

Today in history on 25 SEP

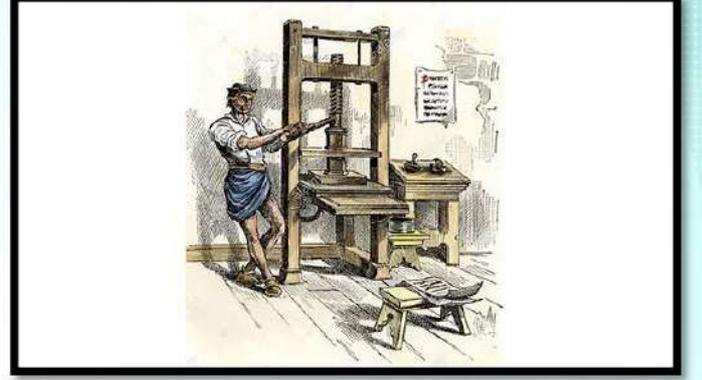
➤ 1524 - Vasco da Gama returned to India for the last time as Viceroy.

In the year 1524 Vasco da Gama returned to India for the last time as Viceroy. A famous bridge in Lisbon is named in his honour. The Vasco da Gama Bridge, built across the mouth of the Tagus River, is 17.2 km (10.7 mi) long and was the longest bridge in Europe at the time of its inauguration in 1998. Vasco da Gama was born in the city of Sines, one of the few ports on the Alentejo coast of southwestern Portugal.



➤ 1639 - The first 'printing press' was introduced in America.

The first 'printing press' was introduced in America in the year 1639. When the Glover family arrived from England and opened a printing shop in Cambridge, MA. Early presses existed in China as early as the 8th century, but Johannes Gutenberg is credited with inventing the printing press, which was used in Europe around 1440.



➤ 1897 - The first bus service in Britain begins.

The first bus service in Britain begins in 1897. Less than ten years later, this photograph of a loaded double-decker bus was taken in Tindal Square, Chelmsford. Spalding left its Tindal Square premises between 1902 and 1906. The first drop-chassis buses were produced by Guy Arab Motors in 1924. This greatly improved stability by lowering the centre of gravity and also improved loading times by reducing the number of steps to board the bus.



➤ 1914: Former Deputy Prime Minister of India Chaudhary Devi Lal was born.

Chaudhary Devi Lal, born on 25 September 1914, also known as "Tau Devi Lal" in Haryana, was a prominent politician of Haryana who was the Deputy Prime Minister of India from 19 October 1989 to 21 June 1991. He was also the Chief Minister of Haryana twice (21 June 1977 to 28 June 1979, and 17 July 1987 to 2 December 1989). His Samadhi-Sangharsh Ghat is in Delhi.



➤ 2003 - Gayoom won the Maldives presidential election for the sixth time.

In 2003, Gayoom won the Maldives presidential election for the sixth time. He spent most of his youth in Egypt. He was part of a group of 15 students selected to pursue education abroad at the initiative of Mohamed Amin Didi. He left for Egypt in 1947 at the age of 10. He studied at Al-Azhar University.

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➤ Jaipur to Host 25th Edition of IIFA Awards

Jaipur, the capital of Rajasthan, is set to host the prestigious 25th edition of the International Indian Film Academy (IIFA) Awards from March 7 to 9, 2025, at the JECC Sitapura. The announcement was made during a formal agreement signing ceremony at the iconic Albert Hall, attended by Deputy Chief Minister Diya Kumari. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by Rajasthan Tourism Commissioner VP Singh and IIFA Vice President Suresh Iyer, marking the beginning of preparations for this grand event.



➤ ADB Funds Rs 530 Crore Water Supply Schemes for 12 Cities in Tripura

Tripura Chief Minister Manik Saha launched the 'Mukhyamantri Nagar Unnayan Prakalp,' a Rs 530 crore water supply project funded by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), aiming to upgrade drinking water infrastructure in 12 cities. The project, expected to be completed in three years, will address water needs for over 75,000 families across the state.



➤ India's Historic Triumph at the 2024 Chess Olympiad

The 2024 Chess Olympiad in Budapest, Hungary has etched itself into the annals of Indian sports history. In an unprecedented achievement, India secured gold medals in both the men's and women's team categories, marking a watershed moment for chess in the country. Both Indian teams showcased their prowess in the decisive final round:

Men's Team: Achieved a commanding 3.5-0.5 victory over Slovenia
Women's Team: Mirrored the men's success with a 3.5-0.5 win against Azerbaijan.



➤ India-A Clinches Duleep Trophy in Thrilling Final Against India-C

The Duleep Trophy final between India-A and India-C concluded in dramatic fashion, with India-A emerging victorious by a margin of 132 runs. The match, which seemed destined for a draw that would have crowned India-C as champions, took a sudden turn in the closing stages, showcasing the unpredictable nature of cricket's longer format.



➤ India to Host World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit 2025

The Indian government will host the inaugural World Audio Visual & Entertainment Summit (WAVES) from February 5 to 9, 2025, to boost the country's media and entertainment industry and enhance its global influence. This will be the first global summit covering the entire media and entertainment spectrum.



