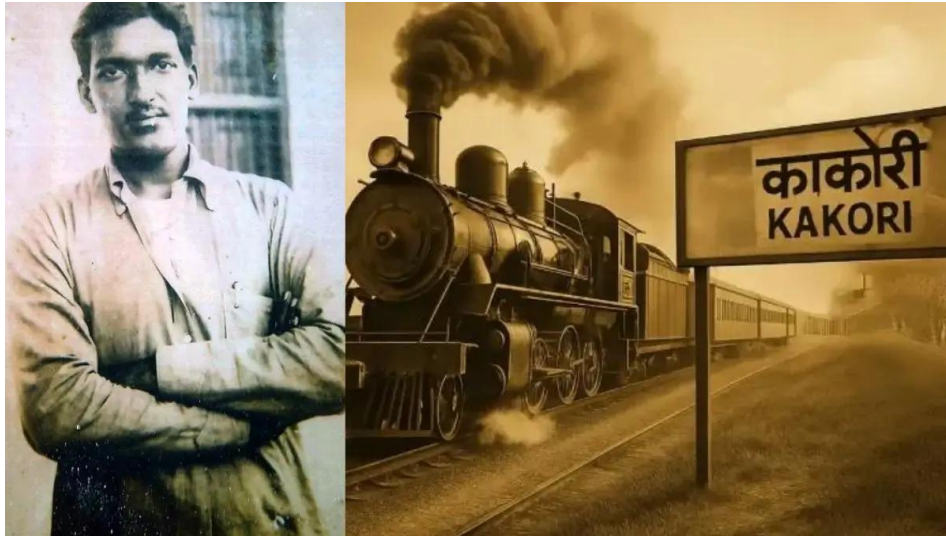


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Ashfaqullah Khan Birth Anniversary 2026

- The birth anniversary of Ashfaqullah Khan falls on 22 October and is marked to honor the freedom fighter who dared to confront the oppressive British government. He was born on 22 October 1900 in Shahjahanpur, Uttar Pradesh.
- He was a part of the Hindustan Republican Association (HRA) and took part in the 1925 Kakori Train Robbery.
- His friendship with another revolutionary named Ram Prasad Bismil is also commemorated as a sign of unity between Hindus and Muslims. He was hanged to death by the British government on 19 December 1927.
- Kakori Train Conspiracy occurred on 9 August 1925 at Kakori, which is close to Lucknow in today's Uttar Pradesh. The members of the Hindustan Republican Association halted the train loaded with government funds, which they stole to meet the requirements of their revolutionary activities.
- Ashfaqullah Khan was one of the people tried in the Kakori conspiracy case. He was hanged at Faizabad Jail on 19 December 1927. Other people who were hanged in relation to the Kakori conspiracy case included Ram Prasad Bismil, Rajendra Nath Lahiri, and Roshan Singh.
- Both Ashfaqullah Khan and Ram Prasad Bismil were members of distinct religions but worked for the independence of India. This partnership between them in the context of revolutionaries is regarded as a symbol of cooperation that ignored religion.



ISRO To Launch NVS-03 Navigation Satellite

- ISRO announced on 22 October 2026 that it plans to launch NVS-03 on 30 October 2026. The indigenous navigation satellite will lift off from the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota aboard a GSLV Mk II rocket.
- NVS-03 is the third satellite in the second-generation Navigation Satellite (NVS) series and the twelfth satellite in the Indian Regional Navigation Satellite System (IRNSS), known as NavIC.
- The launch was initially targeted for 15–20 October 2026. The mission had earlier been scheduled for late 2025; the revised schedule followed a cautious approach by ISRO after recent PSLV setbacks.
- The GSLV Mk II, or Geosynchronous Satellite Launch Vehicle Mark II, is a three-stage launch vehicle developed by ISRO. Its stages use solid, liquid and cryogenic propulsion systems. The vehicle will carry NVS-03 into orbit.
- NavIC is India's regional satellite navigation system. It provides positioning, navigation and timing services over India and an area extending about 1,500 kilometres beyond its boundary. Its services include a Standard Positioning Service for civilian users and a Restricted Service for authorised users.



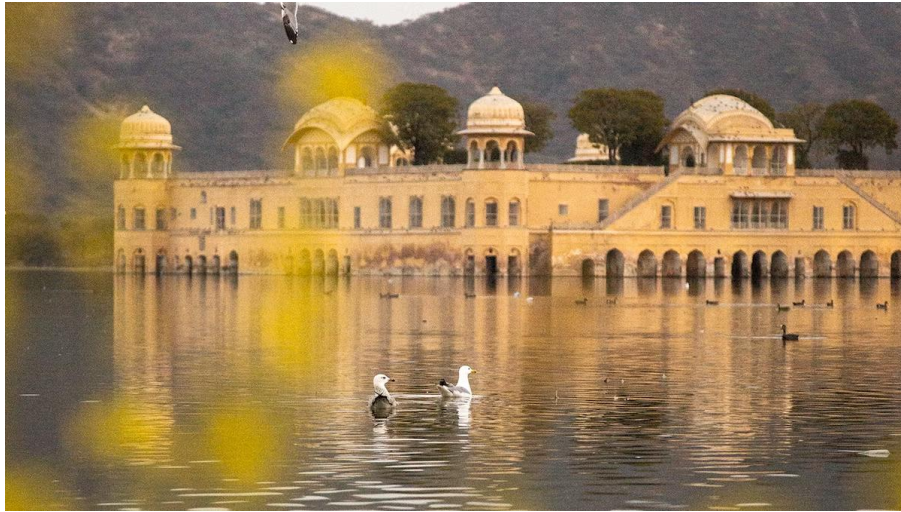
France Confirms First Human Case of Shamonda Virus

