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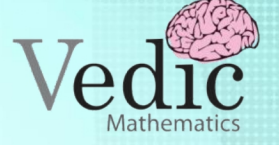
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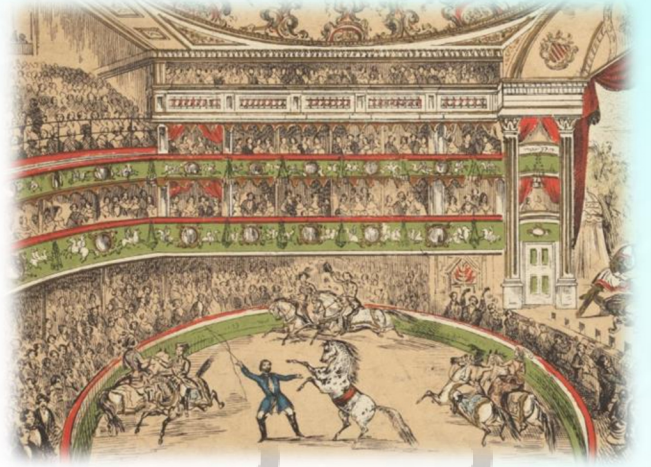
Today in History on 09 JAN

➤ 1431 - The trial against 'Joan of Arc' began in France.

The trial against Joan of Arc began in France in 1431. Joan of Arc was captured by the English and their French allies. She was accused of heresy. Her trial was held in a pro-English court in Rouen. Joan of Arc was tortured during the trial.

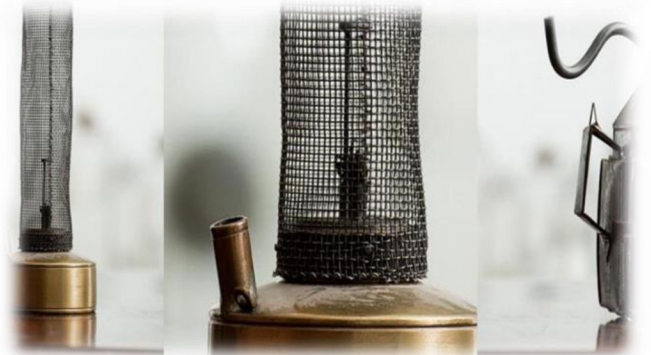


adventures" before King Louis XV and found France ready for a permanent show of its own, which he established in 1782.



➤ 1816 - Sir Humphry Davy tests the first 'Davy Lamp' for miners.

Sir Humphry Davy first tests his miners' safety lamp at Hebburn Colliery in the north-east of England on January 9, 1816. Davy was asked to create a safe way to illuminate coal mines after a number of serious explosions. His lamp was a success and quickly went into production.



➤ 1768 - Philip Astley performs the first 'modern circus'.

Around January 9, 1768, Englishman Philip Astley held the first modern circus in London. Trick riders, acrobats, clowns, trained animals and other familiar elements of the circus have existed throughout history, but the modern spectacle of the circus was not born until the late 18th century. In 1772, Astley went to Versailles to perform his "equestrian





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➤ 1970 - Constitution adopted in Singapore.

The Constitution was adopted in Singapore in the year 1970. The Constitution of the Republic of Singapore is the supreme law of Singapore. A written constitution, the text of which came into effect in August 1965, derived from the provisions of the Constitution of the State of Singapore 1963, the Federal Constitution of Malaysia, applied to Singapore by the Republic of Singapore Independence Act 1965 (No. 9 of 1965, 1985 amended edition) and the Republic of Singapore Independence Act. The text of the Constitution is one of two legally binding sources of constitutional law in Singapore, the others being judicial interpretations of the Constitution and certain other statutes.

The first Indian expedition team reached the icy Antarctica continent located in the extreme south of the Earth on January 9, 1982. This was a major geopolitical achievement for India. This expedition started in 1981 and there were a total of 21 members in this team. It was led by Dr S Z Qasim.



