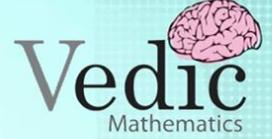


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## Today in History on 13 SEP

➤ **1791 - French King Louis XIV adopts a new constitution.**

In the year 1791, French King Louis XIV adopts a new constitution. Which was created after the fall of the autocratic monarchy of the Ancient Regime. One of the basic principles of the French Revolution was to adopt constitutionalism and establish popular sovereignty. The National Assembly asserted its legal presence in the French government by establishing its permanence in the constitution and instituting a system for recurring elections.



➤ **1845 - Henry Cotton (President of Indian National Congress) was born**

Henry Cotton (President of Indian National Congress) was born in the year 1845. Cotton was born in 1845 in the city of Kumbakonam in the Madras region of India, his parents were Joseph John Cotton (1813-1867) and Susan Jessie Minchin (1823-1888) of Indian origin of English descent. Cotton joined the Indian Civil Service and arrived in India in 1867. His first posting was in Midnapore



➤ **1923: Military coup in Spain, Miguel de Primo Rivera takes power and establishes a dictatorial government.**

General Miguel Primo de Rivera's dictatorship over Spain began with a coup on 13 September 1923 and ended with his resignation on 28 January 1930. It occurred during the extensive reign of King Alfonso XIII. In establishing his dictatorship, Primo de Rivera ousted the liberal government led by Prime Minister Manuel García Prieto and initially had the support of King Alfonso XIII and the military.



### ➤ 1968: Albania withdraws from the Warsaw Pact

The Warsaw Pact was a collective defense pact established by the Soviet Union and seven other Soviet satellite states in Central and Eastern Europe: Albania, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, East Germany, Hungary, Poland, and Romania (Albania withdrew in 1968).

The Warsaw Pact Organization (also known as the Warsaw Pact) was a political and military alliance established on May 14, 1955, between the Soviet Union and several Eastern European countries.



### ➤ To boost research in higher institutes, the PAIR programme launched

The central government will launch the Partnerships for Accelerated Innovation and Research (PAIR) programme designed to elevate research capabilities in higher education institutions (HEIs) by linking top-tier research institutions with those where research capability is limited, creating a collaborative mentorship environment.

The ANRF Translational Research and Innovation (ATRI) initiative aims to foster collaboration between academia and industry to accelerate technological innovation.

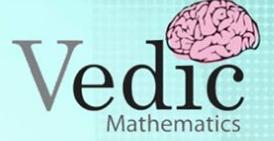


## NEWS on 13 SEP 2024

### ➤ IMF Upgrades India's FY24-25 GDP Forecast to 7%

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has revised its forecast for India's GDP growth in FY2024-25 upward to 7%, a 20 basis point increase from the previous estimate of 6.8%. This revision reflects the IMF's updated World Economic Outlook report, driven by enhanced consumption prospects, particularly in rural areas. India's economic growth is projected to remain robust, solidifying its position as the fastest-growing major economy among emerging markets.

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### ➤ India Bolsters Naval Capabilities: Launch of Mahe Class Anti-Submarine Warfare Vessels

On September, 2024, the Cochin Shipyard marked a significant milestone in India's naval defense capabilities by launching two new vessels:

**Malpe: The fourth ship in the Mahe Class**

**Mulki: The fifth ship in the Mahe Class**

These Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Craft (ASW-SWC) vessels were launched in a ceremony held in Kochi, Kerala.



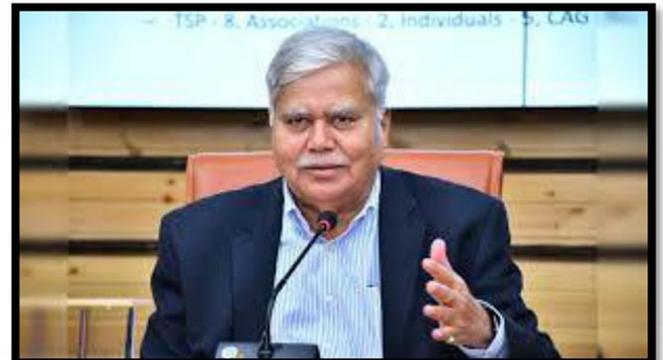
### ➤ ADNOC and ExxonMobil Join Forces to Develop World's Largest Low-Carbon Hydrogen Facility

Abu Dhabi National Oil Company (ADNOC) and ExxonMobil have announced a landmark partnership to develop the world's largest low-carbon hydrogen facility. This ambitious project, set to be located in Baytown, Texas, marks a significant milestone in the race to lead sustainable energy production and combat climate change.



