

Today in History on 9 OCT

Q.1. Sanae Takaichi is set to become the first female Prime Minister of which country?

- A. Japan
 - B. Russia
 - C. France
 - D. South Korea
1. A

Japan's former Economic Security Minister Sanae Takaichi was elected leader of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) in a vote held on October 15. She is set to become Japan's first female prime minister. Takaichi, a former television anchor, entered Japanese politics in 1993 and won a seat in the lower house as an independent candidate.

Q.2. According to the NCRB's 2023 report, which is the safest metropolis in India?

- A. Indore
 - B. Kolkata
 - C. Chennai
 - D. Bengaluru
2. B

According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), Kolkata has emerged as the safest city in India for the fourth consecutive year and recorded the lowest rate of cognizable crimes in 2023. The data compared 19 metropolitan cities namely Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Coimbatore, Delhi, Ghaziabad, Hyderabad, Indore, Jaipur, Kanpur, Kochi, Kolkata, Kozhikode, Lucknow, Mumbai, Nagpur, Patna, Pune and Surat.

Q.3. Which team recently won the Irani Cup 2025-26?

- A. Vidarbha
 - B. Mumbai
 - C. Saurashtra
 - D. Rest of India
3. A

Vidarbha won the Irani Cup for the third time. The team defeated Rest of India by 93 runs. Rest of India were bowled out for 267 in their second innings at the Nagpur Cricket Stadium. Yash Dhull top-scored with 92. Harsh Dubey took four wickets for Vidarbha.

Q.4. Where will the UNTCC Major Conference 2025 be held?

- A. Pune
 - B. New Delhi
 - C. Bengaluru
 - D. Hyderabad
4. B

The Indian Army will host the Conference of Heads of United Nations Troop Contributing Countries (UNTCC) in New Delhi from 14 to 16 October 2025. Senior military chiefs from over 30 major countries contributing to UN peacekeeping operations will participate.

Q.5. Who recently launched the 'Your Capital, Your Right' campaign?

- A. Narendra Modi
 - B. Sanjay Malhotra
 - C. Nirmala Sitharaman
 - D. Amit Shah
5. C



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Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched the "Your Capital, Your Rights" campaign from Gandhinagar, Gujarat. This campaign will help people recover their unclaimed financial assets. The campaign, which will run for three months, will make it easier to claim millions of rupees stuck in old bank accounts, insurance policies, stocks, and mutual funds.

Q.6. Which organization will conduct the 10th National Pollution Response Exercise?

- A. Indian Coast Guard
- B. Ministry of Environment
- C. National Disaster Response Force
- D. Indian Navy

6. A

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) is conducting the 10th National Level Pollution Response Exercise (NATPOLREX-X) off the Chennai coast of Tamil Nadu. This two-day biennial event is a major national exercise to test and strengthen India's preparedness to deal with marine oil spills. The event is being held in conjunction with the 27th National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan (NOSDCP) meeting, which will be attended by several key stakeholders from India and abroad.

Q.7. The world's highest motorable road was recently constructed over which pass?

- A. Umling La
- B. MIG LD
- C. Khardung La
- D. Rohtang La

7. B

India has achieved a new milestone in the field of high-altitude infrastructure by constructing the world's highest motorable road at the Mig La Pass in

eastern Ladakh. The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) completed the construction of the road at an altitude of 19,400 feet (5,913 metres), breaking its previous record of the Umling La Pass. This strategic route connects the Hanle area with Phukche village near the Line of Actual Control (LAC). The project was constructed under Project Himank, led by Brigadier Vishal Srivastava.

Q.8. Who has recently been appointed as India's new ODI captain?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Ravindra Jadeja
- C. Shubhman Gill
- D. Jaspreet Bumrah

8. C

Star Indian batsman Shubman Gill has been appointed India's new ODI captain, replacing Rohit Sharma. Gill has captained only 11 international matches so far and has never captained in ODIs. His rapid rise to captaincy across multiple formats could bring several challenges.

Q.9. Who recently became the first female Archbishop of Canterbury in England?

- A. Mary Johnson
- B. Sarah Mullally
- C. Anna Williams
- D. Elizabeth Thomas

9. B

Dame Sarah Mullally has become the first female Archbishop of the Church of Canterbury in England. She will replace Justin Welby, who resigned following allegations of child abuse. Mullally, who is currently the Bishop of London, will formally assume the position in January.



Q.10. Which drug has Australia recently approved for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease?

- A. Memantine
- B. Lecanmab
- C. Donepezil
- D. Rivastigmine

10. B

In a significant milestone in dementia care, Australia's Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has approved lecanemab for the treatment of early-stage Alzheimer's disease. The decision comes amid rising Alzheimer's cases in Australia – now the leading cause of death in the country. Lecanemab is only the second disease-modifying drug to receive regulatory approval in Australia. While it offers hope for patients, serious concerns have also been raised about its cost, availability, and safety.

Q.11. Which medal did Mirabai Chanu recently win at the 2025 World Weightlifting Championships?

- A. Gold Medal
- B. Silver Medal
- C. Bronze Medal
- D. No Medal

11. B

India's star weightlifter Mirabai Chanu produced a stellar performance at the 2025 World Weightlifting Championships in Fårde, Norway, winning the silver medal in the women's 48 kg category. With this victory, she also set two new national records and marked her impressive return to the international stage.

Q.12. Who is the richest person in India in the recent Hurun India Rich List 2025?

- A. Gautam Adani

B. Mukesh Ambani

C. Roshni Nadar

D. Shiv Nadar

12. B

With a net worth of ₹9.55 lakh crore, Mukesh Ambani is the richest Indian and has topped the M3M Hurun India Rich List 2025. Gautam Adani is ranked second on the M3M Hurun India Rich List 2025 with a net worth of ₹8.15 lakh crore.

Q.13. What type of ship is INS Sutlej, which was in the news recently?

- A. Hydrographic Survey Vessel
- B. Diesel Electric Submarine
- C. Stealth Multi-Role Frigate
- D. Torpedo Launch and Recovery Vessel

13. A

INS Sutlej has arrived in Port Louis, Mauritius, for the 18th joint hydrographic survey between India and Mauritius. It is a specialized hydrographic survey vessel of the Indian Navy. The vessel was built by Goa Shipyard Limited and commissioned in 1993. It is based in Kochi under the Southern Naval Command. It is equipped with advanced survey and navigation systems such as a multi-beam swath echo sounder, Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS), and motion sensors. It is also equipped with a sea gravimeter, magnetometer, oceanographic sensor, and side scan sonar.

Q.14. What is the name of the scheme launched by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to promote the manufacturing of passive electronic components in India?

- A. Semiconductor Promotion Programme
- B. Make in India Electronics Campaign
- C. Digital India Component Mission

D. Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme

14. D

The Minister of Electronics and Information Technology announced that the Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme has received strong interest from global and Indian industries. It is the first dedicated production-based incentive (PLI) scheme launched by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology for passive electronic components such as resistors, capacitors, relays, switches, and connectors. It aims to build a robust component manufacturing ecosystem and integrate India with global value chains (GVCs). It offers three incentive models – turnover-linked, capex-linked, and hybrid.

Q.15. The Mar del Plata Valley, recently in the news, is located in which country?

- A. Peru
- B. Suriname
- C. Argentina
- D. Ecuador

15. C

A recent expedition to Argentina's Mar del Plata Canyon discovered more than 40 potentially new deep-sea species, including glass squid and pink shrimp. The Mar del Plata Canyon, located 250-300 kilometers from Buenos Aires Province, is one of Argentina's largest submarine canyons. It consists of fine sandy sediments mixed with terrestrial materials and planktonic foraminifera. The area is highly productive due to the Argentine shelf-break front, where subantarctic waters meet the Falkland-Malvinas Current. A submarine canyon is a steep underwater valley that cuts across continental slopes and shelves.

Today in History on 10 OCT

Q.1. Who was recently awarded the 2025 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine?

- A. Catalin Karikó and Drew Weissman
- B. Mary E. Brunko, Fred Ramsdell, and Shimon Sakaguchi
- C. Jennifer Doudna and Emmanuelle Charpentier
- D. William Kaelin and Greg Semenza

1. B

Three scientists from the United States and Japan have been awarded the 2025 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine for their groundbreaking discoveries on the immune system. The Nobel Assembly at the Karolinska Institute announced that the prize will be awarded jointly to Mary E. Brunko (United States), Fred Ramsdell (United States) and Shimon Sakaguchi (Japan). The prize, worth 11 million Swedish kronor, will be divided equally among the winners.

Q.2. How many medals did India win at the 2025 World Para Athletics Championships?

- A. 22 medals
- B. 26 medals
- C. 28 medals
- D. 30 medals

2. A

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi praised the Indian para-athlete contingent for its historic performance at the 2025 World Para-athlete Championships held in New Delhi. India produced its best-ever performance at the competition, winning 22 medals, including 6 gold, marking a new milestone in the country's para-sport journey. Shri



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Modi also expressed pride in India hosting this prestigious global event for the first time.

Q.3. Which place has the Singapore government recently renamed 'Zubin Garg Island'?

A. St. George's Island

B. St. John's Island

C. Marina Bay

D. St. Andrew's Island

3. B

Following the death of 52-year-old singer-actor Zubeen Garg while sea kayaking near Singapore's St. John's Island, fans have marked a spot on the island and named it "Zubeen Garg Island" after their beloved "Zubeen Da." Besides tagging the island on Google Maps, fans have also pinned old photos of Zubeen performing at the same spot.

Q.4. In which state was a museum dedicated to A. Ramachandran recently inaugurated?

A. Kerala

B. Tamil Nadu

C. Andhra Pradesh

D. Karnataka

4. A

Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan inaugurated a museum in Kollam honoring India's renowned contemporary artist A. Ramachandran. Less than two years after his death, the tribute marks an important occasion to preserve his artistic legacy and contributions.

Q.5. In which state was the 'My Home' scheme recently launched?

A. Madhya Pradesh

B. Goa

C. Uttar Pradesh

D. Rajasthan

5. B

Union Home Minister Amit Shah unveiled Goa's 'Mahaje Ghar' scheme at a function in Taleigao, which aims to regularise houses built on government and community land and provide ownership rights to long-time residents. Key infrastructure and institutional projects worth over ₹2,452 crore were also inaugurated on the occasion.

Q.6. The 'Konkan-2025 Exercise' was recently conducted between the navies of which two countries?

A. India and France

B. India and the UK

C. India and Japan

D. India and the United States

6. B

Exercise Konkan-25 commenced off India's west coast. It is a bilateral naval exercise between the Indian Navy and the Royal Navy of the United Kingdom. It consists of two phases – harbor and sea phases – that include professional exchanges, sports, cultural activities, and complex maneuvers. INS Vikrant is participating from the Indian side.

Q.7. Which Union Minister recently inaugurated the Makhana Centre of Excellence?

A. Giriraj Singh

B. Shivraj Singh Chouhan

C. Piyush Goyal

D. Nitish Kumar

7. B





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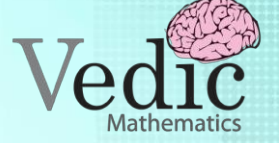
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Union Minister of Agriculture, Farmers Welfare and Rural Development, Shri Shivraj Singh Chouhan, arrived in Patna on a day-long visit to Bihar. The Union Minister participated in the Makhana Festival 2025 held at Gyan Bhawan, Gandhi Maidan, Patna, and released the report "Prosperity from Makhana Culture."

Q.8. Who was the late Sandhya Shantaram who recently passed away?

- A. Female singer
- B. Economist
- C. Actress
- D. Writer

8. C

Veteran actress and renowned dancer Sandhya Shantaram was cremated at the Shivaji Park crematorium in Mumbai. She passed away at the age of 87. Sandhya rose to fame with filmmaker V. Shantaram's classic film Navrang, whose song "Are Ja Re Hat Natkhat" became particularly popular. She earned acclaim for her performances in films like Jhanak Jhanak Payal Baaje, Jal Bin Machhli Nritya Bin Bijli, Do Aankhen Barah Haath, Amar Bhoopali and Pinjra. Maharashtra's Cultural Affairs Minister Ashish Shelar paid tribute to the veteran artiste, remembering her contribution to Indian cinema and dance.

Q.9. What is the objective of the recently launched 'PM-Setu Yojana'?

- A. Modernization of ITI institutes
- B. Promotion of digital payments
- C. Railway modernization
- D. Road construction

9. A

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched the Pradhan Mantri Kaushal Sanvardhan and Technical Upgradation Yojana (PM SETU) during the Kaushal Dikshant ceremony held at Vigyan Bhawan in New Delhi. With a budget of ₹60,000 crore, the scheme aims to transform 1,000 Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) across the country into modern, industry-oriented and employment-oriented centres.

Q.10. Where was Rajasthan's first 'Namo Biodiversity Park' recently established?

- A. Jaipur
- B. Kota
- C. Alwar
- D. Udaipur

10. C

In a significant step towards strengthening India's green infrastructure, Union Minister for Environment, Forest and Climate Change, Shri Bhupendra Yadav, inaugurated Rajasthan's first "Namo Biodiversity Park"—also known as "Namo Van"—at Pratap Bandh in Alwar. Shri Sanjay Sharma, Cabinet Minister, Government of Rajasthan, was also present on the occasion. A symbolic tree plantation event was also held during the ceremony as a symbol of environmental conservation and community participation.

Q.11. In which state was the country's first cooperative multi-feed compressed biogas (CBG) plant recently commissioned?

- A. Uttar Pradesh
- B. Madhya Pradesh
- C. Maharashtra
- D. Goa

11. C





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The Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation inaugurated India's first cooperative multi-feed Compressed Biogas (CBG) plant in Kopargaon, Maharashtra. The plant will produce 12 tonnes of CBG and 75 tonnes of potash per day, reducing imports. It is a renewable fuel produced from biomass and organic waste (agricultural residues, cattle dung, sugarcane press mitt, sewage) through anaerobic digestion (decomposition of organic matter by bacteria in the absence of oxygen).

Q.12. The rare European bird Ortolan Bunting was recently sighted in which Indian state?

- A. West Bengal
 - B. Sikkim
 - C. Odisha
 - D. Bihar
12. A

The rare European bird, the Ortolan Bunting, was recently sighted in Baruipur, West Bengal, its second sighting in Bengal. It is a small Palearctic migratory songbird that migrates long distances. It is found throughout Europe, extending east to Mongolia and north to the Arctic Circle. It inhabits open, cultivated or uncultivated areas with sparse tree cover and avoids forests entirely. It is not suited to maritime climates. It is listed as Least Concern on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List.

Q.13. INS Sahyadri, recently in the news, belongs to which class of warships of the Indian Navy?

- A. Nilgiri Class
 - B. Shivalik Class
 - C. Talwar Class
 - D. Kolkata Class
13. B

Recently, the Indian Navy's indigenously built stealth frigate, INS Sahyadri, arrived at the port of Kemaman, Malaysia. It is the third ship of the Shivalik-class guided missile stealth frigates built by Mumbai-based Mazagon Dock Limited. The ship was indigenously designed, built, and commissioned in 2012. INS Sahyadri is equipped with advanced weapons and sensors to detect and neutralize air, surface, and subsurface threats. It has a displacement of 6,800 tons and a surface speed of 32 knots. The ship belongs to the Indian Navy's Eastern Fleet based in Visakhapatnam.

Q.14. Where was the 10th National Pollution Response Exercise (NATPOLREX-X) conducted in October 2025?

- A. Mumbai
 - B. Visakhapatnam
 - C. Kolkata
 - D. Chennai
14. D

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) successfully conducted the 10th National Level Pollution Response Exercise (NATPOLREX-X) off the coast of Chennai, Tamil Nadu. It was conducted in conjunction with the 27th National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan (NOSDCP) and Preparedness Meeting. The event was attended by central ministries, coastal state governments, major ports, oil management agencies and maritime organizations. The exercise tested India's preparedness for marine oil spills and inter-agency coordination under the NOSDCP. The ICG deployed ships and aircraft equipped for marine pollution control.

Q.15. The New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (New START) is a treaty between Russia and which country?

- A. United States of America (USA)



B. China

C. India

D. Iran

15. A

Recently, former US President Donald Trump supported Russian President Vladimir Putin's idea of a New Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (New START). New START is the last agreement on nuclear arms control between Russia and the United States. It was signed in Prague in 2010 by Barack Obama and Dmitry Medvedev and entered into force on February 5, 2011. The treaty limits the number of deployed nuclear weapons to reduce Cold War-level arsenals. It focuses on strategic long-range weapons that can destroy major power and control centers. It replaced the 1991 START I Treaty and the 2002 Strategic Offensive Reduction Treaty (SORT). It was extended for five years in 2021, valid until February 4, 2026.

Today in History on 11 OCT

Q.1. Who will receive the Nobel Prize in Physics in 2025?

A. Michel Devoret

B. John Martinis

C. John Clarke

D. All of the above

1. D

The announcement of the 2025 Nobel Prizes has begun. Following the announcement of the Nobel Prizes in Medicine, the Nobel Committee announced the Nobel Prizes in Physics. The 2025 Nobel Prize in Physics was awarded to three scientists: John Clarke, Michel H. Devoret, and John M. Martinis. They were

awarded for their discovery of "macroscopic quantum mechanical tunneling and energy quantization in electrical circuits."

Q.2. Where were the 69th National School Games recently held?

A. Bhopal

B. Srinagar

C. Indore

D. Bengaluru

2. B

The 69th National School Games (NSG) began in Srinagar, Jammu and Kashmir. Organized in collaboration with the Directorate of Youth Services and Sports, the National School Games will be held at six different venues, featuring 30 teams from various states and union territories across the country. The games include sports such as football, wushu, taekwondo, and table tennis.