Important NEWS on 09 JAN

➤ Aero India 2025: India's Aerospace Innovations and Global Ties

Aero India 2025, Asia's premier aerospace exhibition, is set to take place from February 10 to 14, 2025, at Air Force Station, Yelahanka, Bengaluru. Under the theme "The Runway to a Billion Opportunities," the event aims to bolster India's position in the global aerospace sector and foster international partnerships.

➤ 1982 - The first Indian scientific team reached Antarctica.





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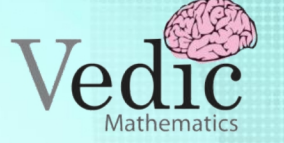
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➤ Jammu Becomes Indian Railways' 69th Division

On January, 2025, Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the Jammu Railway Division, marking it as the 69th division under the Northern Railway Zone. This strategic move aims to enhance connectivity and foster socio-economic development in the northernmost regions of India.



➤ Amit Shah to Launch CBI's BHARATPOL Portal

Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation, Shri Amit Shah, will launch the BHARATPOL portal developed by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on January, 2025, at Bharat Mandapam, New Delhi. The portal aims to facilitate real-time international police assistance and enhance India's efforts to combat transnational crimes. Developed by the CBI, which acts as the National Central Bureau (NCB) for INTERPOL in India, the portal will improve communication between law enforcement agencies (LEAs) across India and INTERPOL.



➤ India's Metro Rail Network Surpasses 1,000 km, Becoming World's Third Largest

As of January 2025, India has achieved a significant milestone by expanding its metro rail network to over 1,000 kilometers of operational lines, positioning it as the third-largest in the world, following China and the United States.





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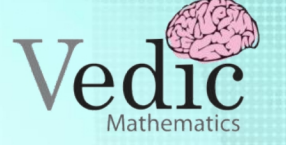
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➤ Centre Launches India's First Organic Fisheries Cluster in Sikkim

Union Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh launched the country's first-ever organic fisheries cluster in Soreng District, Sikkim. This initiative aims to revolutionize the aquaculture industry by promoting ecologically sustainable and chemical-free fish farming practices. The cluster will focus on providing organic, antibiotic-free, and pesticide-free fish, catering to eco-conscious markets globally. This development aligns with Sikkim's reputation for sustainable agricultural practices, as the state has already embraced organic farming.



➤ Tamil Nadu CM Announces \$1 Million Prize for Deciphering Indus Valley Script

In a significant announcement marking the centenary of the discovery of the Indus Valley Civilisation, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M K Stalin has pledged a \$1 million prize for experts or organizations that succeed in deciphering the mysterious Indus Valley script. Speaking at a three-day International Conference in Chennai, the Chief Minister highlighted the importance of unraveling this ancient script and reaffirmed Tamil Nadu's commitment to supporting research and archaeological endeavors.



➤ Odisha Government's ₹15 Crore Sponsorship Elevates Indian Kho Kho

The Odisha government has announced a significant three-year sponsorship deal worth ₹15 crore for the Indian national kho kho team, aiming to enhance the



sport's prominence both nationally and internationally. Chief Minister Mohan Charan Majhi revealed that the state will invest ₹5 crore annually from January 2025 to December 2027, with funding provided through the Odisha Mining Corporation.



Current affairs MCQS on 09 JAN

Q.1. Recently, in which city will the Pravasi Bharatiya Divas Conference 2025 be organized?

- (a) Chennai
- (b) Bhopal
- (c) Bhubaneswar
- (d) Hyderabad

Answer: (c) Bhubaneswar

The Pravasi Bharatiya Divas (PBD) convention will be held in Bhubaneswar. Its theme is 'Contribution of Overseas Indians in Developed India', which celebrates the role of overseas Indians in India's development. Prime Minister Modi will inaugurate the event and President of Trinidad and Tobago Christine Carla Kangalu will address virtually. Diaspora members from over 50 countries will attend it and Modi will flag off the Pravasi Bharatiya Express tourist train.

Q.2. Recently, Nomura has estimated India's GDP to be what percentage in the financial year 2025?