### ➤ RS Sharma Appointed Non-Executive Chairperson of ONDC

The Open Network for Digital Commerce (ONDC) has announced the appointment of RS Sharma as its Non-Executive Chairperson. Sharma, who has previously served as the Director General and Mission Director of the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI),



### ➤ CCI approved merger of Tata Motor Finance into Tata Capital

The Competition Commission of India (CCI) has cleared the proposal of India's giant business group Tata Motors Finance Limited merger into the Tata Capital Limited marking a significant consolidation into Tata group financial services. The merger will be carried out through a scheme of arrangement to be submitted to the National Company Law Tribunal.



Chairman of the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI), and CEO of the National Health Authority, will now lead ONDC into its next phase of growth and innovation.

### ➤ New species of Genus Curcuma discovered in Nagaland

Researchers have identified a new cousin species from a ginger family called turmeric, Genus Curcuma at Ungma village in Mokokchung district in the state of Nagaland, this information related research paper published by the botanical survey of India.

The attractive colour of the panicle makes it a good candidate as a cut flower. After proper cultivation it can be planted as an ornamental plant in gardens.



The second International Buddhist Media Conference will be held in New Delhi. The theme of this conference is critical thinking for conflict prevention and sustainable development. The aim of the conference is to promote ethical journalism and critical thinking and to establish a network of professional Buddhist media in Asia. Media representatives from 18 countries will participate in this conference.

### Q.2. Recently which state government will organize 'Semicon India'?

- (a) Uttar Pradesh (b) Bihar  
(c) Maharashtra (d) Gujarat

**Answer: (a) Uttar Pradesh**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will inaugurate and address the Semicon India Limited conference in Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh. The theme of this three-day event is "Shaping the Semiconductor Future". It will showcase India's semiconductor strategy and policy. It aims to make India a global hub for semiconductors. The world's top semiconductor companies will participate in this event. More than 250 exhibitors and 150 speakers will participate in the conference.

### Q.3. Abdelmajid Tebboune has recently won the presidential election of which country?

- (a) Algeria (b) Morocco  
(c) Israel (d) Vietnam

## MCQS on 11 SEP 2024

### Q.1. Recently the second 'International Buddhist Media Conference' will be held in which country?

- (a) Kathmandu (b) Singapore  
(c) Tokyo (d) New Delhi

**Answer: (d) New Delhi**

#### Answer: (a) Algeria

In the recently held presidential election, Algeria's 78-year-old incumbent President Abdelmadjid Tebboune was re-elected with a landslide victory. According to Mohamed Charfi, head of the National Independent Authority for Elections, President Abdelmadjid Tebboune received 94.65 percent of the valid votes. Presidential elections were held in Algeria in September 2024. About 5.6 million out of 25 million eligible voters voted in the election. President Abdelmadjid Tebboune was elected for a second five-year term.

**Q.4. Recently who will address the general session of 'United Nations General Assembly 2024' on behalf of India?**

- (a) S Jaishankar (b) Rajnath Singh  
(c) Ashwini Vaishnav (d) Ajit Doval

#### Answer: (a) S Jaishankar

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will not address the annual debate at the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) session later this month, but External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar will address the General Assembly, according to the revised provisional list of speakers released by the United Nations. This year the general debate of the 79th UNGA session will be held from September 24 to 30.

**Q.5. Recently which European country has talked about banning children up to 02 years of age from watching mobile TV screen?**

- (a) Finland (b) Sweden  
(c) Greenland (d) Australia

#### Answer: (b) Sweden

The European country Sweden has completely banned screen time for children under the age of 2 because it was having a bad effect on children. Many researches have shown that excessive use of screens is causing sleep disorders, anxiety, depression and even autism in children and adolescents. Physical activities are also continuously decreasing, which is not good for health. The Swedish government has said in an advisory that children should not be allowed to use any screen including TV and mobile phones.

**Q.6. In which country has the joint exercise 'Yudhbhyas' of the Indian and US Army started recently?**

- (a) Bhubaneswar (b) Kochi  
(c) Jaisalmer (d) Bikaner

#### Answer: (d) Bikaner

A joint military exercise of the soldiers of both India and America started in Bikaner, Rajasthan. During this time, this military exercise is being conducted in Mahajan Field Firing Range of Bikaner. In this 15-

day camp, various types of war skills like surrounding and killing the enemies will be practiced. The center of attraction of this exercise is the American rocket system. Its range is 310 kilometers. For this, 'Mobility Artillery Rocket System' will also be demonstrated.

**Q.7. Which state has recently unveiled its Cyber Security Policy 2.0?**

- (a) Kerala (b) Goa  
(c) Tamil Nadu (d) Gujarat

**Answer: (c) Tamil Nadu**

The Cyber Security Policy 2.0 released recently by the Tamil Nadu government has listed steps to ensure security of government assets through guidelines, standard operating procedures (SOPs) for audit, compliance and monitoring of cyber threats and attacks. The document released by the Department of Information Technology and Digital Services covers e-sign/digital signature certificates, e-mail security, password policy, social media policy, backup and recovery, information security audit, etc.