Q.3. Which country recently launched Southeast Asia's first coral larva cryobank?

A. Indonesia

B. Philippines

C. France

D. UAE

3. B

The Philippines has launched Southeast Asia's first coral larval cryobank in 2025, aiming to preserve the genetic diversity of corals and protect marine reef ecosystems. The initiative comes at a time when global coral populations are under serious threat due to climate change, bleaching, and human activities.

Q.4. Who recently announced the celebration of the 150th anniversary of Vande Mataram?



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- A. Indian Parliament
- B. Rashtrapati Bhavan
- C. Union Cabinet
- D. Supreme Court

4. C

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's monthly radio program "Mann Ki Baat" is celebrating its 11th anniversary. Over the years, the program has become more than just a broadcast, embodying public aspirations, inspiring stories, and citizen-government dialogue.

Q.5. Which initiative has the Indian government recently launched for the conservation of camels?

- A. National Camel Sustainability Initiative
- B. Desert Animal Conservation Scheme
- C. Camel Development Scheme
- D. National Livestock Mission

5. A

The Indian government's Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry, and Dairying plans to launch the National Camel Sustainability Initiative (NCSI) to save the country's dwindling camel population. This ambitious mission aims to restore the economic and ecological importance of camels.

Q.6. Which state government recently launched the 'Shradhanjali Yojana'?

- A. Assam
- B. Sikkim
- C. Kolkata
- D. Odisha

6. A

The Assam government has launched the 'Shradhanjali' scheme for the dignified transportation of Assamese youth who die while working or studying outside the state. Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma formally launched the scheme in Guwahati. The scheme will primarily benefit youth working in low-paying jobs outside Assam and those who die in unnatural circumstances, such as accidents or murder. Deaths occurring during medical treatment will not be included. The Assam Police's Special Branch, headed by a DIG-level officer, will act as the nodal agency and coordinate efforts through a dedicated helpline - 112 - and official social media channels.

Q.7. In which state was the 'Mera Hou Chongba' festival recently celebrated?

- A. Manipur
- B. Assam
- C. West Bengal
- D. Kolkata

7. A

A powerful symbol of unity between the hill tribes and the valley dwellers, the "Mera Hou Chongba" festival was celebrated with great enthusiasm in Manipur. It is celebrated on the full moon day (15th lunar day) of the "Mera" month of the traditional Meitei calendar. This festival is a living example of community harmony, traditional identity, and cultural solidarity.

Q.8. Which state recently became the first to abolish the Madrasa Board and mainstream minority education?

- A. Uttarakhand
- B. Haryana
- C. Punjab
- D. Uttar Pradesh



8. A

Uttarakhand has become the first state to abolish the Madrasa Board and integrate minority educational institutions into the mainstream education system. Governor Lieutenant General Gurmeet Singh approved the Uttarakhand Minority Education Bill. This bill was introduced to establish uniformity in the state's education system. With its approval, madrasas in the state will now be required to obtain recognition from the Uttarakhand Minority Education Authority and register with the Uttarakhand Board of School Education.

Q.9. Which organization recently developed the Indian Radio Software Architecture (IRSA) Standard 1.0?

- A. Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)
- B. Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)
- C. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)
- D. Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)

9. B

The Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), in collaboration with the Integrated Defence Staff (IDS) and the three Services, released the "Indian Radio Software Architecture (IRSA)" version 1.0 at a national workshop held in New Delhi. This is a major technological milestone in India's military communication system, marking a significant step towards the development of indigenous, interoperable and future-ready Software Defined Radios (SDRs).

Q.10. Where in Arunachal Pradesh was the first commercial coal mine recently commissioned?

- A. Namchik-Namphuk
- B. Itanagar

C. Rowing

D. Tawang

10. A

Union Minister Shri G. Kishan Reddy and Chief Minister Shri Pema Khandu inaugurated Arunachal Pradesh's first commercial coal mine. Located in the Namchik-Namphuk area of Changlang district, the mine marks a new chapter in the region's economic development and India's energy map.

Q.11. In which state was the Junior Badminton Championship 2025 recently held?

- A. West Bengal
- B. Uttar Pradesh
- C. Uttarakhand
- D. Assam

11. D

The BWF World Junior Championships 2025 will return to India after 17 years and will be held in Guwahati, Assam. The tournament includes the Suhandinata Cup (mixed teams) and the I-Level Cup (individuals). Thirty-six teams are participating. India has now become the fourth Asian country to host the championship twice.

Q.12. Where was the 9th edition of the India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2025 held?

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Hyderabad
- C. Chennai
- D. New Delhi

12. D

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 9th edition of the India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2025 at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi. IMC 2025 is Asia's largest



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telecommunications, media, and technology event. It is being jointly organized by the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and the Cellular Operators Association of India (COAI). The event is being held under the theme "Innovate to Transform." This reflects India's focus on digital innovation, transformation, and social progress.

Q.13. Where was the second anti-submarine warfare shallow water craft (INS Androth) deployed?

- A. Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh
- B. Mumbai, Maharashtra
- C. Kochi, Kerala
- D. Port Blair, Andaman and Nicobar Islands

13. A

The Indian Navy commissioned its second anti-submarine warfare ship, INS Androth, into shallow waters at the Naval Dockyard in Visakhapatnam. It was built by Garden Reach Shipbuilders and Engineers (GRSE), Kolkata. INS Androth has over 80% indigenous content, symbolizing 'Atmanirbhar Bharat'. The ship is 77 meters long, has a payload of approximately 1500 tons, and is designed for anti-submarine operations in coastal and shallow waters. It is equipped with advanced weapons, sensors, and communication systems to detect, track, and neutralize underwater threats.

Q.14. In which state was a new wasp species, Nesolynx banabitanæ, recently discovered?

- A. Arunachal Pradesh
- B. West Bengal
- C. Assam
- D. Sikkim

14. B

A new wasp species called Nesolynx banabitanæ was recently discovered in Salt Lake, West Bengal. It

was found in Central Park, locally known as Banabitan, after which it is named. This discovery is only the seventh wasp species identified in India. It belongs to the Eulophidae family, which is known for parasitic behavior. Nesolynx banabitanæ is a hyperparasite, meaning it parasitizes other parasitic wasps.

Q.15. The Online National Drug Licensing System (ONDLS) portal was developed by which organization?

- A. Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC)
- B. National Health Authority (NHA)
- C. Indian Pharmacopoeia Commission (IPC)
- D. Drug Controller General of India (DCGI)

15. A

Recently, the Union Health Ministry confirmed that 18 state drug control authorities use the Online National Drug Licensing System (ONDLS), but none of them have fully complied with the Corrective and Preventive Action (CAPA) guidelines. ONDLS is a digital single-window platform for processing all drug-related licenses in India. It was developed by the Centre for Development of Advanced Computing (CDAC) in collaboration with the Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) and state/union territory drug regulatory authorities. It aims to make drug licensing uniform, transparent, and accountable across India.

Today in History on 13 OCT

Q.1. Indian cricketer Sanju Samson has recently been appointed the official ambassador of which league in India?

- A. La Liga
- B. English Premier League



C. Indian Super League

D. Big Bash League

1. B

Indian cricket team star batsman Sanju Samson has been appointed as the official brand ambassador of the English Premier League in India. This announcement underscores the English Premier League's deep commitment to the Indian sports market and its significant efforts to grow football's popularity in the country. Samson, who has earned recognition for his explosive innings and leadership skills on the cricket field, will now take on a new role in promoting football.

Q.2. Which scientists were recently awarded the 2025 Nobel Prize in Physics?

A. John Clarke, Michel H. Devoret, and John M. Martinis

B. David Julius, Ardem Patapoutian, and James Ellis

C. Roger Penrose, Reinhard Genzel, and Andrea Ghez

D. Stephen Hawking, Kip Thorne, and George Smoot

2. A

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Q.3. The recent "Mera Hou Chongba" festival, celebrated in Manipur, symbolizes what?

A. Religious renaissance

B. Agricultural prosperity

C. Unity between hill and valley communities

D. Commemoration of the freedom struggle

3. C

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Q.4. According to an Ember report, in which sector did India record its highest-ever production in the first half of 2025?

A. Solar and wind power generation

B. Coal-based power generation

C. Hydroelectric power generation

D. Nuclear power generation

4. A

Marking a historic achievement for India's energy transition, the country produced its highest amount of solar and wind power ever in the first half of 2025. According to a report by energy think-tank Ember, this increase significantly boosted the share of clean energy and reduced carbon emissions from the power sector by 24 million tons compared to the same period in 2024. This performance not only underscores India's renewable energy potential but also demonstrates that the country is taking concrete steps towards sustainable development, even though the weather during this period was relatively moderate and electricity demand remained stable.

Q.5. According to the World Health Organization's (WHO) first global report released in October 2025, approximately how many adolescents (13-15 years old) worldwide are using e-cigarettes?

A. 5 million



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B. 1 crore

C. 1.5 crore

D. 2 crore

5. C

In a landmark report released in October 2025, the World Health Organization (WHO) issued a dire warning about the increasing use of e-cigarettes (vaping) among adolescents. According to the report, at least 15 million adolescents aged 13 to 15 worldwide are using e-cigarettes, which the organization described as a "global epidemic" of nicotine addiction among youth. Shockingly, adolescents were found to be nine times more likely to use e-cigarettes than adults—causing deep concern among health experts and policymakers.

Q.6. Union Home Minister Amit Shah has moved his official email to which Indian platform in October 2025?

A. Zoho Mail

B. TCS Mail

C. Infosys Connect

D. HCL Workplace

6. A

In a symbolic and impactful move, Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced that he has moved his official email to Zoho Mail. The move is in line with the government's initiative towards a self-reliant India in the technology sector, and comes at a time of rising trade tensions with the United States.

Q.7. Where did Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurate the 9th India Mobile Congress (IMC) in October 2025?

A. Vigyan Bhawan, New Delhi

B. Pragati Maidan, New Delhi

C. Yashobhoomi Convention Centre, New Delhi

D. India Habitat Centre, New Delhi

7. C

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the 9th edition of India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2025, Asia's largest telecom, media and technology event, at the Yashobhoomi Convention Centre in New Delhi. Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister emphasized that digital connectivity is no longer a privilege or a luxury, but an integral part of every Indian's daily life. He said that India's rapid growth in the telecom and digital technology sectors reflects the success of the Atmanirbhar Bharat vision.

Q.8. In October 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched which of India's first common mobility apps, which integrates 11 public transport services in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region (MMR)?

A. Mumbai One

B. Jan Yatra

C. Bharat Moov

D. Travel India

8. A

The Prime Minister also launched "Mumbai One," an integrated common mobility app for 11 Public Transport Operators (PTOs) across the Metro, Monorail, Suburban Railway and Bus PTOs. These include Mumbai Metro Line 2A and 7, Mumbai Metro Line 3, Mumbai Metro Line 1, Mumbai Monorail, Navi Mumbai Metro, Mumbai Suburban Railway, Brihanmumbai Electricity Supply and Transport (BEST), Thane Municipal Transport, Mira Bhayandar Municipal Transport, Kalyan Dombivali Municipal Transport and Navi Mumbai Municipal Transport.

Q.9. In October 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated Phase 1 of which airport, costing ₹19,650 crore and expected to begin commercial operations by December 2025?





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A. Jewar International Airport

B. Pune International Airport

C. Navi Mumbai International Airport

D. Ahmedabad Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport

9. C

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first phase of Navi Mumbai International Airport (NMIA). This major ₹19,650 crore infrastructure project is set to transform aviation and urban mobility in the Mumbai Metropolitan Region. The airport is expected to begin commercial operations by December 2025, making Mumbai, along with New York, London, and Tokyo, one of the few cities in the world to have more than one international airport.

Q.10. Which Neolithic artifact, discovered at the Karahantepe site in Turkey in October 2025, is considered the first clear carving of a human face?

A. T-shaped pillar carved with a human face

B. Stone sculpture carved with an animal figure

C. Intricate geometric designs on pottery

D. Secret tunnel in the foundation of an old house

10. A

In a landmark archaeological discovery, a 12,000-year-old T-shaped pillar with a human face carved on it has been found at the Karahantepe site in southeastern Turkey. This is the first time a human face has been found carved directly onto a pillar, adding an important dimension to the understanding of Neolithic symbolism and self-expression.

Q.11. Which author has been awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature for the year 2025?

A. Han Kang

B. Kader Abdullah

C. Laszlo Krasznahorkai

D. Maurice Blanc

11. C

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences announced the Nobel Prize in Literature. The Nobel Prize in Literature for the year 2025 was awarded to Hungarian author László Krasznahorkai. László was awarded the prize for his captivating and visionary works.

Q.12. For what purpose did the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and the National Defence University (RRU) sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in October 2025?

A. Strengthening research, training, and enforcement on narcotics and cyber-enabled crimes

B. To enhance border surveillance and security in India

C. To promote international trade and investment

D. To encourage innovation in Indian defense production

12. A

The Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB) and the National Security University (RRU) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The MoU aims to strengthen cooperation in research, training, technology development, and capacity building related to drug control and cyber-enabled drug crimes. Joint research and innovation will be promoted in emerging areas such as darknet drug markets, cryptocurrency tracing, and cyber-threat intelligence.

Q.13. Who has recently been appointed as the next Director-General of UNESCO?

A. Ajay Banga

B. Tedros Adhanom





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C. Antonio Guterres

D. Khaled El-Anani

13. D

Khaled El-Enany of Egypt has been nominated as the next Director-General of UNESCO. The UNESCO Executive Board has elected him for a four-year term, succeeding the current Director-General, Audrey Azoulay.

Q.14. Who was recently honored with the Lifetime Achievement Award at the CAAT Cricket Rating Awards 2025?

A. B. S. Chandrasekhar

B. Brian Lara

C. Sachin Tendulkar

D. Both B and A

14. D

Brian Lara and BS Chandrasekhar were honoured with Lifetime Achievement Awards at the CAAT Cricket Rating Awards 2025. Both cricket legends were given this honour for their illustrious careers.

Q.15. Who was recently awarded the 2025 Nobel Prize in Chemistry?

A. Richard Robson

B. Susumu Kitagawa

C. Omar Yaghi

D. All of the above

15. D

Susumu Kitagawa, Richard Robson, and Omar Yaghi have been awarded the 2025 Nobel Prize in Chemistry for their role in the development of the first metal-organic frameworks (MOFs). These scientists' pioneering research has enabled the

development of thousands of different metal-organic frameworks.

Today in History on 14 OCT

Q.1. The recently signed Plutonium Management and Disposal Agreement (PMDA) is an agreement between the United States and which country?

A. China

B. Israel

C. Russia

D. India

1. C

The lower house of the Russian parliament has approved withdrawing from the Plutonium Management and Disposal Agreement (PMDA) with the United States. The Plutonium Management and Disposal Agreement (PMDA) is an agreement signed between the United States and Russia in 2000 to reduce weapons-grade plutonium from nuclear weapons dismantled during the Cold War. It came into effect in 2011. Both countries had large stockpiles of plutonium, which were expensive to store and posed a risk of nuclear proliferation.

Q.2. For what purposes did India and Australia sign new defense agreements in October 2025?

A. To strengthen operational cooperation between armed forces and partnership in the Indo-Pacific region

B. To promote only trade and investment

C. To promote cultural exchange

D. To collaborate on space research

2. A

During Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's official visit to Canberra in October 2025, India and Australia





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signed several key defence agreements. These agreements aim to strengthen the operational partnership between the two countries' armed forces and reinforce their shared commitment to maintaining a free, open, and resilient Indo-Pacific region. This development marks a new phase in the India-Australia Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, with a special focus on defence manufacturing, cybersecurity, maritime cooperation, and regional stability.

Q.3. For what purpose was the SAKSHAM, recently launched by the Indian Army, developed?

- A. To enhance communication networks for soldiers
- B. To detect, track, and neutralize enemy drones in real-time
- C. To develop a new radar system for border surveillance
- D. To upgrade naval missile launch systems

3. B

The Indian Army has launched Saksham, an indigenous unmanned aerial system (UAS) grid, to modernize its air defense capabilities. The system is designed to detect, track, identify, and destroy enemy drones in real time. Saksham represents a significant advancement in integrated battlefield management and is in line with India's Atmanirbhar Bharat campaign.

Q.4. Recently, India's Sherry Singh made history by winning the title of Mrs. Universe 2025 in which international beauty pageant?

- A. Mrs. Universe 2025
- B. Mrs. World 2025
- C. Mrs. Earth 2025
- D. Mrs. Globe 2025

4. A

In a proud moment for the country, India etched its name in golden letters in the history of global beauty pageants when Sherry Singh was crowned Mrs. Universe 2025 at the grand finale held in Manila, Philippines. Competing among 120 talented women from around the world, Sherry made history by winning India's first Mrs. Universe title. This victory is not just an individual achievement, but a global celebration of Indian womanhood, perseverance, and dignity.

Q.5. The India-UK Connectivity & Innovation Centre, recently launched by India and the United Kingdom, has been established primarily to promote cooperation in which area?

- A. Defence Manufacturing
- B. Education and Culture
- C. Digital Diplomacy and Telecommunication Technology
- D. Agricultural Research

5. C

India and the United Kingdom have launched a strategic collaboration, beginning a new chapter in digital diplomacy and technology cooperation. The India-UK Connectivity and Innovation Centre aims to integrate innovation, research, and market deployment in advanced telecommunications. This partnership reflects shared ambitions in the development of 6G, network security, and inclusive connectivity over the next decade.

Q.6. What was the main objective of the visit of United Kingdom Prime Minister Keir Starmer to India in October 2025?