- (a) 6.9%
- (b) 8.2%
- (c) 6.7%

(d) 5.6%

Answer: (c) 6.7%

Nomura has lowered its forecast for India's FY25 GDP growth to 6.7% from 6.9%. The revision came after sequential growth data for the April-June quarter showed GDP growth at 6.7%, down from 7.8% in the previous quarter.

Q.3. Recently, in which state has the number of elephants increased to 5828?

- (a) West Bengal
- (b) Manipur
- (c) Assam
- (d) Mizoram

Answer: (c) Assam

The elephant population in Assam has increased and the number has reached 5,828. Announcing this, Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma said that the Assam Forest Department has recently completed the estimate of the elephant population for 2024 in the state. Chief Minister Sarma said that recently the elephant population has been estimated for 2024 in Assam. In this survey conducted after 7 years, the number of elephants has increased from 5,719 to 5,828. He also praised the efforts of the Forest Department in the conservation of elephants. This survey was conducted after a gap of seven years.

Q.4. Recently, who has become the Speaker of the US House of Representatives?

- (a) Mike Johnson
- (b) Scott Bessant
- (c) Caroline Levitt
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (a) Mike Johnson

Republican Mike Johnson won re-election to the House speakership in a first-ballot vote, defeating supporters of the Republican Party's staunch right-wing and receiving an endorsement from President-elect Donald Trump. A group of hardline Republicans gathered during a tense roll call in the back of the House on the first day of the new



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Congress, refusing to vote one by one or elect another lawmaker. The impasse sparked new turmoil, signaling the troubles to come under unified GOP control of Washington.

Q.5. Who is at the top in the recently released global pollution ranking?

- (a) Islamabad
- (b) New Delhi
- (c) Tokyo
- (d) Hanoi

Answer: (d) Hanoi

Vietnam's capital Hanoi has been blanketed in thick smog in recent weeks, pushing it to the top of the world's most polluted cities, and the government has said it will promote more electric vehicles (EVs) to ease the problem.

Q.6. Dr. Rajagopal Chidambaram passed away recently. Who was he?

- (a) Nuclear scientist
- (b) Writer
- (c) Journalist
- (d) None of the above

Answer: (a) Nuclear scientist

Rajagopala Chidambaram, 88, former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission and associated with both India's nuclear tests in 1974 and 1998, died at Mumbai's Jaslok Hospital. He was also the longest-serving Principal Scientific Adviser (PSA) to the Government of India from 2002-2018. A nuclear scientist who spent his entire career with the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) and its associated agencies, Dr Chidambaram was a nuclear scientist whose professional history was intertwined with the history of India's nuclear ambitions.

Q.7. Recently, which country has become the world's sixth largest textile and apparel exporter in 2023?

- (a) Bangladesh
- (b) India
- (c) China

(d) Russia

Answer: (b) India

According to the Government of India, India is set to emerge as the sixth largest exporter of textiles and apparel in the world in 2023. The country's share in the world textiles and apparel market was 3.9% in 2023. China remains the largest exporter of textiles and apparel in the world, followed by the European Union and Bangladesh.

Q.8. Recently, India has released 90 fishermen of which country under the detention exchange process?

- (a) Pakistan
- (b) Bangladesh
- (c) Sri Lanka
- (d) Maldives

Answer: (b) Bangladesh

India and Bangladesh exchanged fishermen who were detained by both sides for the last three months. Bangladesh Coast Guard received 90 Bangladeshi fishermen and Indian Coast Guard received 95 Indian fishermen. Under the exchange which took place near the Western International Maritime Boundary Line, India returned two Bangladeshi fishing vessels and Bangladesh returned six Indian fishing vessels. The process was monitored by officials of Bangladesh Foreign Ministry and other law enforcement agencies.

Q.9. According to a recent UNICEF report, 90 lakh children of which country are not able to go to school due to man-made and natural disasters?

- (a) Somalia
- (b) Panama
- (c) Ethiopia
- (d) Africa

Answer: (c) Ethiopia

The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) has revealed that more than nine million children in Ethiopia are out of school due to man-made and natural disasters. In its latest Ethiopia Humanitarian Situation Report, UNICEF said climate shocks and





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conflicts have caused more than 6,000 schools to close in the East African country.