- French health authorities confirmed the country's first human case of Shamonda virus on 22 October 2026. The patient died after contracting the virus. Shamonda virus is an insect-borne virus primarily associated with livestock, particularly cattle, and is transmitted by biting midges.
- The confirmed case was the first reported human infection in France. Before this case, Shamonda virus was considered non-transmissible to humans. French authorities stated on 22 October 2026 that they saw no risk to the general population at that stage.
- The leading hypothesis was that the patient had been infected in eastern France, where the virus had circulated among animals during spring and summer 2026.
- Shamonda virus belongs to the genus Orthobunyavirus, within the family Peribunyaviridae. Orthobunyaviruses are arthropod-borne viruses, also called arboviruses, and are transmitted between hosts by arthropods.
- Biting midges are the vector identified for Shamonda virus. Its known animal hosts include livestock, with cattle particularly affected



National Geographic Names Jaipur to Best of the World 2027 List

- National Geographic released its annual “Best of the World 2027” list on 20 October 2026. The list features 25 destinations across six continents, including Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan. Jaipur will mark 300 years since its foundation in 2027.
- The “Best of the World” list selects places for factors including new openings, cultural revivals and milestone celebrations. Jaipur’s 2027 listing refers to its 300th anniversary and cultural events, including the Jaipur Literature Festival.
- The Jaipur Literature Festival is scheduled to hold its 20th edition from 14 to 18 January 2027. The event is expected to draw around 400,000 attendees and is among the world’s largest literary festivals.
- Sawai Jai Singh II founded Jaipur in 1727, and Vidyadhar Bhattacharya designed the city. Jaipur was planned with a grid layout, broad streets and organised market areas. The historic walled city entered the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2019.
- Jaipur’s built heritage includes Rajput and Mughal architectural features, palaces and pink-hued buildings. The city’s well-known landmarks include the City Palace, Hawa Mahal and Jantar Mantar. Jaipur’s Jantar Mantar is a separate UNESCO World Heritage Site and contains astronomical instruments built in the 18th century.



REVIEW QUESTIONS

1. Ashfaqullah Khan was born on which date?

- A) 22 October 1900
- B) 19 December 1900
- C) 9 August 1905
- D) 23 March 1901

Answer: A) 22 October 1900

2. The Kakori Train Robbery took place on which date?

- A) 15 August 1925
- B) 9 August 1925
- C) 19 December 1927
- D) 22 October 1925

Answer: B) 9 August 1925

3. Ashfaqullah Khan was associated with which revolutionary organisation?

- A) Indian National Army (INA)
- B) Hindustan Republican Association (HRA)
- C) Ghadar Party

D) Anushilan Samiti

Answer: B) Hindustan Republican Association (HRA)

4. ISRO's NVS-03 satellite is part of which navigation system?

A) GPS

B) Galileo

C) NavIC

D) GLONASS

Answer: C) NavIC

5. According to the provided article, NVS-03 was planned to be launched on 30 October 2026 using which launch vehicle?

A) PSLV-XL

B) GSLV Mk II

C) LVM3

D) SSLV

Answer: B) GSLV Mk II

6. What is the primary purpose of India's NavIC system?

A) Weather forecasting

B) Deep-space exploration

C) Positioning, navigation and timing (PNT) services

D) Ocean-floor mapping only

Answer: C) Positioning, navigation and timing (PNT) services

7. Shamonda virus belongs to which genus?

A) Orthobunyavirus

B) Flavivirus

C) Coronavirus

D) Lentivirus

Answer: A) Orthobunyavirus

8. According to the article, Shamonda virus is primarily associated with livestock and is transmitted by which vector?

- A) Mosquitoes
- B) Ticks
- C) Biting midges
- D) Houseflies

Answer: C) Biting midges

9. Jaipur was included in which National Geographic list?

- A) World Heritage Cities 2027
- B) Best of the World 2027
- C) Global Smart Cities 2027
- D) World's Greenest Cities 2027**

Answer: B) Best of the World 2027

10. Who founded Jaipur in 1727?

- A) Maharana Pratap
- B) Sawai Jai Singh II
- C) Man Singh I
- D) Prithviraj Chauhan

Answer: B) Sawai Jai Singh II