- A. To strengthen the India-UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership and promote cooperation in technology, education, and climate action
- B. To sign defense agreements with India
- C. To discuss only trade agreements



D. To participate in a cultural festival

6. A

The visit of United Kingdom Prime Minister Keir Starmer to India in October 2025 marked a significant milestone in the India-UK Comprehensive Strategic Partnership. The visit culminated in the Global FinTech Fest 2025 (Mumbai), where both countries further strengthened their commitment to technology-led growth, innovation, climate cooperation, and education exchange.

Q.7. Which new unit was recently established by the All India Institute of Ayurveda (AIIA) to strengthen the implementation of the AYUSH insurance policy?

- A. National Health Mission Unit
- B. Ayush Education Coordination Centre
- C. Project Management Unit (PMU)
- D. Ayurvedic Research Council

7. C

Union Minister of State for AYUSH (Independent Charge), Shri Prataprao Jadhav, recently inaugurated the Project Management Unit (PMU) for AYUSH insurance-related matters at AIIA. During the discussion, Prof. Prajapati emphasized that the PMU will provide a timely and transparent environment for stakeholders, facilitating effective implementation of insurance-related schemes. He assured that AIIA will play a key role in ensuring easy access to information and benefits of AYUSH insurance schemes for the public.

Q.8. Which Indian fast bowler recently achieved the distinction of becoming the first Indian pacer to play 50 matches in all international formats (Test, ODI, and T20)?

- A. Jasprit Bumrah
- B. Mohammed Shami

C. Bhuvneshwar Kumar

D. Ishant Sharma

8. A

A historic moment in Indian cricket history was recorded when Jasprit Bumrah became the first Indian fast bowler to play 50 matches across all international formats (Tests, ODIs, and T20s). He achieved this feat in the second Test against the West Indies at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in Delhi. This achievement further cements Bumrah's status as one of India's best fast bowlers of the modern era.

Q.9. Who has recently been appointed as the new interim CEO of Castrol India?

- A. Kedar Lele
- B. Sanjeev Singh
- C. Saugata Basuray
- D. Rajeev Sharma

9. C

India's leading lubricants company Castrol India is set for a leadership change. The company's current Managing Director, Kedar Lele, will step down at the end of December 2025 to "pursue new opportunities." Saugata Basuray has been appointed as its interim CEO, effective January 2026. He will continue in his current role as "Whole-Time Director and Head, B2C Sales."

Q.10. In which country will the Sacred Relics of Lord Buddha be displayed for the first time?

- A. Russia
- B. Mongolia
- C. Sri Lanka
- D. Thailand

10. A



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The Government of India has taken a historic step towards strengthening its spiritual heritage and cultural diplomacy. For the first time, sacred relics of Lord Buddha will be taken to the Republic of Kalmykia, Russia, where they will be displayed for public viewing in the capital, Elista. The event aims to bless the local Buddhist community and strengthen spiritual and cultural ties between India and Russia.

Q.11. Former British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak recently assumed a part-time role as a Senior Advisor at which global technology company?

- A. Google and Apple
- B. Facebook and Amazon
- C. Microsoft and Anthropic
- D. Twitter and OpenAI

11. C

Former British Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has taken on new roles in the global technology sector. He has taken on part-time, non-policy roles as a senior advisor at Microsoft and leading artificial intelligence (AI) company Anthropic. These roles will see Sunak provide strategic guidance, particularly on economic and geopolitical trends, and mark his move from public office to international corporate engagement.

Q.12. The "Delhi Declaration: Local Action for Global Climate Goals" was recently adopted at which forum?

- A. ARISE Cities Forum, New Delhi
- B. G20 Summit, New Delhi
- C. COP30, Belém
- D. UN Habitat Assembly, Geneva

12. A

The first ARISE Cities Forum, held in New Delhi, adopted the "Delhi Declaration on Local Action for Global Climate Goals." This declaration elevates urban voices from the Global South to the global stage and calls for local governments to be recognized as partners in the global climate system. This declaration will later be presented at COP30 in Belém, Brazil, paving the way for stronger climate action at the local level.

Q.13. Where was the third edition of the International Purple Fair 2025 recently held?

- A. Mumbai
- B. Delhi
- C. Panaji, Goa
- D. Bangalore

13. C

The spirit of inclusivity came alive in Goa when Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant inaugurated the third edition of the International Purple Fair 2025 – a celebration of diversity. Organized to showcase the talent, entrepreneurship, and empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (PwDs), the event underscores India's journey towards an inclusive and accessible society.

Q.14. For what purpose is the fourth block of the Shri Krishna Museum being constructed in Kurukshetra recently?

- A. To showcase the heritage related to Lord Krishna and the Mahabharata and attract tourists.
- B. Only for modern art exhibitions.
- C. For sports and recreation facilities.
- D. For the expansion of government offices.

14. A

The fourth wing of the Shri Krishna Museum in Kurukshetra is ready, further expanding the rich





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heritage associated with Lord Krishna and the Mahabharata. This initiative is being undertaken by the Kurukshetra Development Board (KDB) with the aim of revamping the museum experience, attracting tourists, and highlighting the religious and historical heritage of the 48 Kos of Kurukshetra.

Q.15. Which ports have recently been recognized as Green Hydrogen Hubs by India under the National Green Hydrogen Mission?

- A. Kochi Port, Mumbai Port, and Vizag Port
- B. Mumbai Port, Chennai Port, and Kolkata Port
- C. Deendayal Port, V.O. Chidambaranar Port, and Paradip Port
- D. Mandvi Port, Hyderabad Port, and Goa Port

15. C

The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has formally recognized three major ports – Deendayal Port Authority (Gujarat), V.O. Chidambaranar Port Authority (Tamil Nadu), and Paradip Port Authority (Odisha) – as Green Hydrogen Hubs under the National Green Hydrogen Mission (NGHM). This recognition is a significant step towards building an integrated hydrogen ecosystem and advancing India's transition to clean energy.

Today in History on 15 OCT

Q.1. Which High Court recently appointed Justice Soumen Sen as its 14th Chief Justice?

- A. Meghalaya High Court
- B. Kolkata High Court
- C. Sikkim High Court
- D. Odisha High Court

1. A

The Meghalaya High Court has a new Chief Justice. Justice Soumen Sen assumed office. Governor Chandrashekhar H. Vijayshankar administered the oath of office to him. President Draupadi Murmu made the appointment following a recommendation from the Supreme Court Collegium. Prior to this, Justice Hamarsan Singh Thangkhiew served as Acting Chief Justice.

Q.2. Which country recently successfully conducted the world's first live underwater interview?

- A. Australia
- B. Palau
- C. United Kingdom
- D. Maldives

2. B

Palau, an island nation located in the Pacific Ocean, successfully hosted the world's first live underwater interview. Palau's President, Surangel Whipps Jr., conducted the interview with Estonian Olympic swimmer Merle Liivand to raise awareness about the importance of ocean conservation.

Q.3. Which state government is recently organizing the Swadeshi Mela to promote indigenous products?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Bihar
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Haryana

3. C

The Uttar Pradesh government is organizing Swadeshi Melas in all districts of the state to promote indigenous products. The aim is to promote MSME, Khadi, handloom, and handicraft products and provide a larger market for local artisans and entrepreneurs.





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Q.4. According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), which is the safest city in India?

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Pune
- C. Ahmedabad
- D. Kolkata

4. D

Kolkata has once again claimed the title of India's safest city, with the lowest cognizable crime rate, according to the National Crime Records Bureau's 2023 report. Among 19 major cities, Kolkata recorded only 83.9 cognizable crimes per 100,000 population. Kochi remained the most unsafe, while Pune, Mumbai, and Hyderabad also ranked among the safest cities.

Q.5. Who was recently awarded the 2025 Nobel Prize in Literature?

- A. Laszlo Krasztahorkai
- B. Haruki Murakami
- C. Mariette Atwood
- D. Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

5. A

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences announced the Nobel Prize in Literature. The Nobel Prize in Literature for the year 2025 was awarded to Hungarian author László Krasznahorkai. László was awarded the prize for his captivating and visionary works.

Q.6. Who was recently appointed as the brand ambassador of Buildathon 2025?

- A. Shubhanshu Shukla
- B. Rakesh Sharma
- C. Kalpana Chawla

D. Sunita Williams

6. A

Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, the first Indian to reach the International Space Station (ISS), has been appointed as the brand ambassador of India's largest ever school hackathon, Vikasit Bharat Buildathon 2025. Organised by the Ministry of Education in collaboration with Atal Innovation Mission and NITI Aayog, the buildathon aims to engage over 10 million students from 1.5 lakh schools to ideate, design and build prototypes that solve real-world challenges.

Q.7. Khaled al-Anani, who will become the first Arab Director-General of UNESCO, hails from which country?

- A. Lebanon
- B. Egypt
- C. Jordan
- D. Morocco

7. B

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) is at a crucial juncture, with an Arab leader poised to assume the position for the first time. Khaled El-Anani, Egypt's former Minister of Tourism and Antiquities, has been nominated by UNESCO's Executive Board as Director-General. If the nomination is approved at the General Assembly in Uzbekistan next month, El-Anani will become the first Arab head of the prestigious organization.

Q.8. Peacekeepers from which country were recently honored in the United Nations Interim Security Force (UNISFA)?

- A. Ghana
- B. Ethiopia
- C. India





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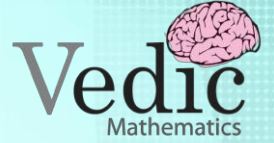
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D. Sierra Leone

8. C

Recently, Indian peacekeepers deployed with the United Nations Interim Security Force in Abyei (UNISFA) were honoured for their outstanding service in the Abyei region (disputed territory between Sudan and South Sudan). In a formal medal parade ceremony, Acting Chief of Staff and Force Commander of UNISFA, Major General Robert Yaw Afram, commended the dedication and professional skills of the Indian Battalion (INDBATT). This honour reaffirms India's global leadership position in peacekeeping operations and reflects its commitment to maintaining international peace and stability.

Q.9. In which state was the Mera Haw Chongba festival recently celebrated?

A. Nagaland

B. Assam

C. Meghalaya

D. Manipur

9. D

"Mera Hau Chongba," the annual festival dedicated to Manipur's cultural diversity and unity, was celebrated with traditional grandeur this year at the historic Kangla Fort in Imphal. The festival is known for promoting harmony and cultural interaction between the people of the hills and plains of the state.

Q.10. Who was recently awarded the 2025 Nobel Prize in Chemistry?

A. Susumu Kitagawa, Richard Robson, and Omar M. Yaghi

B. Emmanuelle Charpentier

C. Frances Arnold

D. Jennifer Doudna

10. A

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has decided to award the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for the year 2025 to Susumu Kitagawa (Japan), Richard Robson (Australia) and Omar Yaghi (USA) for their groundbreaking work in the field of metal-organic frameworks (MOFs).

Q.11. Which Indian department recently hosted the 'AI for Good Summit' at the India Mobile Congress 2025?

A. Department of Science and Technology

B. Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances

C. Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade

D. Department of Telecommunications

11. D

Recently, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) organized the 'AI for Good Summit' at the India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2025 held in New Delhi. ITU is the United Nations (UN) specialized agency for information and communications technology (ICT). It was founded in 1865 as the International Telegraph Union. In 1947, ITU became a specialized agency of the United Nations. ITU coordinates global telecommunications and ICT services between governments and private sector entities.

Q.12. In which state was the Indra 2025 military exercise between India and Russia recently held?

A. Bihar

B. West Bengal

C. Gujarat





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D. Rajasthan

12. D

The India-Russia joint military exercise "Indra 2025" has begun at the Massachusetts Petroleum Rifle Range in Rajasthan. The exercise will continue until October 15 and aims to build synergy between the armies of the two countries and enhance cooperation in modern warfare scenarios and counter-terrorism operations.

Q.13. Which state recently signed an agreement with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, to produce green hydrogen from paddy?

A. Bihar

B. Punjab

C. Madhya Pradesh

D. Assam

13. B

Punjab has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, for the production of green hydrogen from paddy. The Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA), in collaboration with IISc, has launched a pilot project aimed at using agricultural residues such as paddy straw.

Q.14. Maria Corina Machado recently won the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize. Which country does she belong to?

A. Germany

B. Switzerland

C. Canada

D. Venezuela

14. D

Venezuelan opposition leader Maria Corina Machado dedicated her Nobel Peace Prize to the

Venezuelan people and US President Donald Trump. She said Venezuela is on the verge of victory and urged Trump to help restore democracy. The Nobel Committee praised her peaceful struggle.

Q.15. Which country recently commissioned the world's first solar-thermal power plant in the Gobi Desert?

A. India

B. Japan

C. China

D. England

15. C

In October 2025, China commissioned the world's first solar thermal power plant in the Gobi Desert of Gansu Province. Built by the China Three Gorges Corporation, it consists of two 200-meter-high towers and 27,000 mirrors that concentrate sunlight and store heat up to 570°C. The plant overcomes the limitations of conventional solar and wind power plants.

Today in History on 16 OCT

Q.1. Which organization is developing the fourth block of the Shri Krishna Museum in Kurukshetra?

A. Haryana Tourism Corporation

B. Kurukshetra Development Board (KDB)

C. Archaeological Survey of India

D. Union Ministry of Culture

1. B

The fourth wing of the Shri Krishna Museum in Kurukshetra is ready, further expanding the rich heritage associated with Lord Krishna and the Mahabharata. This initiative is being undertaken by





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the Kurukshetra Development Board (KDB) with the aim of revamping the museum experience, attracting tourists, and highlighting the religious and historical heritage of the 48 Kos of Kurukshetra.

Q.2. Which three Indian ports have recently been designated as green hydrogen hubs under the National Green Hydrogen Mission?

- A. Deendayal Port (Gujarat), V.O. Chidambaranar Port (Tamil Nadu), Paradip Port (Odisha)
- B. Mumbai Port, Cochin Port, Visakhapatnam Port
- C. Kandla Port, Tuticorin Port, Haldia Port
- D. Hazira Port, Chennai Port, Mundra Port

2. A

India has taken significant steps towards building a future-ready green energy ecosystem. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE) has launched three major initiatives under the National Green Hydrogen Mission.

Q.3. What is the name of the first joint Carrier Strike Group (CSG) exercise recently conducted between India and the United Kingdom?

- A. Exercise Milan 2025
- B. Exercise Varuna 2025
- C. Exercise Konkan 2025
- D. Exercise Indra 2025

3. C

A significant moment in the history of defence cooperation between India and the United Kingdom came when the two countries conducted their first joint Carrier Strike Group (CSG) exercise. Exercise Konkan 2025, held off India's west coast, included full-scale air-sea maneuver activities, underscoring the growing strategic convergence in the Indo-Pacific region.

Q.4. Who has recently been appointed as the new Executive Director by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- A. Sonali Sen Gupta
- B. Swati Dhingra
- C. Mridul Sagar
- D. Meenakshi Sharma

4. A

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced a significant leadership change, appointing Sonali Sen Gupta as its new Executive Director (ED). With nearly 30 years of experience, Sen Gupta is an expert in several policy and regulatory initiatives related to India's financial system.

Q.5. Which film recently won the highest number of awards at the 70th Filmfare Awards 2025, winning the title of the biggest winner of the year with 13 awards?

- A. Jigra
- B. Laapataa Ladies
- C. Chandu Champion
- D. Kill

5. B

The 70th Filmfare Awards 2025 were held at the AKA Arena in Ahmedabad's Kankaria Lake as a grand ceremony honoring the best of Hindi cinema. Shah Rukh Khan, Karan Johar, and Manish Paul hosted the grand ceremony. The stellar performances of Shah Rukh Khan, Kriti Sanon, and Kajol captivated the audience. The highlight of the ceremony was Kiran Rao's "Missing Ladies," which made history by winning 13 awards—a record previously held by 2020's "Gully Boy."





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Q.6. Which two major schemes did Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently launch to strengthen the agriculture sector?

- A. PM Dhan Dhanya Krishi Yojana and Mission for Self-Reliance in Pulses
- B. PM Kisan Samman Nidhi and National Food Security Mission
- C. Rashtriya Krishi Vikas Yojana and Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana
- D. PM Krishi Sinchai Yojana and e-NAM Portal

6. A

With the aim of strengthening India's agricultural foundation, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched two major schemes—Pradhan Mantri Dhan-Dhanya Krishi Yojana and Pulses Self-Reliance Mission. The foundation stones were laid for projects worth over ₹42,000 crore in agriculture and allied sectors. These initiatives aim to increase crop productivity, achieve self-sufficiency in pulses, and upgrade 100 backward agricultural districts in the country.

Q.7. Which innovative commerce identity QR solution for small businesses has HDFC Bank recently launched?

- A. SmartPay QR
- B. Vyapar Connect QR
- C. My Business QR
- D. Digital Vyapar Code

7. C

In a move that connects digital identity with payment acceptance, HDFC Bank has introduced "My Business QR," a first-of-its-kind commerce identity QR designed specifically for small businesses. The innovation, unveiled at the Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2025, aims to help retailers seamlessly transition from offline to online

commerce, while enhancing their discoverability, customer engagement, and payment capabilities.

Q.8. For what purpose did the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently develop the Unified Markets Interface (UMI)?

- A. To enable tokenization of financial assets and transactions through wholesale CBDC
- B. To improve the retail payment system
- C. To control foreign exchange rates
- D. To set lending limits for banks

8. A

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has developed the Unified Markets Interface (UMI), a next-generation financial platform that enables the tokenization of financial assets and transactions using a wholesale central bank digital currency (CBDC). The initiative was announced by RBI Governor Sanjay Malhotra at the Global Fintech Fest 2025. UMI is part of the RBI's Digital Public Infrastructure vision, which aims to enhance market efficiency, security, and financial inclusion.