Q.10. Who recently chaired the seventh meeting of the Island Development Agency (IDA)?

- (a) Amit Shah
- (b) Piyush Goyal
- (c) Narendra Modi
- (d) Bhajan Lal Sharma

Answer: (a) Amit Shah

Amit Shah chaired the 7th meeting of the Island Development Agency (IDA) in New Delhi, which reviewed development initiatives in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and Lakshadweep. The main objective of the meeting was to achieve 100% renewable energy generation through solar panels and windmills. Under the 'PM Surya Ghar' scheme, solar panels will be installed in all the houses in both the island groups. The central government had established the Island Development Agency (IDA) on June 1, 2017 with the aim of developing the islands.

Q.11. Recently which IIT has developed bacteria to deal with soil pollution?

- (a) IIT Bombay
- (b) IIT Guwahati
- (c) IIT Delhi
- (d) IIT Kanpur

Answer: (a) IIT Bombay

Researchers at the Indian Institute of Technology (IIT) Bombay have developed a groundbreaking solution to tackle soil pollution. According to an official release, they have identified bacteria that can degrade toxic pollutants present in the soil and produce essential nutrients as a byproduct.

Q.12. Recently Union Textiles Minister Giriraj Singh inaugurated the newly constructed building of 'Indian Institute of Handloom Technology' in which state?

- (a) West Bengal
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Chhattisgarh

(d) Odisha

Answer: (a) West Bengal

Union Textiles Minister Shri Giriraj Singh inaugurated the new permanent campus of Indian Institute of Handloom Technology at Phulia in Nadia district of West Bengal. The new campus of the Institute has been built on 5.38 acres of land at a cost of Rs 75.95 crore using state-of-the-art technology. The building has modern infrastructure including smart classes, digital library and modern and well-equipped testing laboratories. The new campus will be an ideal learning space and will serve as a centre of excellence in the field of handloom and textile technology and will cater to the educational needs of students coming from West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand and Sikkim.

Q.13. Recently which bank will launch 'Har Ghar Lakhpati Yojana'?

- (a) SBI
- (b) HDFC
- (c) PNB
- (d) BOB

Answer: (a) SBI

SBI Har Ghar Lakhpati RD: State Bank of India (SBI) has launched a new recurring deposit program that allows customers to build a corpus of Rs 1 lakh or more through regular monthly deposits, helping them become a 'lakhpati' when the deposit matures. The scheme is available to all resident individuals for single or joint accounts. Children above the age of 10 who can sign clearly can open an account independently, while younger children need parents or legal guardians as joint account holders. The investment period ranges between 3 to 10 years.

Q.14. Recently which country's National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan has come on a two-day visit to India?

- (a) Japan
- (b) America
- (c) Russia
- (d) China





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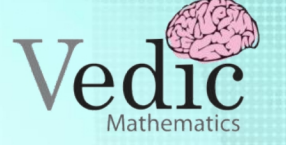
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**Answer: (b) America**

External Affairs Minister (EAM) S Jaishankar met US National Security Advisor (NSA) Jake Sullivan in New Delhi and held wide-ranging talks on strategic, regional and bilateral issues. The meeting comes at a time when the outgoing US NSA Sullivan is on a two-day visit to India, which is one of the last high-profile meetings of the Biden administration before the swearing-in of Donald Trump as the 47th President of the United States on January 20.

Q.15. Recently, which state government has celebrated the birth anniversary of Savitribai Phule as Women Teachers Day?

- (a) Telangana
- (b) Bihar
- (c) Jharkhand
- (d) Uttar Pradesh

Answer: (a) Telangana

The Telangana government has decided to celebrate the birth anniversary of Savitribai Phule, who was an inspiration for all sections of society, as 'Women Teachers' Day'. The government issued an order to celebrate Savitribai Phule's birth anniversary as 'Women Teachers' Day' every year.