➤ Prime Minister attends the sixth Quad Leaders' Summit in Wilmington, Delaware

Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi participated in the sixth Quad Leaders' Summit in Wilmington, Delaware on September 2024, hosted by the President of the United States of America, Joseph R Biden, Prime Minister of Australia Mr Anthony Albanese and Prime Minister of Japan Fumio Kishida also participated.



➤ ISRO, IN-SPACE, and NSIL Achieve Milestone

ISRO, IN-SPACE, and NSIL have reached a significant milestone by signing 75 Technology Transfer Agreements (TTAs) with non-governmental entities (NGEs). On September, 2024, five TTAs were signed at IN-SPACE, Bengaluru, with Anabond Ltd., Salvo Industries Pvt. Ltd., Micropack Pvt. Ltd., and Astra Microwave Products Ltd. These TTAs reflect India's efforts to boost private participation in space technology, expanding the scope for commercial applications and the overall growth of the space industry.



Q.2. Where has the second edition of Naval Commanders Conference 2024 concluded recently?

- (a) Bengaluru
- (b) Mumbai
- (c) New Delhi
- (d) Jaipur

Answer: (c) New Delhi

The second edition of the Naval Commanders' Conference 2024 began in New Delhi. The title of this conference is a prestigious biennial event that facilitates deliberations on important nation, enterprise and enterprise among naval commanders. The conference is being held against the backdrop of emerging geopolitical and geostrategic dynamics in West Asia, regional openness and parity in maritime security. It will play a vital role in shaping the future of the Indian Navy.

Q.3. Where has artist Mauka Vijay Kumar recently created a record with millet artwork?

- (a) Visakhapatnam
- (b) Kerala
- (c) Kochi
- (d) Bengaluru

Answer: (a) Visakhapatnam

Visakhapatnam artist Moka Vijay Kumar has entered the India Book of Records 2024 as an IBR Achiever (for exceptional and remarkable achievements). He received the title for creating 50 paintings using millets of famous personalities, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the late APJ Abdul Kalam. He was issued the certificate earlier this month. Each portrait is a labour of love, requiring

MCQs on Current affairs 25 SEP

Q.1. When is World Pharmacist Day celebrated?

- (a) 22 September
- (b) 23 September
- (c) 24 September
- (d) 25 September

Answer: (d) 25 September

World Pharmacist Day is a globally recognized event celebrated every year on September 25. It serves as a dedicated occasion to honor and appreciate the vital contributions of pharmacists towards the improvement of global health. This special day underlines the important role of pharmacists in enhancing human welfare and seeks to raise awareness about their invaluable work.

hours of research, sketches and meticulous brushwork.

Q.4. Who has recently been appointed as the next Air Force Chief of the country?

- (a) Amar Preet Singh
- (b) Sameer Kumar
- (c) Ajit Bansal
- (d) Vishwajeet Singh

Answer: (a) Amar Preet Singh

The name of the next Chief of the Indian Air Force has been finalized. Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh has been appointed as the next Chief of the Air Force. Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh is currently serving as the Deputy Chief of the Air Force. He will take over as Air Chief Marshal as the next Air Force Chief from the afternoon of 30 September 2024. The current Air Force Chief Air Chief Marshal Vivek Ram Choudhary will retire on 30 September 2024, after which Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh will take command of the Air Force.

Q.5. Who was recently awarded the 'FIDE: 100 Award'?

- (a) Judit Palghar
- (b) Magnus Carlsen
- (c) Both of the above
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (c) Both of the above

Magnus Carlsen and Judit Polgar were awarded the best male and female player respectively at the FIDE 100 awards ceremony held in Hungary. Carlsen, ranked number one in the world, is part of Norway's team at the ongoing Chess Olympiad 2024. "It feels strange to receive this award as an active player.

Right now I am more worried about the match between Norway and Vietnam," Carlsen said. The Norwegian believes that Russian Grandmaster Garry Kasparov "deserved" the award more.

Q.6. Cyclone 'Pulsan' has recently wreaked havoc in which city?

- (a) Indonesia
- (b) Singapore
- (c) China
- (d) Malaysia

Answer: (c) China

Streets and neighbourhoods were flooded in Shanghai as a second typhoon struck the Chinese megacity just days after the most powerful storm in 75 years struck. Typhoon Pulasan made landfall in the city's Fengxian district with maximum wind speeds of 23 metres per second (83 kilometres per hour).

Q.7. 'Kumar Tuhin' has recently been appointed as India's ambassador to which country?

- (a) Greenland
- (b) Italy
- (c) Netherlands
- (d) France

Answer: (c) Netherlands

Kumar Tuhin has been appointed as India's Ambassador to the Netherlands. The Ministry of External Affairs has recently announced this and Tuhin is expected to take up his new assignment soon. Tuhin is part of the Indian Foreign Service (IFS), having joined in 1991. He is currently the Director General at the Indian Council for Cultural

Relations (ICCR). Throughout his career, he has held various important roles in India and abroad.

Q.8. Which country has recently recognized gay marriage for cross-state couples?