Q.9. In which bank has the central government recently allowed one of the Managing Director (MD) positions to be opened to private sector candidates?

- A. Bank of Baroda
- B. Punjab National Bank
- C. State Bank of India - SBI
- D. Canara Bank

9. C

In a major policy change aimed at leadership reform in the public sector banking sector, the Government of India has opened top management positions in public sector banks (PSBs) to private sector candidates—including the position of Managing Director (MD) at the State Bank of India (SBI). This





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change marks a significant departure from the tradition of appointing only internal candidates of public sector banks for such key positions.

Q.10. A statue was recently unveiled in Shimla in whose memory, who is also considered the architect of modern Himachal Pradesh?

- A. Late Virbhadra Singh
- B. Shimla Chief Minister Sukhvinder Sukhu
- C. Sachin Pilot
- D. Rajni Patil

10. A

Former Congress National President Sonia Gandhi and current National General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi reached Shimla to participate in the unveiling ceremony of the statue of late Virbhadra Singh, the creator of modern Himachal. Sonia Gandhi unveiled the statue of late Virbhadra Singh. During this, Congress Parliamentary Party President Sonia Gandhi, MP Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu, Rajni Patil, Sachin Pilot, Deepender Singh Hooda and other Congress leaders attended the unveiling ceremony of the statue of former Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh.

Q.11. Which conference is India hosting recently, attended by top officials from countries contributing troops to UN peacekeeping missions?

- A. Global Defence Summit
- B. UN Peacekeeping Operations Forum
- C. UN Troop Contributing Countries' Chiefs' Conclave (UNTC3)
- D. International Security Chiefs' Meet

11. C

India will host the Conference of Heads of State Contributing to United Nations Peacekeeping

Operations (UNTCC). The Ministry of Defence stated that Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and Under-Secretary-General for Peacekeeping Operations (USG, DPO) Jean-Pierre Lacroix will participate in the conference. This important three-day event brings together military leaders from 32 countries playing a key role in UN peacekeeping operations. The conference aims to discuss operational challenges in global peacekeeping operations, enhance cooperation, and promote collective understanding and coordination.

Q.12. Where was India's first Semiconductor Innovation Museum recently inaugurated?

- A. Hyderabad
- B. Bengaluru
- C. Pune
- D. Mumbai

12. A

In a landmark achievement for India's technology sector, the Semiconductor Innovation Museum was inaugurated in Hyderabad by the Technology Chip Innovation Program (T-CHIP). The museum, the first of its kind in India, aims to foster public participation and industry collaboration in the semiconductor and electronics ecosystem.

Q.13. Who recently received the Nobel Prize in Literature for the year 2025?

- A. Han Kang
- B. Al-Fred Nobel
- C. Laszlo Krasznahorkai
- D. Harish Narmada

13. C

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences announced the Nobel Prize in Literature. The Nobel Prize in Literature for the year 2025 was awarded to





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Hungarian author László Krasznahorkai for his captivating and visionary work.

Q.14. Who recently received the Nobel Prize in Economics for the year 2025?

- A. Joel Mokyr, Philippe Aghion, and Peter Howitt
- B. Daron Acemoglu, Simon Johnson, and James A. Robinson
- C. Laszlo Krasznahorkai
- D. Han Kang

14. A

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences announced that it has decided to award the 2025 Sveriges Riksbank Prize in Economic Sciences in Memory of Alfred Nobel, also known as the Nobel Prize in Economics, to Joel Mokyr, Philippe Aghion, and Peter Howitt "for their work explaining innovation-driven economic growth." Half of the prize will go to Mr. Mokyr, while the other half will be split between Mr. Aghion and Mr. Howitt.

Q.15. When and where was the new version of the 'Accessible India App' recently launched?

- A. In Goa on the occasion of Purple Fest, 2025
- B. In Delhi on National Disability Day
- C. During the Smart Cities Conference in Mumbai
- D. In Hyderabad under the Digital India program

15. A

Taking a significant step towards building a digitally inclusive India, the Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (DEPwD), Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Government of India, launched the revamped 'Sugamya Bharat App' at the Purple Fest in Goa. The launch was led by Shri Rajesh Agarwal, Secretary, Department of Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities, at the ALIMCO stall, in the presence of Ms. Manmeet Kaur Nanda, Additional

Secretary, Ms. Richa Shankar, Deputy Director General, Ms. Debolina Thakur, Joint Secretary (Financial Advisor), and Shri Praveen Kumar, Chairman & Managing Director, ALIMCO.

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Q.1. Palau President Surangel Whipps Jr. recently conducted the world's first underwater interview using which unique technology?

- (a) Wi-Fi
- (b) Bluetooth
- (c) Li-Fi
- (d) Satellite Communication

1. C

Palau's President Surangel Krips Jr. conducted the world's first live underwater interview using a unique technology called the LiFi Talking Mask, which communicates underwater through light. Through this technology, he was able to speak with Estonian swimmer and activist Merle Livand, wearing scuba gear, with the aim of raising awareness about the importance of ocean conservation.

Q.2. The recently revamped 'Sugamya Bharat App' was developed under which ministry?

- (a) Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment
- (b) Ministry of Health and Family Welfare
- (c) Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology
- (d) Ministry of Women and Child Development

2. A

Taking a significant step towards building a digitally inclusive India, the Department of Empowerment of





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Q.3. How much amount has HSBC recently committed to support Indian startups?

- (a) US\$500 million
- (b) US\$750 million
- (c) US\$1 billion
- (d) US\$2 billion

3. C

In a significant boost to India's startup ecosystem, HSBC has pledged \$1 billion to support early- and growth-stage startups through its newly launched Innovation Banking Platform. The initiative provides non-recourse debt capital, including working capital and term loans, helping startups access funding without giving up their equity. With this, India becomes the 13th global market to benefit from HSBC's dedicated Innovation Banking services.

Q.4. India's retail inflation fell to what percentage in September 2025, the lowest level since June 2017?

- (a) 2.07%
- (b) 1.54%
- (c) 1.87%
- (d) 2.25%

4. B

There's some relief for both consumers and policymakers. India's retail inflation fell to 1.54% in September 2025, its lowest level since June 2017. According to the Ministry of Statistics and Program Implementation (MoSPI), this decline was primarily due to a continued decline in food prices and a favorable base effect from the previous year. This figure represents a sharp decline from 2.07% in August 2025, indicating that pressure on prices of essential commodities is steadily easing.

Q.5. India's net direct tax collection recently reached how many lakh crore rupees, representing an increase of 6.33%?

- (a) ₹11.89 lakh crore
- (b) ₹13.92 lakh crore
- (c) ₹10.56 lakh crore
- (d) ₹12.45 lakh crore

5. A

India's direct tax collections have seen a steady increase in the current fiscal year, with net receipts crossing ₹11.89 lakh crore, a year-on-year increase of 6.33%. According to the Income Tax Department, this increase was primarily due to corporate tax inflows and lower tax refunds issued during the period. This performance provides a strong foundation for the government's ambitious full-year tax collection target of ₹25.20 lakh crore for FY 2025-26.

Q.6. Which program has the Chief Minister of Assam recently launched with the aim of connecting youth with global career opportunities?

- (a) CM Global Path
- (b) Assam Skill Vision
- (c) CM Flight
- (d) Youth Connect Assam

6. C



The Assam Chief Minister recently launched a program called CM-FLIGHT (Chief Minister's Foreign Language Initiative for Global Human Talent), which helps young people find jobs abroad by training them in foreign languages. The initiative aims to connect young people with global career opportunities, starting with Japan, where the first batch of 180 trainees will learn the Japanese language and workplace skills.

Q.7. Himachal Pradesh University's incubated startup 'Taste & Heal' recently received which award at the National Mushroom Fair 2025?

- (a) ICAR-National Progressive Farmer Award
- (b) Prime Minister's Youth Award
- (c) Himachal Startup Innovation Award
- (d) National Biotechnology Award

7. A

Taste & Heal, a startup incubated at the Biotechnology Incubation Centre of Himachal Pradesh University, has achieved a milestone. During the National Mushroom Fair 2025 held at the Directorate General of Mushroom Research Centre (DMRC) in Solan, the startup was awarded the ICAR-National Progressive Farmer Award for mushroom-based products. The award recognizes the startup's pioneering work in developing a range of nutrient-rich, value-added mushroom-based food products that contribute to sustainable health and rural entrepreneurship. Taste & Heal, established under the guidance of the Bio-Incubation Centre of Himachal Pradesh University, has become a model for the integration of food innovation and biotechnology.

Q.8. What percentage increase did the Central Government recently announce in the dearness allowance (DA) of its employees?

- (a) 2%
- (b) 4%

(c) 3%

(d) 5%

8. C

The central government recently announced a 3% increase in dearness allowance (DA) for its employees. This increase will be effective from July 2025, increasing the DA from 55% to 58% of the basic pay. The Union Cabinet approved this decision to help employees and pensioners cope with rising inflation. This will benefit approximately 49.19 lakh central government employees and 68.72 lakh pensioners.

Q.9. To whom did Israel recently announce the conferment of its highest civilian award, the "Israeli Presidential Medal of Honor"?

- (a) Donald Trump
- (b) Joe Biden
- (c) Benjamin Netanyahu
- (d) Isaac Herzog

9. A

In a significant diplomatic move, Israel has announced that it will award its highest civilian honor – the Israeli Presidential Medal of Honor – to former US President Donald Trump. The award recognizes Trump's role in brokering a ceasefire in Gaza and securing the release of Israeli hostages, underscoring his influence in Middle Eastern geopolitics even after he leaves office.

Q.10. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) recently allowed residents and banks of which countries to lend in Indian Rupees (INR) to boost regional trade?

- (a) Bangladesh, Maldives, and Myanmar
- (b) Nepal, Bangladesh, and Bhutan
- (c) Bhutan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka
- (d) Afghanistan, Myanmar, and Pakistan

10. C

In a strategic move to boost regional trade and improve external payment systems, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced that Indian banks and their overseas branches will now be able to lend in Indian rupees to residents and banks of Bhutan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka. The announced move is expected to streamline cross-border trade transactions and expand the use of the rupee in South Asia.

Q.11. What agenda did Hamirpur MP Anurag Singh Thakur recently present on the occasion of World Standards Day 2025 in Baddi?

- (a) A four-point plan for Himachal tourism development
- (b) A three-point plan for startup financing
- (c) A five-point agenda for standard excellence
- (d) A seven-point plan for state education reform

11. C

Anurag Singh Thakur, former Union Minister and Member of Parliament from Hamirpur Lok Sabha constituency, said that India has now accepted quality not as an option but as a necessity. He said that it is every consumer's right to demand certified, marked and safe products and when consumers insist on quality, the market responds with excellence. Anurag Thakur was speaking as the keynote speaker at an event organized by the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) on the occasion of World Standards Day 2025 in Baddi. During the event, he presented a 'Five-Point Agenda for Standards Excellence' to strengthen India's quality ecosystem and realize the vision of 'Make in India'.

Q.12. Which company recently developed Mappls, an indigenous navigation app that rivals Google Maps?

- (a) Reliance Jio
- (b) TCS

(c) MapmyIndia (CE Info Systems Ltd.)

(d) Infosys

12. C

Maples, an indigenous app that competes with Google Maps, has been launched. Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnav shared a video of this navigation app on a social media platform. This indigenous navigation app has more features than Google Maps. Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav himself has become a fan of this app. He said that an MoU will soon be signed between the Railways and Maples. MapmyIndia has developed Maples' indigenous app. It will have all the features available on Google Maps. Not only this, on this indigenous navigation app, users will also be able to update information about road conditions, petrol pumps, dhabas, and junction points on the routes, etc.

Q.13. In which city was the 45th edition of GITEX Global 2025, the world's largest technology and AI exhibition, recently held?

- (a) Dubai
- (b) Abu Dhabi
- (c) Riyadh
- (d) Doha

13. A

The 45th edition of GITEX Global, the world's largest technology and artificial intelligence (AI) exhibition, has officially kicked off in Dubai. Held at the Dubai World Trade Centre and Dubai Harbour, the five-day event is attracting over 6,800 exhibitors and 2,000 startups from over 180 countries. With a special focus on AI, quantum computing, biotechnology, and sustainable technology, GITEX 2025 is playing a key role in establishing the UAE as a global hub for digital transformation.

Q.14. Dr. Sonali Ghosh was recently honored with which award, given for innovation in the sustainable management of protected areas?

- (a) National Biodiversity Award
- (b) Rajiv Gandhi Environment Award
- (c) Kenton R. Miller Award
- (d) World Nature Foundation Award

14. C

Sonali Ghosh, director of Kaziranga National Park and Tiger Reserve, has become the first Indian to receive the prestigious Kenton R. Miller Award for Innovation in Sustainable Protected Area Management. The honour was presented to her by the World Commission for Protected Areas (WCPA), part of the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), at a ceremony in Abu Dhabi.

Q.15. Recently, India announced plans to develop how much hydropower capacity from the Brahmaputra River Basin by 2047?

- (a) 76 gigawatts
- (b) 50 gigawatts
- (c) 100 gigawatts
- (d) 60 gigawatts

15. A

According to the Central Electricity Authority (CEA), India has unveiled a \$77 billion plan to develop over 76 gigawatts (GW) of hydropower capacity from the Brahmaputra river basin by 2047. The plan includes 208 major hydropower and pumped storage projects in 12 sub-basins of the northeastern states.

Q.1. Which country recently became the first in the world to achieve the goal of "triple elimination" of HIV, Hepatitis B, and Syphilis through mother-to-child transmission (MTCT)?

- (a) Sri Lanka
- (b) Maldives
- (c) Bhutan
- (d) Thailand

1. B

In a landmark public health achievement, the Maldives has become the first country in the world to achieve the goal of "triple elimination" of HIV, hepatitis B, and syphilis – all three diseases transmitted through mother-to-child transmission (MTCT). The World Health Organization (WHO) announced this in October 2025, marking a historic milestone in the global fight against infectious diseases affecting newborns and pregnant women.

Q.2. How much investment has Google recently announced in India over the next five years, under which a world-class AI data center campus will be established in Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh)?

- (a) \$5 billion
- (b) \$10 billion
- (c) \$15 billion
- (d) \$20 billion

2. C

To boost India's digital infrastructure, Google has announced an investment of \$15 billion (approximately ₹1.25 lakh crore) over the next five years. Under this investment, the company will set up a world-class Artificial Intelligence (AI) data center campus in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh. This is not only Google's largest investment in India to date, but also one of its largest AI projects outside the US. The move reflects India's growing

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technological advancement and global demand for AI-enabled services.

Q.3. For how long has the Indian government recently extended the term of the 16th Finance Commission?

- (a) One month
- (b) Two months
- (c) Three months
- (d) Six months

3. A

The Government of India has extended the term of the 16th Finance Commission by one month. The Commission will now submit its final report by November 30, 2025, instead of the previously scheduled deadline of October 31, 2025. Chaired by Arvind Panagariya, the Commission will make recommendations on the distribution of tax revenues between the center and states and a review of disaster management funding arrangements for the period 2026-2031.

Q.4. The recent high-level dialogue between India and Mongolia was held on which historic occasion?

- (a) 70 years of India-Mongolia diplomatic relations and 10 years of strategic partnership
- (b) 25 years of India-Mongolia trade agreement
- (c) 100th anniversary of Mongolia's independence
- (d) 30th anniversary of the Asia-Europe Summit

4. A

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Mongolian President Khurelsukh Ukhnaa held high-level talks in New Delhi, marking a milestone in India-Mongolia relations. The visit, marking 70 years of diplomatic relations, saw the signing of several MoUs and announcements aimed at enhancing cultural

exchanges and connectivity, development, and people-to-people ties.

Q.5. Recently, AdaniConnex, a unit of Adani Enterprises, announced a partnership with which global company to set up India's largest AI data center campus in Visakhapatnam (Andhra Pradesh)?

- (a) Amazon
- (b) Microsoft
- (c) Google
- (d) IBM

5. C

Adani Enterprises, through its joint venture company AdaniConnex, and Google announced a landmark partnership to develop India's largest AI data centre campus and new green energy infrastructure in Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh.

Q.6. The "Trump Declaration for Lasting Peace and Prosperity" was recently signed during the summit held in which city?

- (a) Doha
- (b) Istanbul
- (c) Sharm el-Sheikh, Egypt
- (d) Washington, D.C.

6. C

US President Donald Trump and Egyptian President Abdel Fattah al-Sisi will co-host a crucial international summit on the Gaza peace plan in Sharm el-Sheikh. Leaders from more than 27 countries will participate in the summit. Its primary objective is to end the ongoing war in Gaza and finalize a peace agreement.

Q.7. Recently, the International Monetary Fund (IMF) raised India's GDP growth forecast for 2025-26 to what percentage?





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(a) 6.6%

(b) 6.4%

(c) 6.2%

(d) 6.8%

7. A

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has said that despite the impact of US tariffs on the Indian economy, India's GDP will grow faster than previously estimated. In its World Economic Outlook report, the IMF projected India's GDP growth rate for 2025-26 to be 6.6 percent, up from 6.4 percent previously. But the IMF has lowered its forecast for 2026-27 by 20 basis points to 6.2 percent.

Q.8. Who was recently awarded the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize?

(a) Donald Trump

(b) Volodymyr Zelensky

(c) Maria Corina Machado

(d) Antonio Guterres

8. C

The Norwegian Nobel Committee has awarded the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize to Maria Corina Machado for her concrete efforts to promote democratic empowerment in Venezuela and her determined struggle to transform dictatorship into democracy.

Q.9. Who inaugurated the recently launched LIMBS Live Case Dashboard to monitor and enhance transparency of government prosecutions?

