign and Domestick*, the first newspaper to appear in the Americas, is published for the first and only time.
- 1768 – Unification of Nepal
- 1789 – The United States Congress passes twelve constitutional amendments: the ten known as the Bill of Rights, the (unratified) Congressional Apportionment Amendment, and the Congressional Compensation Amendment.
- 1890 – The United States Congress establishes Sequoia National Park.
- 1906 – Leonardo Torres y Quevedo demonstrates the *Telekino*, guiding a boat from the shore, in what is considered to be the first use of remote control.
- 1926 – The international Convention to Suppress the Slave Trade and Slavery is first signed.
- 1955 – The Royal Jordanian Air Force is founded.
- 1956 – TAT-1, the first submarine transatlantic telephone cable system, is inaugurated.
- 1963 – Lord Denning releases the UK government's official report on the Profumo affair.
- 1964 – The Mozambican War of Independence against Portugal begins.
- 1969 – The charter establishing the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation is signed.
- 1974 – Dr Frank Jobe performs first ulnar collateral ligament replacement surgery (better known as Tommy John surgery) on baseball player Tommy John.
- 1981 – Belize joins the United Nations.
- 1992 – NASA launches the *Mars Observer*. Eleven months later, the probe would fail while preparing for orbital insertion.
- 2018 – Bill Cosby is sentenced to three to ten years in prison for aggravated sexual assault.

National Events-

- Himachal Pradesh is set to build an industrial complex to manufacture medical devices, helped by a Central Government grant of Rs 100 crore.
- Senior CPI (M) leader Prakash Karat on Friday accused the BJP of creating a communal divide by whipping up Islamophobia in Kerala and urged the Catholics, whose bishop has alleged love and narcotic jihad in the southern State, to be aware of the true character of the saffron outfits.
- A large number of Chardham pilgrims from outside Uttarakhand are returning without 'darshan' after authorities made registration and e-pass mandatory in the four temples in view of the Covid pandemic.

- Chairman of Defence, Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) G Satheesh Reddy on Friday said it would fund up to Rs 10 crore for research projects to promote and develop innovative products.
- Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday said Quad will work in the role of "force for global good" and asserted that the cooperation among four countries including India, the United States, Australia and Japan in the group will ensure peace and prosperity in Indo-pacific.

International Events-

- Ghana has termed as "unfortunate" the development in "some countries in Europe" of not recognising the Covishield vaccine manufactured in India for travellers, saying the use of vaccines as a tool for immigration control will be a "truly retrogressive step."
- Kim Jong Un's powerful sister says North Korea is willing to resume talks with South Korea if it doesn't provoke the North with hostile policies and double standards.
- After leaving out the women leaders from induction in the interim Cabinet in Kabul, the Taliban has now issued a diktat asking all girls in that country to solemnize marriage after attaining the age of 20 years in line with the Sharia laws. Widows below 35 years of age whose husbands were killed during the previous regime must register their names with the local Taliban leaders who would facilitate their marriage with the Mujahideens.
- The Taliban's relationship with the international community is going to be defined by the actions the group takes, US Secretary of State Antony Blinken said, asserting that "this is not a favour" to the world but a basic requirement for a stable and secure Afghanistan.
- Ahead of the first in-person Quad summit among the leaders of the US, India, Japan and Australia in Washington, China on Friday criticised the grouping, saying the formation of "exclusive closed cliques" runs against the trend of times and will find "no support".

Job alerts-

- NHM Panipat Jobs for Driver and other posts. Last date 30th September 2021
- UPPSC APS Jobs for private secretary and other posts. Last date 22nd October 2021
- EDMC Jobs for the officer, commissioner, principal and other posts. Last date 10th November 2021

Sports-

- Barcelona's ongoing crisis keeps getting worse, with the team unable to win on the field and the club's players, coach and president growing increasingly at odds. Barcelona was held to a 0-0 draw by Cádiz in the Spanish league on Thursday, extending its winless streak to three matches
- Basketball player Satnam Singh Bhamara, who became the first Indian to be drafted into an NBA team before being banned for doping, has decided to try his hand at wrestling by sealing a deal with a professional league in the USA.
- Chennai Super Kings (CSK) produced a clinical all-around show to humble Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) by six wickets and claim the top spot in the IPL pecking order here on Friday.
- Sri Lankan batting great Mahela Jayawardene has been roped in as the consultant of the country's national team for the first round of the upcoming T20 World Cup in UAE and Oman.
- Royal Challengers Bangalore scored 156 for six against Chennai Super Kings in their Indian Premier League

Technology-

- Tech giant Apple has released new support documents detailing fixes and widgets for two minor bugs in the company's new line-up of devices, including the iPhone 13.
- Microsoft has confirmed that it plans to update the Surface Duo 2, which runs Android, with three years of updates.

Economy –

- The semiconductor supply shortage is expected to further impact passenger vehicle (PVs) sale volumes in September. Lately, a global supply chain shortage of semiconductors have badly impacted automobile production. The electronic component is used in a variety of functions that play a critical part in the production of internal combustion engines.
- Telecom Department has approached TRAI seeking its recommendations on pricing, quantum and other modalities pertaining to radio waves in multiple bands as it prepares the groundwork for holding a 5G spectrum auction in the coming months.
- Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot has said that all candidates appearing in Rajasthan Eligibility Exam for Teachers (REET) 2021 will be provided with the facility of free travel.
- Rural demand is expected to get around Rs 11,000-crore boost from the record Kharif harvest along with the marginal hike in minimum support price, according to a report by Care Ratings. The Agriculture Ministry projects a good crop in the first advance estimates for the Kharif season at over 150 million tonnes. Along with that, the Government had also earlier increased the minimum support price (MSP) of all Kharif crops by 1-5 per cent with tur, urad, groundnut, jowar and bajra getting the upper end of these new prices.
- The 30-share benchmark rose 163.11 points or 0.27 per cent to its lifetime closing high of 60,048.47. Intra-day, it touched an all-time peak of 60,333. Similarly, the NSE Nifty advanced 30.25 points or 0.17 per cent to close at a record 17,853.20. It soared to a lifetime high of 17,947.65 during the day.

Local –

- Kolkata artists prepare idols of Goddess Durga ahead of Dusshera
- Tamil Nadu to hold 2nd mega vaccination drive on Sunday
- Delhi has reported 27 new covid cases and no deaths
- AIIMS Bhopal deputy chief Dharendra Pratap Singh arrested by CBI on the grounds of bribery
- Arunachal Pradesh tally has reached up to 53k

GK –

Justin Trudeau, has been elected as the Prime Minister of which country, for the third time?

- [A] Australia
- [B] New Zealand
- [C] Germany
- [D] Canada

With which country, India formally launched negotiation on Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)?

- [A] USA
- [B] China
- [C] Brazil
- [D] UAE

“National single-window system for investors and businesses” has been launched to achieve which of the following objectives?

- [A] Single window for approval and clearance
- [B] Claim of Tax Rebate
- [C] GST Data Entry
- [D] Grievance Redressal

India has recently come out with easing the rules for storage of which hazardous chemical?

- [A] Sodium Chloride
- [B] Nitric Acid
- [C] Sulphuric Acid
- [D] Ammonium nitrate and Calcium carbide

Which Bank has committed a sum of Rs.30,000 crore lending in India, towards sustainable financing till FY 2026?

- [A] State Bank of India
- [B] Axis Bank
- [C] ICICI Bank
- [D] Union Bank of India