**Q.8. Recently, which country's legendary all-rounder 'Moeen Ali' has retired from international cricket?**

- (a) South Africa (b) West Indies  
(c) England (d) Australia

**Answer: (c) England**

England's star all-rounder Moeen Ali has announced his retirement from international cricket. He was not selected in the England squad for the upcoming limited-overs series against Australia. He last played for England against India in the T20 World Cup semi-final in Guyana on 27 June. Moeen said that this is the right time for him to retire from international cricket, so that the youth can get more and more opportunities in the team.

**Q.9. INS Malpe and INS Mulki, which were in the news recently, belong to which type of class?**

- (a) Kamorta (b) Abhay  
(c) Mahe (d) Saryu

**Answer: (c) Mahe**

Indian Navy launched two anti-submarine warfare shallow water vessels INS Malpe and INS Mulki at Cochin Shipyard. These are the fourth and fifth indigenously built ships of the type. They belong to the Mahe class and will replace the Navy's Abhay class ASW corvettes. These ships are designed for anti-submarine operations, mine-laying, sub-surface surveillance and search and rescue in coastal waters. They are 78 metres long, can reach a speed of 25 knots and have a range of 1,800 nautical miles. They are equipped with state-of-the-art sonars, torpedoes and advanced weapon systems.

**Q.10. Who has recently won the 'US Open' men's title?**

- (a) Carlos Alcaraz (b) Taylor Fritz  
(c) Janice Sarapoa (d) Janick Sinner

**Answer: (d) Janick Sinner**

Italian tennis player Yannick Sinner has won the US Open 2024 men's singles title. He faced Taylor Fritz of America in the final match. Sinner won the final match in straight sets 6-3, 6-4, 7-5. With this, he has become the first Italian player to win the US Open title. This is the second Grand Slam title for 23-year-old Sinner.

**Q.11. Recently Vikas Sethi has passed away. Who was he?**

- (a) Actor (b) Writer  
(c) Musician (d) Dancer

**Answer: (a) Actor**

Vikas Sethi, best known for his roles in popular 2000s TV shows 'Kyunki Saas Bhi Kabhi Bahu Thi' and 'Kahin To Hoga', has died of a heart attack at the age of 48. Vikas had a successful career in television and films, including his role in 'Kabhi Khushi Kabhie Gham'. His sudden death has left the entertainment industry and his fans in shock, with many paying emotional tributes to him.

**Q.12. Recently which city has topped the Union Environment Ministry's 'Clean Air Survey 2024'?**

- (a) Jabalpur (b) Surat  
(c) Indore (d) Jaipur

**Answer: (b) Surat**

Surat city of Gujarat has got the top position in the air quality ranking in India. At the same time, Jabalpur city of Madhya Pradesh has got second place and Agra of Uttar Pradesh has got third place. These cities have made significant improvement in reducing air pollution. The Union Environment Ministry organized a national workshop in Jaipur to commemorate the 'International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies', in which 'National Clean Air City' awards were given during the Clean Air Survey 2024. Under this, Surat stood first, Jabalpur second and Agra third among cities with a population of more than 10 lakh.

**Q.13. Recently Arun Goyal has been appointed as India's next ambassador to which country?**

- (a) Japan (b) Croatia  
(c) China (d) Singapore

**Answer: (b) Croatia**

The Government of India has appointed Arun Goyal as the next Ambassador to Croatia. Retired IAS officer Goyal has previously served as the Election Commissioner of India and has held various key positions in the Ministry of Heavy Industries and the

Ministry of Culture. Diplomatic relations between India and Croatia were established in 1992.

**Q.14. Recently, which bank has introduced the third edition of its flagship 'Asha Scholarship Program'?**

- (a) Axis Bank (b) ICICI Bank  
(c) State Bank of India (d) HDFC Bank

**Answer: (c) State Bank of India**

SBI Foundation launched the third edition of its Aasha Scholarship Program. It aims to provide financial assistance to 10,000 talented students from underprivileged backgrounds. The scholarships offered range between Rs 15,000 and Rs 20 lakh. It helped students from class 6 to postgraduate levels achieve their educational goals. The initiative reflected SBI's commitment to support educational opportunities for underprivileged students across India.

**Q.15. Recently who has been appointed as the State Mission Director for 'National Health Mission'?**

- (a) Tuhin Kant Pandey (b) Bharat Shesh  
(c) Ajit Bansal (d) Vinay Goyal

**Answer: (d) Vinay Goyal**

Vinay Goel has taken over as the State Mission Director of the National Health Mission (NHM). He replaced K Jeevan Babu, who has moved to Kerala Water Authority as Managing Director. Dr Goel, a native of Haryana, belongs to the 2016 IAS batch. He

has previously held positions such as CEO of Thiruvananthapuram Smart City, Managing Director of Kerala Rapid Transit Corporation Limited (KRTCL), Director of Backward Classes Development Department and Secretary of Kerala State Housing Board.