(a) Arjun Ram Meghwal

(b) Kiren Rijiju

(c) Narendra Modi

(d) Amit Shah

9. A

To enhance transparency and efficiency in government litigation, Union Minister of State for Law and Justice Arjun Ram Meghwal inaugurated the LIMBS Live Case Dashboard in New Delhi. This new dashboard is part of the Legal Information Management and Briefing System (LIMBS), a centralized digital platform that streamlines the monitoring and management of legal cases by ministries.

Q.10. Who was recently appointed the first Deputy Managing Director of the International Monetary Fund (IMF)?

(a) Kristalina Georgieva

(b) Dan Katz

(c) Scott Bessant

(d) Greenbridge Smith

10. B

The Executive Board of the International Monetary Fund (IMF) has approved the appointment of Dan Katz as First Deputy Managing Director of the IMF. This appointment was proposed by IMF Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva and comes at a critical time when the global economy is undergoing complex changes related to trade, inflation, and geopolitical shifts. Dan Katz's appointment marks a significant leadership change at the IMF, as he brings extensive experience in economic policy, international finance, and strategic diplomacy.

Q.11. Which country is hosting NATO's nuclear deterrence exercise "Steadfast Noon 2025"?

(a) Netherlands

(b) France

(c) Iceland

(d) Italy

11. A





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NATO (North Atlantic Treaty Organization) conducts an annual nuclear deterrence exercise called "Steadfast Noon." This exercise tests NATO's nuclear deterrence readiness. Each year it is hosted by a different NATO country. In 2025, the Netherlands will host "Steadfast Noon" at Volkel Air Base. Other participating bases are Kleine Brogel (Belgium), Lakenheath (UK), and Skrydstrup (Denmark). Finland, Poland, the United States, Germany, and other partner countries are participating. Approximately 70 aircraft from 14 partner countries will participate, including conventional and dual-capable aircraft.

Q.12. What is the name of the mission launched by the Uttar Pradesh government to rejuvenate the Gomti River?

- (a) Ganga Cleaning Mission
- (b) Yamuna Action Plan
- (c) Jal Shakti Abhiyan
- (d) Gomti Rejuvenation Mission

12. D

The Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh recently launched the 'Gomti Revival Mission' to ensure the uninterrupted flow of the river. The mission aims to stop 95% of urban sewage from flowing into the river. The Gomti River, a tributary of the Ganges River, flows through Uttar Pradesh. It is also known as Gumti or Gomti. The river originates from Gomat Tal, also known as Fulhar Lake, in Pilibhit district of Uttar Pradesh. It flows in the area between the Ramganga and Sharda rivers. The Gomti flows south through Lucknow, Barabanki, Sultanpur, Faizabad, and Jaunpur districts. It eventually empties into the Ganges River.

Q.13. In which country is the Campi Flegrei volcano, which was recently in the news, located?

- (a) China
- (b) Italy

(c) Indonesia

(d) Japan

13. B

An artificial intelligence (AI) model has revealed new geological structures at the Campi Flegrei volcano in Italy. A clear "ring fault" has been detected, which could trigger earthquakes of magnitude 5. Campi Flegrei, also known as the Phlegraean Fields, is an active volcanic region in the densely populated Gulf of Naples, Italy. It is a volcanic system, not a single volcano, spread across a large caldera. It is Europe's largest active volcanic caldera, larger and more active than Mount Vesuvius.

Q.14. According to recent data from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), which Indian state has the highest per capita usage intensity of UPI transactions?

- (a) Karnataka
- (b) Gujarat

(c) Telangana

(d) Maharashtra

14. C

According to a Reserve Bank of India (RBI) bulletin, Unified Payments Interface (UPI) usage is highest in Telangana, followed by Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Delhi, and Maharashtra. The study used PhonePe transaction data to measure UPI penetration, which covers 58% of UPI volume and 53% of total transaction value. The growing adoption of UPI is reducing cash demand, reflected in a decline in ATM cash withdrawals as a percentage of GDP. Most peer-to-merchant (P2M) transactions are low-value, less than ₹500, and the average ticket size is declining. Higher UPI usage is associated with urban centers, economic centers, and migration-based employment.



Q.15. What is India's rank in the 2025 Henley Passport Index?

- (a) 84th
- (b) 85th
- (c) 87th
- (d) 88th

15. B

India's passport is ranked 85th in the 2025 Henley Passport Index, down five places from 2024. Indian citizens can travel visa-free to 57 countries, compared to 59 last year. The Henley Passport Index ranks all 199 passports based on visa-free mobility. Singapore tops the index with access to 193 destinations, followed by South Korea and Japan, reflecting Asia's growing dominance. European countries such as Germany, Italy, Spain, and Switzerland feature prominently in the top 10. Indians can travel visa-free to 12 countries, including Bhutan, Indonesia, Mauritius, Nepal, and Trinidad and Tobago.

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Q.1. Recently, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated development projects worth how much amount in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh?

- (a) ₹10,500 crore
- (b) ₹12,000 crore
- (c) ₹13,430 crore
- (d) ₹14,000 crore

1. C

Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated, laid the foundation stone, and dedicated to the nation several development projects worth approximately

₹13,430 crore in Kurnool, Andhra Pradesh. These projects span key sectors including industry, power transmission, roads, railways, defense manufacturing, and petroleum and natural gas. Addressing a public gathering in Kurnool, the Prime Minister highlighted India's rapid progress in clean energy and electricity access.

Q.2. India's trade deficit increased to how many billion dollars in September 2025, the highest in 11 months?

- (a) \$28.5 billion
- (b) \$30.2 billion
- (c) \$32.15 billion
- (d) \$35.6 billion

2. C

India's trade deficit widened sharply to a record US\$32.15 billion in September 2025—the highest in 11 months. According to data released by the Commerce Ministry, the increase was much higher than anticipated. The increase was due to a sharp increase in imports and a relatively slower growth in exports, as well as the impact of the recent US tariff hike on Indian goods. This comes at a time when crucial trade negotiations are underway between India and the US, in which India is preparing to increase energy imports from the US and secure its purchases of Russian oil.

Q.3. Which AMC recently launched the 'Pay with Mutual Funds' feature for UPI payments?

- (a) HDFC AMC
- (b) ICICI Prudential AMC
- (c) Bajaj Finserv AMC
- (d) Axis AMC

3. C



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Bajaj Finserv AMC has launched a groundbreaking feature that brings together investing and daily payments—the "Pay with Mutual Funds" feature. In collaboration with fintech firm Curie Money, this innovation allows investors to make UPI transactions using their mutual fund units, seamlessly blending the worlds of asset growth and real-time spending needs.

Q.4. Which company will recently operate Indian visa centers in China under a three-year contract?

- (a) TCS
- (b) VFS Global
- (c) BLS International
- (d) Infosys

4. C

In a significant move aimed at strengthening diplomatic and people-to-people ties, BLS International Services Limited has secured a three-year contract from India's Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) to establish and operate Indian Visa Application Centers (IVACs) in China. The contract authorizes BLS to manage visa services in three major Chinese cities: Beijing, Shanghai, and Guangzhou. This move follows India's recent decision to resume issuing tourist visas to Chinese citizens after a long suspension.

Q.5. Recently, Adani Group is building a ropeway project from Sonprayag to Kedarnath Dham worth how much?

- (a) ₹2,500 crore
- (b) ₹3,200 crore
- (c) ₹4,081 crore
- (d) ₹5,000 crore

5. C

The Adani Group is building a 12.9-kilometer ropeway project from Sonprayag to Kedarnath at a cost of ₹4,081 crore. This project will reduce the 8-9 hour uphill journey for pilgrims to 36 minutes.

Q.6. Which new energy storage solution has Ola Electric recently launched?

- (a) Ola Charge
- (b) Ola Volt
- (c) Ola Shakti
- (d) Ola PowerCell

6. C

Moving beyond electric vehicles, Ola Electric has launched a new battery energy storage system (BESS) called Ola Shakti. Known for pioneering India's electric two-wheeler market, Ola is now venturing into the broader clean energy ecosystem, aiming to meet residential and grid-scale energy needs. This development is in line with India's growing focus on energy self-reliance and sustainability.

Q.7. Who has recently been appointed as the first Indian MD and CEO of Hyundai Motor India Limited?

- (a) Unsoo Kim
- (b) Tarun Garg
- (c) Shailesh Chandra
- (d) Rajiv Bajaj

7. B

In a significant juncture for Hyundai Motor India Limited (HMIL), Tarun Garg has been appointed as the new Managing Director and Chief Executive Officer (MD & CEO), effective January 1, 2026. This appointment marks the first time an Indian executive will be at the helm of Hyundai's operations in India since the company entered India in 1996.





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Q.8. Where was the first India-South Korea naval exercise (IN-RoKN) held recently?

- (a) Visakhapatnam
- (b) Busan Naval Base
- (c) Kochi
- (d) Goa

8. B

Giving new impetus to maritime cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region, the Indian Navy (IN) and the Republic of Korea Navy (ROKN) commenced their first bilateral naval exercise series "IN-ROKN" at Busan Naval Base, South Korea. This historic exercise is a significant step towards strengthening the strategic partnership between the two countries and promoting maritime interoperability, trust and regional stability.

Q.9. Where was the 5th edition of India-Indonesia naval exercise 'Samudra Shakti' held recently?

- (a) Chennai
- (b) Jakarta
- (c) Visakhapatnam
- (d) Port Blair

9. C

Continuing strategic defence cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region, the Indian Navy (IN) and the Indonesian Navy commenced the fifth edition of the bilateral maritime exercise "Samudra Shakti 2025" off Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh. This reflects the growing maritime partnership between the two countries. Launched in 2018 under India's Act East Policy, the Samudra Shakti exercise is conducted with the aim of deepening operational coordination and shared maritime interests in the region.

Q.10. Who won the ICC Player of the Month (Men's and Women's categories) for September 2025?

- (a) Rohit Sharma, Harmanpreet Kaur
- (b) Abhishek Sharma, Smriti Mandhana
- (c) Virat Kohli, Deepti Sharma
- (d) Shubman Gill, Jemimah Rodrigues

10. B

Indian cricketers Abhishek Sharma and Smriti Mandhana have been named ICC Players of the Month for September. In the men's category, Abhishek scored 314 runs in seven Asia Cup matches at an average of 44.85 and a strike rate of 200, earning him the Player of the Tournament award and a career-high 931 T20I rating points. In women's cricket, Smriti scored 308 runs in four ODIs against Australia, including India's fastest century off 50 balls during the ongoing ODI World Cup campaign. During this period, she scored at an average of 77 and a strike rate of 135.68.

Q.11. Recently A.R. Which company has Rahman collaborated with to create an AI-powered musical avatar?

- (a) Microsoft
- (b) Google Cloud
- (c) Meta AI
- (d) Amazon Web Services

11. B

Oscar-winning composer A.R. Rahman has collaborated with Google Cloud for his new project "Secret Mountain," a metahuman digital avatar band that blends artificial intelligence (AI), music, and storytelling for a next-generation entertainment experience.

Q.12. Where was the IUCN World Conservation Congress 2025 recently held?

- (a) Paris
- (b) New Delhi



(c) Abu Dhabi

(d) Geneva

12. C

Over 1,400 member organizations came together to shape global conservation policies at the IUCN World Conservation Conference 2025 in Abu Dhabi. Held every four years, the conference is a key event in biodiversity governance.

Q.13. Which two new insurance plans has LIC recently launched under the new GST regime?

(a) Jeevan Labh & Jeevan Umang

(b) Jan Suraksha & Bima Lakshmi

(c) Jeevan Anand & Jeevan Arogya

(d) Bima Jyoti & Jeevan Tarun

13. B

The Life Insurance Corporation of India (LIC) has launched two new insurance plans—Jan Suraksha Yojana (880) and Bima Lakshmi Yojana (881). These are the first policies launched by LIC under the new GST regime, reflecting its efforts to expand financial protection to diverse income and gender groups. While Jan Suraksha is aimed at lower-income groups, Bima Lakshmi is a special offering for women, providing a mix of protection, savings, and health benefits.

Q.14. Which organization recently designed and developed the Akash missile system?

(a) Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

(b) Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO)

(c) Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL)

(d) Bharat Electronics Limited (BEL)

14. B

India recently proposed to supply the Akash missile system to Brazil during the Defence Minister's talks with Brazilian Vice President Geraldo Alckmin in New Delhi. Akash is a short-range surface-to-air missile (SAM) system. It is designed to protect sensitive areas and assets against aerial threats such as fighter jets, drones, helicopters, and cruise missiles. It has been indigenously developed by the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO). The missile is manufactured by Hyderabad-based Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL). It is currently in service with both the Indian Air Force (IAF) and the Indian Army.

Q.15. Lagochelys hayaomiyazakii, which was recently in the news, belongs to which species?

(a) Frog

(b) Snake

(c) Spider

(d) Snail

15. D

Researchers at the Thackeray Wildlife Foundation recently discovered a new species of snail, Lagochelys hayaomiyazakii, also known as the Tillari Hairy Snail. The species was found in the evergreen Tillari Forest in Maharashtra's Kolhapur district. The snail is found in the dense foliage and rocky areas of the Western Ghats. It is named after Hayao Miyazaki, the renowned Japanese filmmaker and co-founder of Studio Ghibli, who is known for his love of harmony with nature. Its habitat is highly limited and it is threatened by forest fires and deforestation, putting it on the verge of extinction.

Today in History on 24 OCT

Q.1. Which famous voice actor was recently honored with Japan's "Persons of Cultural Merit 2025" award, becoming the first voice actor to receive this honor?

- A. Hayao Miyazaki
- B. Min Tanaka
- C. Masako Nozawa
- D. Keiko Takemiya

1. C

In a landmark moment for the anime and entertainment industry, Masako Nozawa, the renowned voice of Son Goku from the Dragon Ball franchise, has been selected as one of the 2025 Cultural Merit Award winners in Japan. She becomes the first voice artist to receive this prestigious cultural award, marking a turning point in the recognition of voice acting as an integral part of Japanese culture.

Q.2. In which state was the blackbuck reintroduction scheme recently successfully implemented?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Chhattisgarh
- C. Gujarat
- D. Haryana

2. B

A reintroduction plan for blackbucks has been successfully implemented in the Barnawapara Wildlife Sanctuary in Chhattisgarh. After 50 years of local extinction, the deer have been successfully reintroduced through the state's five-year reintroduction plan.

Q.3. Who recently won the Formula 1 United States Grand Prix 2025, making the title race even more exciting with his third win in just his fourth race?

- A. Oscar Piastri

B. Lando Norris

C. Max Verstappen

D. Charles Leclerc

3. C

Max Verstappen produced a superb performance at Circuit of the Americas to win the 2025 United States Grand Prix, while Lando Norris staged a stunning comeback to beat Charles Leclerc in a thrilling battle for second place.

Q.4. Which country recently won the FIFA U-20 World Cup 2025, defeating Argentina 2-0, marking its first World Cup title at any level?

- A. Morocco
- B. Ghana
- C. France
- D. South Korea

4. A

Morocco made history by defeating Argentina 2-0 in the final of the FIFA Under-20 World Cup in Chile. This marked the country's first World Cup title at any level. The North African nation concluded its impressive tournament campaign with a resounding victory over one of football's traditional superpowers. The win not only marks Morocco's emergence as a global football force, but also establishes them as a key player in youth development on the world stage. It became the first African team to win the Under-20 World Cup since Ghana in 2009.

Q.5. On which issue has the US and Australia recently signed a new \$8.5 billion partnership agreement, aimed at reducing dependence on China?

- A. Defense technology
- B. Semiconductor manufacturing
- C. Critical mineral supply chains

D. Renewable energy projects

5. C

A new \$8.5 billion agreement between the United States and Australia on rare earth minerals and critical minerals aims to reduce Western countries' dependence on China. The agreement will strengthen the supply chain of these essential minerals for sectors such as electric vehicles, jet engines, and defense equipment.

Q.6. India recently developed its first indigenous antibiotic, designed to treat respiratory infections. What is the name of this antibiotic?

- A. Zithromycin
- B. Naphthromycin
- C. Erythromycin
- D. Roxithromycin

6. B

Science and Technology Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh has said that India has achieved a significant milestone towards self-reliance in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology sector by developing its first indigenous antibiotic, naphthromycin. Inaugurating a three-day medical workshop in New Delhi, he said that this antibiotic is effective in eliminating drug-resistant respiratory infections. He further said that this drug is particularly beneficial for cancer patients and those suffering from uncontrolled diabetes.

Q.7. Who was recently elected as Japan's first female Prime Minister, achieving a historic victory?

- A. Sanae Takaichi
- B. Yuriko Koike
- C. Seiko Noda
- D. Shigeru Ishiba

7. A

Japan's parliament has elected Sanae Takaichi as the country's first female prime minister, a historic achievement. Takaichi, leader of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), has formed a new coalition government with the Japan Innovation Party (JIP) after splitting from her longtime ally, Komeito.

Q.8. Which material plant did Defense Minister Rajnath Singh recently inaugurate in Lucknow, which will play a key role in India's strategic self-reliance mission?

- A. Titanium and Superalloy Materials Plant
- B. Defense Electronics Manufacturing Unit
- C. Advanced Missile Component Facility
- D. Aerospace Engine Manufacturing Complex

8. A

In a major leap towards strategic materials independence, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the Titanium and Superalloy Materials Plant at PTC Industries' Strategic Materials Technology Complex in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. The plant is expected to play a key role in India's Atmanirbhar Bharat mission, especially in critical sectors such as defence, aerospace and electronics. The new complex will manufacture aviation-grade titanium and superalloys – materials that are not only scarce but also essential for high-performance military platforms such as fighter aircraft, missiles, naval systems and satellites.