- (a) Indonesia
- (b) Singapore
- (c) Taiwan
- (d) Japan

Answer: (c) Taiwan

Taiwan has officially recognised same-sex marriage between Taiwanese and Chinese partners, a major step towards supporting the rights of LGBTQ individuals in cross-strait relationships. The decision comes after Taiwan made history in 2019 by becoming the first country in Asia to legalise same-sex marriage.

Q.9. Who has recently been selected as the "ICC Player of the Month" for August 2024?

- (a) Dunith Velazquez
- (b) Samarawickrama
- (c) Both of the above
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (c) Both of the above

In a remarkable achievement for Sri Lankan cricket, the International Cricket Council (ICC) announced that Dunith Velez and Harshitha Samarawickrama have been named the ICC Players of the Month for August 2024. This rare double win marks a significant milestone for Sri Lanka in international cricket. This is only the second time in ICC history that players from the same country have won both the men's and women's awards in the same month.

Earlier, India's Jasprit Bumrah and Smriti Mandhana achieved this feat in June 2024.

Q.10. Recently 'Kaviyur Ponnamma' passed away, who was she?

- (a) Actress
- (b) Writer
- (c) Singer
- (d) Dancer

Answer: (a) Actress

Veteran Malayalam actress Kaviyoor Ponnamma passed away at the age of 79 at a private hospital in Kochi. Kerala Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan expressed grief over the demise of Kaviyoor Ponnamma. "I express my deep sorrow over the demise of Kaviyoor Ponnamma, who won the hearts of Malayalis through her roles as a mother. Her long artistic career was not limited to cinema alone but also extended to theatre and television," the Chief Minister's Office said.

Q.11. Which medal did Dhanush Loganathan of India win in the recent IWF Junior World Championship?

- (a) Bronze
- (b) Silver
- (c) Gold
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (a) Bronze

Dhanush Loganathan of India won the bronze medal in the men's 55kg event at the IWF Junior World Weightlifting Championships 2024 in Leon, Spain. The 17-year-old Indian weightlifter lifted a total of 231 kg (107 snatch + 124 kg clean and jerk) for the bronze. Medals at the Junior World Weightlifting Championships 2024 are awarded separately in the

snatch, clean and jerk, and total categories. Dhanush also won a bronze medal in snatch and finished 13th in clean and jerk.

Q.12. The Fast Track Immigration-Trusted Travelers Programme, which was recently extended to 20 more airports in India, is an initiative of which ministry?

- (a) Ministry of External Affairs
- (b) Ministry of Finance
- (c) Ministry of Defence
- (d) Ministry of Home Affairs

Answer: (d) Ministry of Home Affairs

The Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) will expand the Fast Track Immigration-Trusted Traveller Programme (FTI-TTP) to 20 more airports in India. It is an initiative of the Ministry of Home Affairs. It aims to expedite immigration clearance for Indian citizens and foreign nationals with OCI cards. Launched for the first time at Delhi's IGI Airport, the programme facilitates faster and safer international travel. Like the US Global Entry programme, it provides expedited clearance for pre-approved, low-risk travellers. The FTI-TTP is managed through an online portal by the Bureau of Immigration, the nodal agency for implementation.

Q.13. Where is the sixth annual 'Kavad Leaders Summit' being held recently?

- (a) New York
- (b) Germany
- (c) Texas
- (d) Delaware

Answer: (d) Delaware

Prime Minister Narendra Modi attended the 6th Quad Summit held in Wilmington, Delaware, hosted by US President Joe Biden and also attended by His Excellency Mr. Fumio Kishida, Prime Minister of Australia and Japan. The Quad made key announcements such as the "Quad Cancer Moonshot" and the "Maitri Maritime Initiative", which aim to promote well-being, security and growth of the Indo-Pacific region. The Quad welcomed India's hosting of the next Summit in 2025 and adopted the 'Quad Wilmington Declaration', which is important for advancing the Quad agenda.

Q.14. Who has been elected as the President of NRAI (National Rifle Association of India) recently?

- (a) Dharmendra Kumar
- (b) Ajit Bansal
- (c) Narendra Srivastava
- (d) Kalikesh Singh Deo

Answer: (d) Kalikesh Singh Deo

Kalikesh Narayan Singh Deo has been elected the new president of the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI). He got 36 votes in the presidential election held at the Constitution Club of India, while his rival VK Dhal got 21 votes. The elections were held under the supervision of retired Chief Justice of Rajasthan High Court Anil Dev Singh, who was the Returning Officer (RO).

Q.15. Who will become the first Indian astronaut to visit ISS (International Space Station) in 2025?

- (a) Shubhanshu Shukla
- (b) Amit Garg
- (c) Ajit Bansal
- (d) Prateek Mishra

Answer: (a) Shubhanshu Shukla

Indian Air Force Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla is going to create history. He will be the pilot of the Axiom-4 mission in 2025. Under this mission, for the first time an Indian astronaut will reach the International Space Station (ISS). This historic mission will launch from the Kennedy Space Center in Florida, USA. This will be India's second government-sponsored human space flight in more than four decades. Earlier in 1984, Wing Commander Rakesh Sharma traveled to space under the Soviet mission.