Q.9. Which first direct observation did Chandrayaan-2 recently make, helping to understand the impact of solar activity on the Moon's exosphere?

- A. The impact of coronal mass ejections (CMEs) on the Moon's exosphere
- B. The Moon's volcanic activity
- C. Fluctuations in the Moon's magnetic field
- D. Micrometeorite impacts on the lunar surface



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9. A

In a major scientific achievement, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has confirmed that its Chandrayaan-2 lunar orbiter has made the first direct observations of how solar activity, specifically coronal mass ejections (CMEs), impacts the Moon's exosphere. This landmark discovery provides unprecedented information about the Moon's space weather and the dynamics of the Moon's extremely thin atmosphere.

Q.10. Recently, the Government of India notified the Notary (Amendment) Rules, 2025, to increase the maximum number of notaries in which four states?

- A. Maharashtra, Kerala, Punjab, and Bihar
- B. Karnataka, Odisha, West Bengal, and Assam
- C. Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, and Nagaland
- D. Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, and Chhattisgarh

10. C

To ensure wider access to essential legal documentation services, the Ministry of Law and Justice has notified the Notaries (Amendment) Rules, 2025, which will significantly increase the maximum number of notaries in Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, and Nagaland. This move aims to meet the growing demand for notary services due to the expansion of administrative units and increasing population pressure.

Q.11. The IN-ROKN 2025 exercise was recently conducted between India and which country?

- A. Japan
- B. South Korea
- C. Indonesia
- D. Australia

11. B

Giving new impetus to maritime cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region, the Indian Navy (IN) and the Republic of Korea Navy (ROKN) commenced their first bilateral naval exercise series "IN-ROKN" at Busan Naval Base, South Korea. This historic exercise is a significant step towards strengthening the strategic partnership between the two countries and promoting maritime interoperability, trust and regional stability.

Q.12. Recently, for which year did the Government of India release the State Mining Readiness Index (SMRI) and State Rankings for the first time, which aims to measure the efficiency and sustainability of states in managing non-coal mineral resources?

- A. 2023
- B. 2024
- C. 2025
- D. 2026

12. C

In a major step towards modernising India's mineral governance, the Ministry of Mines has released the first-ever State Mining Readiness Index (SMRI) and State Rankings for 2025. The index, announced as part of the Union Budget 2025-26, aims to measure states on how efficiently and sustainably they manage their non-coal mineral resources, ushering in a new era of transparency, accountability and competitiveness in the mining sector.

Q.13. Recently, the Government of India released the State Mining Readiness Index (SMRI) for the first time. What is its main objective?

- A. To assess and rank states' efficiency and sustainability in non-coal mineral management.
- B. To evaluate coal mining performance in Indian states.
- C. To rank states based on renewable energy production.





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D. To monitor forest cover and environmental compliance.

13. A

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Q.14. Which religion, practiced by the Bodo tribe of Assam, has recently been recognized with a separate code for the first time ahead of the upcoming national census?

- A. Donyi-Polo
- B. Kirat
- C. Bathou
- D. Sanamahism

14. C

In a historic move ahead of the upcoming national census, the Bathou religion practiced by the Bodo community of Assam has been granted a separate code—the first time its religious identity has been recognized at the national level. This official recognition is an important step towards preserving and promoting the cultural and spiritual heritage of one of the most prominent indigenous groups of Northeast India.

Q.15. Which ministry recently released the State Mining Readiness Index (SMRI) 2025?

- A. Ministry of Environment
- B. Ministry of Mines
- C. NITI Aayog

D. Ministry of Commerce

15. B

The Ministry of Mines, Government of India, recently released the State Mining Readiness Index (SMRI) and State Rankings. This initiative is not only a significant step towards encouraging reforms in the mining sector at the state level, but also fulfills a key announcement made in the Union Budget 2025-26.

Today in History on 25 OCT

Q.1. Which state will be declared India's first extreme poverty-free state?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Bihar
- C. Kerala
- D. Tamil Nadu

1. C

Marking a milestone in India's social development history, Kerala is now set to be officially declared an "extreme poverty-free state." Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan will make the announcement at a public ceremony at the Central Stadium in Thiruvananthapuram on November 1, 2025. This achievement is the result of the state's continued focus on inclusive development and targeted welfare programs, which can now become a model for other states.

Q.2. The UDAN scheme (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) recently completed nine years. In which year was this flagship scheme of the Ministry of Civil Aviation launched?

- A. 2016
- B. 2017





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C. 2015

D. 2018

2. A

India's flagship civil aviation policy, the UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) scheme, completed nine years since its launch in October 2016. Run by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, the scheme aims to make air travel affordable and accessible to the general public, particularly by promoting regional air connectivity. Over the past nine years, UDAN has connected remote and underserved areas to mainstream air routes and has served over 15.6 million passengers through 323,000 flights so far.

Q.3. Who was recently elected as the new President of Bolivia, ending nearly two decades of socialist rule under Evo Morales?

A. Evo Morales

B. Jorge Quiroga

C. Rodrigo Paz

D. Luis Arce

3. C

Centrist Senator Rodrigo Paz has won the presidential election in the South American country of Bolivia. Rodrigo Paz defeated his conservative rival Jorge Tuto Quiroga. According to Bolivia's electoral tribunal, preliminary results showed Paz receiving 54.5 percent of the vote, while Quiroga received 45.5 percent. Paz's party does not have a majority in the country's legislature, forcing him to form a coalition. The new president will take office on November 8. The victory of the 58-year-old senator marks a historic change for the South American country.

Q. 4. According to a nationwide survey by the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT), what was the total value of goods traded between Navratri and Diwali 2025?

A. ₹4.8 lakh crore

B. ₹5.4 lakh crore

C. ₹6.2 lakh crore

D. ₹5.0 lakh crore

4. C

According to a survey by the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT), the total value of merchandise trade was ₹5.40 lakh crore between Navratri and Diwali 2025. The total trade (combined goods and services) during this festive season was ₹6.05 lakh crore, of which ₹65,000 crore was from the services sector.

Q. 5. Which country recently declared a 30-day state of emergency in its capital, Lima, and Cayao province to address rising crime and unrest?

A. Peru

B. Chile

C. Colombia

D. Ecuador

5. A

Peru has declared a 30-day state of emergency in its capital, Lima, and the Cayayo province to combat rising crime and unrest. Under the state of emergency, some civil rights, such as freedom of assembly and freedom of movement, are suspended. The move comes in response to a wave of rising violent crime in the capital and surrounding areas.

Q. 6. Recently, the central government has released over ₹730 crore under the 15th Finance Commission to strengthen rural local bodies (RLBs) in which two Indian states?

A. Punjab and Rajasthan

B. Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh

C. Gujarat and Haryana





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D. Uttar Pradesh and Bihar

6. C

The central government has released Fifteenth Finance Commission (XV FC) grants for the financial year 2025-26 to strengthen rural local bodies (RLBs) in Gujarat and Haryana. In Gujarat, the second installment of unrelated grants amounting to ₹522.20 crore for the financial year 2024-25 has been released to all 38 district panchayats, 247 eligible block panchayats, and 14,547 eligible gram panchayats in the state.

Q.7. In the capital of which country did India recently upgrade its technical mission to a full-fledged embassy, marking India's first diplomatic expansion there since 2021?

A. Afghanistan

B. Iran

C. Uzbekistan

D. Saudi Arabia

7. A

India has formally upgraded its technical mission in the Afghan capital, Kabul, to a full-fledged Indian embassy. The decision is India's first formal diplomatic expansion initiative since the Taliban returned to power in 2021.

Q.8. Codex standards for which three spices were finally approved during the 8th session of the Codex Committee on Spices (CCSCH) held in 2025?

A. Turmeric, Black Pepper, and Cumin

B. Clove, Nutmeg, and Fenugreek

C. Vanilla, Large Cardamom, and Coriander

D. Cinnamon, Ginger, and Fennel

8. B

Marking a significant milestone in the international trade and quality standards of spices, the eighth session of the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH) finalized international Codex standards for three more spices – vanilla, large cardamom, and coriander. With this achievement, international standards have been developed for a total of 19 spices since the Committee's inception in 2013.

Q.9. Which organization developed the Sustainable Aquaculture in Mangrove Ecosystems (SAIME) model, which received "global technical recognition" from the FAO in October 2025?

A. Nature Environment and Wildlife Society (NEWS)

B. Global Nature Fund (GNF)

C. Naturland e.V.

D. World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)

9. A

The Sustainable Aquaculture in Mangrove Ecosystems (SAIME) model was developed by the Nature Environment and Wildlife Society (NEWS). Located in the Sundarbans region of West Bengal, it has received global technical recognition from the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations.

Q.10. According to the Global Forest Resources Assessment (GFRA) 2025 published by the FAO, what is India's current global rank in terms of total forest area?

A. 7th

B. 10th

C. 9th

D. 8th

10. C





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According to the Global Forest Resources Assessment (GFRA) 2025 released by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Bali, India has made a major leap in the global environmental rankings and has reached the 9th position worldwide in terms of total forest area. Additionally, India continues to rank third in annual forest area increase, reaffirming India's leadership in forest conservation and sustainable land management. Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav shared this achievement through social media and attributed this progress to public participation and strong environmental policies led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Q.11. In which national park of Kerala was the newly discovered plant species *Tetratenium manilianum* found?

- A. Silent Valley National Park
- B. Eravikulam National Park
- C. Kudremukh National Park
- D. Periyar National Park

11. B

Researchers recently discovered a new plant species, *Tetratenium manilianum*, which has increased the biodiversity of the Western Ghats. It belongs to the carrot family (Umbelliferae/Apiaceae). The species was found in Eravikulam National Park in the Idukki district of Kerala. It is named in honor of Prof. K.S. Manilal, the founding president of the Indian Association for Angiosperm Taxonomy. The plant grows in grasslands bordering shola forests at high altitudes. It is the first species of its kind identified globally and the 48th species in the carrot family. Its flowers are white, it has underground rhizomes, and it blooms during the monsoon.

Q.12. The Malabar gliding frog, recently seen in the news, is native to which region of India?

- A. Eastern Ghats
- B. Northeast
- C. Western Ghats
- D. Himalayas

12. C

A rare Malabar gliding frog was recently spotted in Hirebagevadi, near Belgaum, Karnataka. Its scientific name is *Rhacophorus malabaricus*. It is endemic to the rainforests of the Western Ghats in India. This frog lives on tree leaves along rivers or near waterfalls and breeds on trees overhanging water bodies. It can glide through the air using webbed feet between its toes and can jump up to 9-12 meters, which is approximately 115 times its body length. It grows up to 10 cm, and males are smaller than females. Its back is bright green, its belly is pale yellow, and its toes are webbed orange-red. It is listed as Least Concern by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

Q.13. The Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) is a framework designed to address which environmental problem in Delhi-NCR?

- A. Noise pollution
- B. Air pollution
- C. Plastic waste management
- D. Water pollution

13. B

The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) has implemented the second phase of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) after Delhi's Air Quality Index (AQI) crossed 300, entering the "very poor" category. Measures in the second phase include mechanical cleaning of roads, water sprinkling, dust control at construction sites, and promotion of CNG and electric public transport.





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Q.14. Which Indian lunar mission made the first observation of the impact of a solar coronal mass ejection (CME) on the Moon?

- A. Chandrayaan-1
- B. Chandrayaan-2
- C. Chandrayaan-3
- D. Aditya-L1

14. B

India's second lunar mission, Chandrayaan-2, made the first direct observation of the Sun's coronal mass ejection (CME) impacts on the Moon. The observation was made by CHACE-2 (Chandra Atmospheric Composition Explorer-2), a payload on the orbiter. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) reported that when the CME impacted the Moon, the pressure in the Moon's exosphere increased on the dayside.

Q.15. Which football team won the 125th Indian Football Association (IFA) Shield in 2025?

- A. East Bengal FC
- B. Odisha FC
- C. NorthEast United FC
- D. Mohun Bagan Super Giant

15. D

Mohun Bagan Super Giants won the 125th Indian Football Association (IFA) Shield by defeating East Bengal FC 5-4 in a penalty shootout. The final was played in the Kolkata Derby at the Salt Lake Stadium. The Indian Football Association (IFA) was founded in Calcutta in 1893 and the IFA Shield tournament began in the same year. The tournament is considered the fourth oldest club football tournament after the FA Cup (England), the Scottish Cup and the Durand Cup. The 2025 edition marks the return of the tournament after a gap of three

years, which was last won by Real Kashmir FC in 2021.

Today in History on 27 OCT

Q.1. Saudi Arabia recently abolished the Kafala system, granting new rights to migrant workers for how many years?

- A) 40 years
- B) 60 years
- C) 50 years
- D) 45 years

1. C

In an unprecedented move, Saudi Arabia has officially abolished its 50-year-old kafala system, a labor sponsorship framework that linked the residence and employment of migrant workers to individual employers. The reform, announced in June 2025, will impact approximately 13 million foreign workers, mainly from South and Southeast Asia, who have long faced restrictions on job mobility and limited labor rights.

Q.2. Amidst recent statehood talks, which article has the central government offered to Ladakh?

- A) Article 370
- B) Article 371
- C) Article 356
- D) Article 368

2. B

In a significant political development, the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) has proposed granting Article 371-like provisions to Ladakh during recent talks with the Leh Apex Body (LAB) and the Kargil Democratic Alliance (KDA). The talks come a month after deadly protests demanding statehood and





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constitutional safeguards in the region, during which four people, including a Kargil war veteran, were killed in police action.

Q.3. To which company did the Inland Waterways Authority recently award the Haldia Multimodal Terminal on a PPP model?

- A) Adani Ports
- B) IRC Natural Resources
- C) Larsen & Toubro
- D) Essar Shipping

3. B

The Inland Waterways Authority of India (IWAI) has awarded the Haldia Multimodal Terminal to IRC Natural Resources on a public-private partnership (PPP) model. The terminal has been awarded to IRC Natural Resources for operation and maintenance under a 15-year concession agreement.

Q.4. How many crore rupees has the India-Japan Fund recently invested in Eka Mobility?

- A) ₹200 crore
- B) ₹500 crore
- C) ₹300 crore
- D) ₹750 crore

4. B

An India-Japan fund has invested ₹500 crore in EKA Mobility. This strategic investment aims to expand the company's electric vehicle business, including increasing manufacturing capacity, strengthening research and development, and expanding its supply chain and market presence.

Q.5. India's gold reserves recently crossed how many billion dollars for the first time?

- A) \$80 billion

B) \$100 billion

C) \$90 billion

D) \$70 billion

5. B

In a bold move toward financial stability, the Reserve Bank of India is revising its foreign exchange strategy. By purchasing more gold and reducing its holdings of US Treasury securities, the bank is effectively diversifying its reserves. This shift underscores gold's reputation as a safe-haven asset in volatile economic conditions, and India's gold reserves have now surpassed the astonishing \$100 billion mark.

Q.6. Recently, for whom did Elxmii launch India's first dedicated UPI app, 'ElxmiiPay'? A) For youth

- B) For women
- C) For merchants
- D) For senior citizens

6. B

Lxme, India's leading financial platform for women, launched LxmePay, the country's first UPI specifically designed for women. It offers features like digital gold rewards on every transaction, expense tracker, bill payments, and offers on women's brands, allowing women to manage, budget, save, and invest their money smartly.

Q.7. Which medal did Zorawar Singh Sandhu recently win at the ISSF Shotgun World Championship 2025?

- A) Gold
- B) Silver
- C) Bronze
- D) None

7. C





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Indian shooter Zoravar Singh Sandhu created history by winning the bronze medal in the men's trap event at the ISSF World Shotgun Championships 2025 in Athens, Greece. Competing in difficult weather and mild sunshine, Zoravar shot 31 out of 50 targets in the final match to finish behind Croatia's Josip Glasnovic and Spain's Andres Garcia.

Q.8. Which medal did Jyothi Surekha Vennam recently win at the Archery World Cup Final 2025?

- A) Silver
- B) Bronze
- C) Gold
- D) None

8. B

Jyothi Surekha Vennam won a bronze medal at the Archery World Cup Final 2025. She won the medal in the women's compound individual event in Nanjing, China, becoming the first Indian woman compound archer to achieve this feat.

Q.9. What field was Govardhan Asrani, who recently passed away, associated with?

- A) Sports
- B) Politics
- C) Cinema
- D) Literature

9. C

Renowned Hindi film actor Govardhan Asrani has passed away after a prolonged illness. He was 84 years old. He was known simply as Asrani. Best known for his role as the jailer in Sholay, Asrani also starred in hit films such as Chupke Chupke, Bhool Bhulaiyaa, Dhamaal, and Bunty Aur Babli 2.

Q.10. For what purpose has CDSCO recently launched a digital monitoring system?

- A) Monitoring medicinal solvents
- B) Food testing
- C) Medical education reforms
- D) Drug price control

10. A

India's Central Drugs Standard Control Organization (CDSCO) has launched a digital monitoring system through its online National Drug Licensing System (ONDLS) to track high-risk pharmaceutical solvents such as glycerin and propylene glycol, which are often used in cough syrups. The move follows recent diethylene glycol contamination incidents that led to the deaths of children. ONDLS enables real-time monitoring of solvent production, testing, and supply chains, ensuring transparency and safety. All manufacturers will be required to register and log data online, while regulators will verify batches before release.

Q.11. Which organization has launched AI-based highway monitoring using 3D survey vehicles?

- A) Ministry of Road Transport
- B) BRO
- C) NHAI
- D) CPWD

11. C

To revolutionize the maintenance and monitoring system of national highways in India, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) has deployed 3D laser-based Network Survey Vehicles (NSVs). This initiative is part of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways' (MoRTH) broader strategy to make the country's road infrastructure smarter and more sustainable by using artificial intelligence (AI).

Q.12. NHAI's new monitoring system will use which technology to detect road defects?



A) Drone mapping

B) 3D laser-based AI system

C) Infrared scanning

D) Satellite radar

12. B

To revolutionize the maintenance and monitoring of national highways, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is deploying 3D laser-based Network Survey Vehicles (NSVs) covering over 20,933 kilometers of road stretches across 23 states. This initiative is part of the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways' broader effort to use Artificial Intelligence (AI) to improve road infrastructure management in India.

Q.13. In which Indian state is the Ningol Chakouba festival celebrated?

A) Assam

B) Manipur

C) Mizoram

D) Tripura

13. B

Ningol Chakoba—a sensitive and culturally rich festival of Manipur—celebrates the strong familial bond between married women (ningols) and their brothers and paternal families. The festival is celebrated annually on the second day of the month of Hianggei according to the Meitei lunar calendar. In 2025, Ningol Chakoba will be celebrated with great enthusiasm and gaiety, as women return to their parents' homes dressed in traditional Manipuri attire, bringing gifts, and participating in affectionate ceremonies and community feasts.

Q.14. Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's visit to the UAE was primarily focused on attracting investment in which sector?

A) Tourism

B) Green energy and digital infrastructure

C) Defense

D) Textiles

14. B

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu is on a three-day visit to the United Arab Emirates (UAE), aimed at attracting foreign investment—particularly in the areas of green energy, digital infrastructure, and urban development. On the first day of the visit, he met top Indian diplomats and business leaders in Dubai, signaling the state government's renewed efforts to position Andhra Pradesh as a global investment hub.

Q.15. Which city has launched India's first real-time flood forecasting system?

A) Mumbai

B) Chennai

C) Kolkata

D) Kochi

15. B

In a major step towards strengthening urban disaster management, Chennai has become the first city in India to fully implement a real-time flood forecasting and spatial decision support system (RTFF and SDSS). The system, scheduled to be operational by October 2025, will elevate Chennai's flood forecasting, management, and rapid response capabilities to new heights. This initiative is particularly significant as Chennai is frequently affected by monsoon-induced urban flooding. Accurate forecasting will help save lives, reduce losses, and promote smart urban planning.

Today in History on 28 OCT

Q.1. The Indian government recently approved the connection of which power plant to the national power grid, which was previously built only to export electricity to Bangladesh?

- (a) Talcher Super Thermal Power Plant
- (b) Mundra Thermal Power Plant
- (c) Godda Ultra Super Critical Thermal Power Plant
- (d) Koradi Thermal Power Plant

1. C

The Indian government has approved connecting Adani Power's Godda Ultra Supercritical Thermal Plant to the national electricity grid. This 1,600 MW coal-fired power plant, previously designed to export electricity only to Bangladesh, will now be able to supply electricity within the country. This decision is being considered a historic shift in India's cross-border power trade policy and grid strategy.

Q.2. Which medal did Indian wrestler Vishwajeet More recently win at the Under-23 Wrestling World Championships held in Serbia?

- (a) Gold Medal
- (b) Silver Medal
- (c) Bronze Medal
- (d) None

2. C

At the Under-23 Wrestling World Championships, Indian Greco-Roman wrestler Vishwajeet More defeated Kazakhstan's Yerasyl Mamyrbekov 5-4 to win the bronze medal in the 55-kilogram weight category. This is India's first medal at the championships being held in Serbia. Three women wrestlers, Honey Kumari, Diksha Malik and Priya Malik, lost in their first rounds.

Q.3. Which Indian bank was recently awarded the "World's Best Consumer Bank 2025" award by the international publication Global Finance?

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

3. B

In a significant achievement for the Indian banking sector, State Bank of India (SBI) has been awarded the "World's Best Consumer Bank 2025" award by the international publication Global Finance. This recognition reflects SBI's progress in digital banking, customer service, and financial inclusion.

Q.4. According to the latest India Economic Outlook report by Deloitte India, what is the projected growth rate of India's economy in FY 2025-26?

- (a) Between 6.7% and 6.9%
- (b) Between 5.9% and 6.1%
- (c) Between 7.2% and 7.4%
- (d) Between 6.0% and 6.2%

4. A

According to Deloitte India's latest India Economic Outlook report, India's economy is projected to grow between 6.7% and 6.9% in fiscal year 2025-26. This estimate is 0.3 percentage points higher than the previous estimate, reflecting renewed optimism driven by rising domestic consumption, government reforms, and an improving investment climate. This estimate is in line with the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) growth forecast of 6.8%, reaffirming India's strong macroeconomic fundamentals.

Q.5. Which Indian batsman recently surpassed Sourav Ganguly to become India's third-highest run-scorer in One Day International (ODI) cricket?



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- (a) K.L. Rahul
- (b) Shubman Gill
- (c) Rohit Sharma
- (d) Shikhar Dhawan

5. C

Indian cricket captain Rohit Sharma has added another milestone to his illustrious career. He has surpassed Sourav Ganguly to become India's third-highest run-scorer in One Day Internationals. This record-breaking moment came during his 73-run innings in the second ODI against Australia.

Q.6. Who was the beloved and revered royal figure of Thailand, also known as the "Green Kreen," who recently passed away at the age of 93?

- (a) Queen Mother Sirikit
- (b) Princess Sirindhorn
- (c) Queen Suthida
- (d) Princess Ubolratana

6. A

Thailand's former Queen Sirikit has died after a brief illness at the age of 93, the Public Relations Department of the Prime Minister's Office said. Married at the age of 18 to King Bhumibol, who was later crowned as Rama IX of the Chakri Dynasty, she was considered the world's longest-reigning monarch.

Q.7. Which Indian-born historian was recently awarded the British Academy Book Prize 2025 for his book, The Burning Earth: An Environmental History of the Last 500 Years?

- (a) Ramachandra Guha
- (b) Gaurav Khanna
- (c) Sunil Amrith

- (d) Amitav Ghosh

7. C

Sunil Amrith, an Indian-born historian and professor at Yale University, was recently awarded the British Academy Book Prize 2025 for his book, "The Burning Earth: An Environmental History of the Last 500 Years." The prize, worth 25,000 pounds, recognizes outstanding non-fiction books in the humanities and social sciences. The book analyzes the last 500 years of environmental history and the current climate crisis.

Q.8. What is the name of India's first indigenous anti-submarine vessel, recently delivered to the Navy by Cochin Shipyard?

- (a) Laxmi
- (b) Padma
- (c) Mahe
- (d) Harsha

8. C

First Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Vessel 'Mahe' built by Cochin Shipyard Limited, Kochi commissioned into Indian Navy 'Mahe', the first of the eight Anti-Submarine Warfare Shallow Water Vessels (ASW SWCs) built by Cochin Shipyard Limited (CSL), Kochi, was handed over to the Indian Navy.

Q.9. Which new suspension bridge, recently being constructed over the Ganges River in Rishikesh, will replace the historic Lakshman Jhula and is expected to open by December 2025?

- (a) Ganga Setu
- (b) Dev Lok Setu
- (c) Bajrang Setu
- (d) Ram Setu

9. C





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Rishikesh, one of India's most famous spiritual and tourist destinations, is about to get a new architectural landmark. Bajrang Setu, a modern suspension bridge over the Ganges River, is nearly complete and is expected to open by December 2025. The bridge will replace the iconic Lakshman Jhula, which was closed in 2019 for safety reasons after serving tourists for nearly a century.

Q.10. Which asteroid has recently been confirmed by NASA as Earth's new temporary "second moon," orbiting the Sun in an Earth-like orbit?

- (a) 2025 PN7
- (b) 2024 QL2
- (c) 2023 AX1
- (d) 2016 HO 3

10. A

Earth has a new space companion—a small asteroid named 2025 PN7, recently confirmed by NASA. Although it's not a true moon, it orbits the Sun in an orbit nearly identical to Earth's, making it appear to follow our planet through space. This "crescent," first discovered by astronomers at the University of Hawaii, is estimated to be about 18 to 36 meters wide—about the height of a small building. Despite its small size by space standards, its discovery is intriguing to scientists studying the motion of near-Earth asteroids.

Q.11. Which country is the host country of the 47th ASEAN Summit in 2025?

- (a) India
- (b) Malaysia
- (c) Vietnam
- (d) Myanmar

11. B

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will virtually participate in the 47th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN)-India Summit. The summit is being held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. During the event, the country will become the diplomatic capital of Southeast Asia. More than 30 heads of state and government will participate, including leaders from ASEAN countries and dialogue partner countries such as the United States, China, Japan, South Korea, Australia, New Zealand, and Canada.

Q.12. Which organization launched an intrusion detection system (IDS) on railway tracks in the Northeast?

- (a) Ministry of Environment
- (b) Wildlife Institute of India
- (c) Northeast Frontier Railway
- (d) South Coast Railway Zone

12. C

The Northeast Frontier Railway (NFR), under the Ministry of Railways, has launched an Intrusion Detection System (IDS). It has successfully completed testing on four major rail sections. The system aims to protect wildlife, especially elephants, while maintaining operational efficiency in forest areas. The IDS operates parallel to railway tracks at a distance of 10 meters. It uses advanced optical fiber sensing technology to detect elephant movements near the tracks. The system sends real-time alerts to train drivers and control rooms for preventive action. Vibrations generated by elephants are detected by sensor cables and transmitted to the control room.

Q.13. The chrysanthemum flowering plant, recently in the news, is native to which region?

- (a) South America
- (b) Asia and Northeast Europe
- (c) Central Africa





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(d) Australia

13. B

Kashmir's first chrysanthemum garden recently opened to tourists. Chrysanthemums are a genus of about 30 species of perennial flowering plants in the Asteraceae family. Native to Asia and northeastern Europe, they bloom in autumn. The plant grows 50-150 cm tall, with deeply segmented leaves and large flowers in white, yellow, or pink. It thrives in tropical and temperate regions with subtropical and subtropical climates.

Q.14. Which is the host country for Exercise Ocean Sky 2025?

(a) Spain

(b) Japan

(c) Vietnam

(d) Russia

14. A

The Indian Air Force (IAF) is participating in the multinational air combat exercise Ocean Sky 2025 hosted by the Spanish Air Force at Gando Air Base in Spain. The aim of the exercise is to promote mutual learning, enhance interoperability, sharpen air warfare skills and strengthen defence cooperation with friendly foreign countries.

Q.15. The Indian Scops Owl, recently sighted near the Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary, is native to which region?

(a) Southern Asia

(b) Eastern Australia

(c) North America

(d) Central Africa

15. A

Birdwatchers recently spotted the Indian Scops Owl for the first time near the Daroji Sloth Bear Sanctuary in Karnataka. The Indian Scops Owl is a small forest owl native to southern Asia, found in India, Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Iran. It lives in forests, scrub, and agricultural areas and is not migratory. The owl stands 17-20 cm tall and has a wingspan of about 45 cm. It has large, bright yellow eyes, a round head, and intricately patterned grayish-brown feathers. It hunts at night and feeds primarily on insects. It is listed as a species of least concern on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List.

Today in History on 29 OCT

Q.1. Who was recently appointed Chairman of the WIPO Advisory Board?

(a) Shailesh Chandra

(b) Mathun Manhas

(c) Pratibha Singh

(d) None of these

1. C

Justice Pratibha M. Singh of the Delhi High Court has been appointed Chairperson of the Advisory Board of Judges of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) for the term 2025-2027. This is the first time an Indian – and indeed an Asian – has been elected to this prestigious global position, providing significant recognition to India's growing leadership in intellectual property (IP) law and policy.

Q.2. Nirmal Kumar Minda was recently appointed President of which organization?

(a) FICCI

(b) ASSOCHAM

(c) CII





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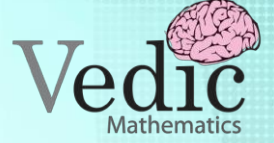
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(d) NSE

2. B

Nirmal Kumar Minda, executive chairman of the Uno Minda Group, assumed charge as president of the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industry of India (ASSOCHAM). Along with him, Amitabh Chaudhry, managing director and CEO of Axis Bank, has been appointed senior vice president of ASSOCHAM, though his appointment is subject to RBI approval.

Q.3. Who recently unveiled the official logo and anthem of the FIDE World Cup 2025?

- (a) Amit Shah
- (b) Pramod Sawant
- (c) Dharmendra Pradhan
- (d) None of these

3. B

India marked a significant moment in international sports when Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant unveiled the official logo and anthem of the FIDE World Cup 2025 at a cultural ceremony in Panaji, Goa. This milestone brings global chess back to India after 23 years and sets the stage for an event that combines sports, culture, and national pride.

Q.4. Who was recently re-elected as Vice President of the COP10 Bureau?

- (a) France
- (b) Japan
- (c) Singapore
- (d) India

4. D

India has been re-elected as Vice-Chairperson of the COP10 Bureau of the International Convention against Doping in Sport. This achievement strongly

demonstrates India's global leadership and commitment to clean sport.

Q.5. Justice Sudhir Singh has been appointed Acting Chief Justice of which High Court?

- (a) Calcutta High Court
- (b) Delhi High Court
- (c) Patna High Court
- (d) Guwahati High Court

5. C

Following the retirement of Chief Justice Pawankumar Bheemappa Bajantri, Justice Shri Sudhir Singh has been appointed as the Acting Chief Justice of the Patna High Court through the collegium system. According to Article 223, when the office of Chief Justice of a High Court is vacant or the Chief Justice is absent or unable to discharge his duties, the President has the power to appoint a Judge of that High Court as Acting Chief Justice.

Q.6. Who has written the book Modi's Mission, which was launched by Maharashtra Governor Acharya Devvrat?

- (a) Shivam Mittal
- (b) Barjis Desai
- (c) Neeraj Sharma
- (d) Ankur Tripathi

6. B

Maharashtra Governor Acharya Devvrat and Maharashtra Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis released a book titled "Modi's Mission" in Mumbai. The book is authored by renowned lawyer Barjis Desai. Speaking on the occasion, Acharya Devvrat said that Prime Minister Narendra Modi made several important decisions during his tenure, including the abrogation of Article 370. He said that the Prime Minister resolved many complex issues





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without any controversy. Mr. Devvrat said that Prime Minister Modi is one of the most respected leaders in the world.

Q.7. Who has become the first non-NATO country to participate in Spain's Ocean Sky 2025 air military exercise?

- (a) India
- (b) China
- (c) Armenia
- (d) Japan

7. A

The Indian Air Force is participating in the multinational air exercise hosted by the Spanish Air Force, aimed at promoting joint learning, enhancing mutual operational capabilities, honing air warfare skills and strengthening defence cooperation.

Q.8. Which state recently partnered with the central government to join the PM SHRI School Scheme?

- (a) Tamil Nadu
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Madhya Pradesh

8. C

Despite earlier opposition, Kerala has reached an agreement with the Center on the PM SRI scheme. The Center had withheld the Samagra Shiksha Fund, affecting 4 million students in the state. The state will receive ₹1,476.13 crore, but Kerala has made it clear that it does not fully accept the National Education Policy (NEP) and will not make any changes to its curriculum.

Q.9. In which country will Dame Sarah Mullally be appointed the first female head of the Church?

- (a) Italy

(b) England

(c) Russia

(d) Mexico

9. B

In a historic moment for the Church of England, Dame Sarah Mullally has been appointed as the new Archbishop of Canterbury – the first woman to be elected to this prestigious position. Her appointment begins a new chapter for the Church, bringing both hope and responsibility as she prepares to lead millions of Anglicans around the world.

Q.10. In which state is the Aurangabad Railway Station, which has been renamed Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar Station, located?

- (a) Maharashtra
- (b) Odisha
- (c) Rajasthan
- (d) Telangana

10. A

Aurangabad railway station in Maharashtra has been renamed Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar railway station. Its new station code will be 'CPSN'. Following this decision by Central Railway, the official name of the station will now be Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar Railway Station (CPSN), according to a notification issued by the state government. The station falls under the Nanded division of South Central Railway.

Q.11. In which state was the new fish species Pseudorhombus bahudensis discovered?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Goa
- (c) Kerala
- (d) Maharashtra



11. A

Researchers at the Zoological Survey of India's Regional Centre for Estuarine Biology recently discovered a new fish species, *Pseudorhombus bahudaensis*, found in the Bahuda River estuary in Odisha. The species belongs to the flounder family of the Pleuronectiformes order. It is very similar to *Pseudorhombus arceus*, also known as the Gangetic bigtooth flounder. They typically live in coastal waters up to 50 meters deep and can move between brackish and freshwater environments.

Q.12. What is "leachate," which was recently in the news?

- (a) Nutrient-rich compost obtained from landfills
- (b) A highly toxic liquid formed in landfills
- (c) A natural groundwater source
- (d) A biodegradable waste material

12. B

Recently, environmentalists, wildlife activists, and locals urged the Union Environment Ministry to take action against the illegal discharge of toxic leachate into the Aravalli Hills. Leachate is a highly toxic liquid that forms in municipal landfills. It accumulates at the bottom of the landfill through waste decomposition, water seepage, and chemical reactions. Its composition depends on the type of waste, the age of the landfill, rainfall, and temperature. It contains organic pollutants, inorganic compounds, heavy metals, and microorganisms. Leachate can pollute soil, groundwater, and ecosystems, posing serious health risks. Proper collection and disposal of leachate is essential under strict environmental regulations to prevent pollution.

Q.13. What is the name of the annual tri-service war exercise that India will begin in 2025 along its western border with Pakistan?

- (a) Vijay Exercise

(b) Sudarshan Exercise

(c) Trishul Exercise

(d) Mahagujraj Exercise

13. C

India has begun its annual Trishul 2025 tri-service war exercise on its western border with Pakistan. It involves the Army, Navy and Air Force. The exercise was initiated after Defence Minister Rajnath Singh warned of a Pakistani military build-up near Sir Creek, a 96-km-long tidal estuary between the Rann of Kutch in Gujarat and Pakistan's Sindh province. India has issued a NOTAM (Notice to Airmen) restricting the airspace from October 30 to November 10.

Q.14. Which Latin American country recently legalized euthanasia through official legislation?

- (a) Panama
- (b) Costa Rica

(c) Uruguay




(d) Mexico


14. C

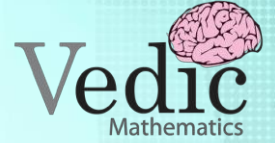
Uruguay is the first country in Latin America to legalize euthanasia under the "Death with Dignity Bill." This law allows mentally healthy adults with terminal illnesses the option of euthanasia with the assistance of a health professional. Uruguay has already legalized marijuana, same-sex marriage, and abortion.

Q.15. Where did the 42nd Indian Oil Servo Surjit Hockey Tournament recently begin?

- (a) Mumbai
- (b) Jalandhar
- (c) Bhubaneswar
- (d) None of these

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15. B

The 42nd Indian Oil Servo Surjit Hockey Tournament, held at the local Olympian Surjit Hockey Stadium, got off to a thrilling start. Punjab Police Jalandhar defeated Punjab & Sind Bank Delhi 5-0 to secure three crucial points. Captain Harmanpreet Singh of the Olympian-studded Punjab Police team wowed the spectators with his impressive performance, scoring the tournament's first hat-trick through penalty corners and strokes. Mandeep Singh and Akashdeep Singh also consolidated their team's lead with superb field goals. Punjab Police's strategic approach and coordination ensured dominance in every quarter of the match.

Today in History on 30 OCT

Q.1. The "Darbar Move" tradition, revived in winter 2025, is associated with which region of India?

- A. Himachal Pradesh
- B. Jammu & Kashmir
- C. Uttarakhand
- D. Sikkim

1. B

One of India's oldest administrative traditions, the Darbar Move, has officially been revived in Jammu and Kashmir after being abolished four years ago. Chief Minister Omar Abdullah announced the restoration of this centuries-old practice, fulfilling a key government promise. The decision marks the return of an important part of the union territory's history, culture, and governance.

Q.2. What is the theme of the recent Global MIL Week 2025?

- A. AI for Society
- B. Minds Over AI: MIL in Digital Spaces

C. Digital Freedom and AI

D. Human Ethics and AI

2. B

The theme of Global Media and Information Literacy (MIL) Week 2025 is "Minds on AI: MIL in the Digital Space." This theme reflects how artificial intelligence (AI) is transforming the way information is produced, distributed, and consumed around the world.

Q.3. Who was Satish Shah, who recently passed away at the age of 74?

- A. Classical Dancer
 - B. Author
 - C. Politician
 - D. Actor
3. D

Renowned actor Satish Shah has passed away. He was 74. He was known for his comic roles, notably as Commissioner D'Mello in Jaane Bhi Do Yaaron (1983) and Indravadan Sarabhai in the popular TV serial Sarabhai vs Sarabhai (2004-2006). His notable films include Dilwale Dulhania Le Jayenge (1995), Kal Ho Naa Ho (2003), Main Hoon Naa (2004) and Om Shanti Om (2007), in which he played memorable roles. He was married to producer Madhu Shah.

Q.4. What new scheme has UIDAI recently launched to promote innovation in India's digital identity system?

- A. Aadhar Tech Mission
- B. SITAA (Scheme for Innovation and Technology Association with Aadhaar)
- C. Digital Bharat Aadhar Yojana
- D. Aadhar Connect Program





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4. B

The Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has launched a new program called SITAA (Scheme for Innovation and Technology Collaboration with Aadhaar). The initiative aims to foster innovation, collaboration, and research in India's growing digital identity ecosystem. By partnering with startups, academic institutions, and technology companies, UIDAI strives to make Aadhaar-based systems more secure, efficient, and globally competitive.

Q.5. With which institute did TEC recently sign an agreement for joint research in advanced telecommunication technologies?

- A. IIT Delhi
- B. IIT Bombay
- C. IIT Hyderabad
- D. IISc Bangalore

5. C

The Telecommunications Engineering Centre (TEC) has signed an agreement with the International Institute of Information Technology, Hyderabad (IIIT-Hyderabad) for joint research in emerging telecommunications technologies. The MoU aims to develop India-specific standards, promote indigenous research, and enhance India's role in global standardization bodies such as ITU-T.

Q.6. Which player recently surpassed Sourav Ganguly to become India's third-highest ODI run-scorer?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Rohit Sharma
- C. Shikhar Dhawan
- D. KL Rahul

6. B

Indian cricket team captain Rohit Sharma has added another historic achievement to his illustrious career. He has surpassed Sourav Ganguly to become India's third-highest run-scorer in One Day International (ODI) cricket. He achieved this feat with a brilliant innings of 73 runs in the second ODI against Australia. With this achievement, Rohit has further cemented his place in Indian cricket history, now trailing only Sachin Tendulkar and Virat Kohli.

Q.7. How many goals did Lionel Messi score in the 2025 MLS season to win the Golden Boot?

- A. 25
- B. 27
- C. 29
- D. 31

7. C

Lionel Messi won the 2025 MLS Golden Boot with 29 goals and 19 assists for Inter Miami. It was his second full season with Inter Miami, making him the club's first Golden Boot winner. He surpassed Denis Bouanga and Sam Surridge. Messi is the first Argentine player to win the MLS Golden Boot since 2021.

Q.8. What was India's foreign exchange reserve in the recently concluded week?

- A. \$698.2 billion
- B. \$702.3 billion
- C. \$705.1 billion
- D. \$699.5 billion

8. B

India's foreign exchange reserves rose to \$702 billion in the week ended March 31, according to the latest data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). This is the first time in three weeks that the reserves have crossed \$700 billion again - mainly





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due to a sharp increase in gold reserves, while foreign currency assets (FCAs) declined due to dollar sales.

Q.9. Which Chief Justice of India will Justice Surya Kant be appointed to?

- A. 51st
 - B. 52nd
 - C. 53rd
 - D. 54th
9. C

Chief Justice of India BR Gavai has appointed Justice Surya Kant, the second-senior justice of the Supreme Court, as his successor. Justice Kant will be sworn in as the 53rd Chief Justice of India on November 24. He will be the first Chief Justice from Haryana.

Q.10. Which new UPI feature recently introduced allows real-time payments from mutual fund holdings?

- A. Pay by SIP
- B. Pay with Mutual Fund
- C. UPI Mutual Pay
- D. Smart Invest Pay

10. B

In a landmark move that connects investments with instant digital payments, India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has launched a new feature – 'Pay with Mutual Funds.' It allows users to make real-time transactions directly from their liquid mutual fund holdings, eliminating the need to first transfer funds to a bank account. Supported by ICICI Prudential AMC, Bajaj Finserv AMC, and fintech startup Curie Money, the feature is a global breakthrough in retail financial technology innovation.

Q.11. What is NPCI's new AI-powered digital assistant for UPI grievance redressal called?

- A. UPI Support
- B. UPI Help
- C. UPI Guide
- D. UPI Care

11. B

To enhance user experience and trust in digital transactions, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has launched 'UPI Help', an AI-powered digital assistant that aims to simplify grievance redressal and transaction tracking on the Unified Payments Interface (UPI). The new tool promises real-time assistance for millions of users facing common payment issues, such as failed or delayed transactions, unclear payment status, and AutoPay mandate-related queries.

Q.12. Recently, Catherine Connolly has been appointed President of which country?

- A. Ireland
- B. Slovakia
- C. Spain
- D. Denmark

12. A

In Ireland, independent left-wing leader Catherine Connolly has been elected the country's 10th president, defeating her rival Heather Humphreys. Ms. Connolly has been the Member of Parliament for Galway West since 2016 and has also served as Deputy Speaker of Parliament. According to official results, Catherine Connolly has received sufficient support to win the presidency of Ireland.

Q.13. The white-cheeked partridge, recently in the news, is primarily found in which region?

- A. Western Ghats



B. Northeast India

C. Chotanagpur Plateau

D. Eastern Ghats

13. B

A rare bird, the white-cheeked partridge (*Arborophila atrogularis*), was recently rescued near Dehing Patkai National Park in Assam. It belongs to the Phasianidae family, which includes pheasants and partridges. It is found in dense evergreen forests, scrub, bamboo, and grasslands. In India, it is found below 750 meters and up to 1,220 meters in Southeast Asia. It is found primarily in Northeast India. It has been declared Near Threatened by the IUCN (International Union for Conservation of Nature).

Q.14. Recently, the Indian Coast Guard launched two advanced fast patrol vessels – ICGS Ajit and ICGS Aparajit – at which shipyard?

- A. Mazagon Dock
- B. Goa Shipyard Limited
- C. Cochin Shipyard
- D. Hindustan Shipyard

14. B

The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) commissioned two advanced fast patrol vessels, ICG Ship Ajit and ICG Ship Aparajit, at Goa Shipyard Ltd. The Defence Ministry said these new 52-metre long vessels are the seventh and eighth in the series of eight indigenously built fast patrol vessels.

Q.15. Which country is the host country of the 2025 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit?

- A. Japan
- B. China
- C. Indonesia

D. South Korea

15. D

The 2025 Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Summit will be held from October 31 to November 1, 2025. The summit will take place in the historic city of Gyeongju, South Korea. It will be the annual meeting of APEC leaders to discuss regional economic cooperation.

Today in History on 31 OCT

Q.1. In which recent episode of 'Mann Ki Baat' did Prime Minister Modi highlight India's cultural unity and the devotion of women during Chhath Puja?

- (a) 125th
- (b) 126th
- (c) 127th
- (d) 128th

1. C

The 127th episode of the Prime Minister's radio program "Mann Ki Baat" aired. The Prime Minister extended greetings for Chhath Puja and urged people to participate in the celebrations. In Mann Ki Baat, Prime Minister Modi spoke on topics such as the GST Savings Festival, the 150th birth anniversary of Sardar Patel, and the Run for Unity.

Q.2. Which country recently launched the world's first yen-based stablecoin, JPYC?

- (a) China
- (b) Japan
- (c) Australia
- (d) Indonesia

2. B



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Recently, Japan launched the world's first yen-based stablecoin, JPYC, marking a major step forward in digital finance. It was issued by the startup JPYC and is fully backed by Japanese government bonds (JGBs) and domestic savings. The coin is fully convertible into yen and aims for broad international use.

Q.3. East Timor recently became the ASEAN member on which date?

- (a) 10th
- (b) 11th
- (c) 12th
- (d) 9th

3. B

East Timor, also known as Timor-Leste, officially became the 11th member country of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). The historic moment came during the ASEAN Summit in Kuala Lumpur, where the national flag of East Timor was raised alongside the flags of other member countries.

Q.4. China's CR 450 train recently achieved a record speed of how many km/h?

- (a) 403 km/h
- (b) 453 km/h
- (c) 423 km/h
- (d) 433 km/h

4. B

China has announced a major milestone in rail transport, with its newly developed CR450 high-speed train setting a world record speed of 453 km/h during testing. Designed for the Shanghai-Chengdu corridor, the CR450 not only cements China's leadership in high-speed rail technology but

also redefines global standards in ultra-fast, energy-efficient rail mobility.

Q.5. In which year will India host the APAC-AIG meeting for the first time?

- (a) 2024
- (b) 2025
- (c) 2026
- (d) 2027

5. B

India is going to host the first-ever Asia Pacific Accident Investigation Group (APAC-AIG) meeting and workshop by 31 October 2025. This is a significant aviation safety event that will bring together around 90 delegates from the Asia-Pacific region member countries of the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and experts from global institutions.

Q.6. Which railway station was recently renamed Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar?

- (a) Pune
- (b) Aurangabad
- (c) Kolhapur
- (d) Nashik

6. B

In a move to strengthen regional heritage, Maharashtra's Aurangabad railway station has been officially renamed Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar railway station, according to a notification by the Central Railway. The station now has a new code of 'CPSN' and falls under the Nanded division of the South Central Railway. The name change follows an earlier decision by the Eknath Shinde-led state government to change the city's name from Aurangabad to Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar in 2022.





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Q.7. Which country won the gold medal in both the under-18 boys' and under-18 girls' kabaddi events at the 2025 Asian Youth Games?

- (a) Iran
- (b) India
- (c) Japan
- (d) South Korea

7. B

Recently, India won double gold medals in Kabaddi at the 2025 Asian Youth Games held in Bahrain. Both the boys' and girls' under-18 teams remained undefeated throughout the tournament. The girls' team defeated Iran 75-21 in the final – the largest winning margin in a Youth Games Kabaddi final since 2013. Raider Neha Patel scored 28 points and defender Riya Singh led a strong defense. India's girls scored 312 points in five matches and conceded only 89. The boys' team defeated Iran 35-32 in a close final at Isa Sports City in Riffa. This clean sweep confirmed India's dominance as Asia's youth Kabaddi powerhouse and also increased its overall medal tally.

Q.8. What is the name of the recent RBI Global Hackathon 2025?

- (a) FinTech Future 2025
- (b) HaRBInger 2025 - Innovation for Transformation
- (c) Digital Bharat 2025
- (d) BankNext 2025

8. B

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has officially launched HaRBInger 2025 – Innovation for Transformation. This is RBI's fourth global hackathon, aimed at fostering the development of secure, inclusive, and identity-based banking solutions. This initiative reflects the Reserve Bank of

India's commitment to strengthening trust and transparency in digital banking by leveraging emerging technologies in the financial sector.

Q.9. Who recently received the Vigyan Ratna Award 2025 for lifetime achievement?

- (a) Dr. Tessy Thomas
- (b) Prof. Jayant Vishnu Narlikar
- (c) Dr. C.N.R. Rao
- (d) Dr. Randeep Guleria

9. B

Renowned astrophysicist Jayant Vishnu Narlikar was recently posthumously awarded the Lifetime Achievement Vigyan Ratna Award for 2025. The award was presented to him for his lifelong contributions to science and technology.

Q.10. Which Indian Naval ship recently completed the 18th joint hydrographic survey with Mauritius?

- (a) INS Sarvekshak
- (b) INS Sutlej
- (c) INS Jamuna
- (d) INS Magar

10. B

The Ministry of Defence announced that INS Sutlej, in collaboration with the Mauritius Hydrographic Service, has successfully completed a major hydrographic survey covering an area of approximately 35,000 square nautical miles. This mission is an important part of the long-term maritime partnership between India and Mauritius, directly related to maritime safety, coastal management, marine resource planning and regional security.

Q.11. Recently, India became the first non-NATO country to participate in which exercise hosted by Spain?





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- (a) Desert Eagle
- (b) Ocean Sky 2025
- (c) Blue Flag
- (d) Cobra Warrior

11. B

India has become the first non-NATO country to participate in Exercise Ocean Sky 2025 being conducted by the Spanish Air Force at Gando Air Base in the Canary Islands. The exercise focuses on multinational air warfare and will strengthen defence cooperation between the Indian Air Force and the Spanish Air Force.

Q.12. What is the name of the ₹855 crore joint venture company recently formed by Reliance and Meta?

- (a) Reliance Digital AI
- (b) JioMeta AI Labs
- (c) Reliance Enterprise Intelligence Limited (REIL)
- (d) MetaJio Tech

12. C

In a significant technology partnership, Reliance Industries and Meta Platforms have announced an ₹855 crore joint venture to build enterprise-grade AI products. The new entity, called Reliance Enterprise Intelligence Limited (REIL), will develop and scale AI solutions for business customers in India and select global markets. Amid ongoing India-US trade tensions and growing global demand for reliable AI ecosystems, this collaboration is being seen as a major step towards "Made-in-India" digital infrastructure.

Q.13. Which new tournament did FIFA recently launch to promote football in Southeast Asia?

- (a) Asia Cup
- (b) ASEAN Cup

- (c) Unity Cup
- (d) Pacific Cup

13. B

In a major announcement for regional sports, FIFA President Gianni Infantino unveiled a new football tournament – the FIFA ASEAN Cup – aimed at raising the level of national football in Southeast Asia. The announcement was made at the 47th ASEAN Summit held in Kuala Lumpur, marking a historic collaboration between FIFA and ASEAN.

Q.14. Recently, on which island of Kuwait did archaeologists discover a 4,000-year-old temple from the Dilmun civilization?

- (a) Hawar Islands
- (b) Failaka Island
- (c) Bubiyan Island
- (d) Muharraq Island

14. B

Archaeologists recently discovered a 4,000-year-old temple on Kuwait's Failaka Island, linked to the ancient Dilmun civilization. The Dilmun civilization, also known as Telmun, flourished in the eastern Arabian Peninsula, with its main centers being Bahrain Island and Kuwait's Failaka Island. It also extended to Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman, and the Iranian coast along the Persian Gulf.

Q.15. What is the theme of the recent Vigilance Awareness Week 2025?

- (a) Say No to Corruption
- (b) Vigilance - Our Shared Responsibility
- (c) Transparent India
- (d) Corruption-Free Bharat

15. B





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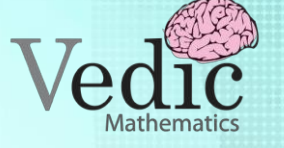
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India launched the observance of Vigilance Awareness Week 2025, uniting citizens and public institutions around the theme "Vigilance - Our Shared Responsibility." Celebrated annually in the last week of October to commemorate the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel (October 31), the event aims to promote widespread public awareness about the importance of integrity, accountability, and ethical conduct in public life.

