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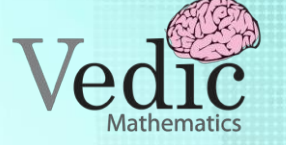
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Today in History on 01 NOV

➤ 1973: Mysore was renamed Karnataka.

The state was formed by renaming the Kingdom of Mysore, and Bangalore replaced Mysore as the state capital when Parliament passed the States Reorganisation Act in 1956. Mysore State was significantly expanded when it incorporated areas of Andhra, Bombay, Coorg, Hyderabad, and Madras states, as well as other smaller fiefdoms, to become a linguistically homogeneous Kannada-speaking state within the Republic of India, later renamed Karnataka in 1973.

➤ 1966: Chandigarh Union Territory established.

When Punjab was partitioned, both Punjab and Haryana claimed the new city as their capital. Until this issue was resolved, the central government made Chandigarh a union territory (under Section 4 of the Punjab Reorganization Act, 1966, effective November 1, 1966) and its administration would function directly under the central government.

➤ 1956: The state of Madhya Pradesh was formed on a linguistic basis.

On November 1, 1956, Madhya Pradesh was formed, encompassing several areas where Hindi was predominantly spoken. These areas included parts of East Central India, Vindhya Pradesh and Bhopal State, Central Provinces and Berar, the United Provinces (present-day Uttar Pradesh), and Bombay State. It then had eight divisions and 43 districts. Over time, new divisions were created to accommodate administrative reforms and population growth.

➤ 1765: The Stamp Act was implemented in the British colonies.

In 1765, the British Parliament passed An Act to Lay and Enforce Certain Stamp Duties in the British Colonies and Plantations in America, commonly referred to as the "Stamp Act of 1765." Parliament had imposed taxes through revenue stamps, also known as impressed duty stamps, which had been issued in Britain since 1694. This tax was imposed on all legal and official papers and publications circulating in the colonies to raise funds for the military.

➤ 1903: The struggle of the Panamanian people was successful, and the country became fully independent.





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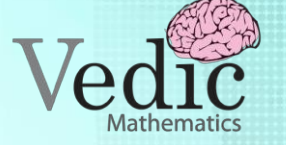
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Department of State, Washington, November 6, 1903. The people of Panama have passed a unanimous resolution severing their political connection with the Republic of Colombia and reclaiming their independence, and have adopted their own, republican government, with which the Government of the United States has established relations. Originally part of the Spanish Empire, Panama maintained its allegiance to Spain throughout the independence movements of the early 19th century.

Important NEWS on 01 NOV

National News

Ministry of Coal is Set to Launch "Koyla Shakti" Dashboard

In a major leap towards digital governance in the energy sector, the Ministry of Coal is set to unveil "Koyla Shakti – Smart Coal Analytics Dashboard" on October 2025. This digital platform promises to transform how coal production, logistics, and supply chain data are monitored and analysed, fostering transparency, efficiency, and smarter decision-making.

Key Points:-

Coal Shakti is a real-time analytics dashboard designed by the Ministry of Coal to serve as a centralized digital interface for monitoring coal-related operations across India.

It integrates data from various sources, from coal producers to ports and ministries, onto a unified platform.

Agriculture Minister Inaugurates NSC Seed Processing Plant

The Union Agriculture Minister recently inaugurated a state-of-the-art seed processing and packaging unit of the National Seeds Corporation (NSC) in New Delhi, marking a significant step towards enhancing the supply of high-quality seeds for farmers. The inauguration underscores the government's emphasis on quality inputs in agriculture and strengthening seed infrastructure.

Key Points:-

This processing unit is located at the Pusa Complex in New Delhi and is specifically designed for vegetable and flower seeds, with a processing capacity of 1 tonne per hour.

Along with the New Delhi unit, five additional NSC plants (at Bareilly, Dharwad, Hassan, Suratgarh and Raichur) were also virtually inaugurated, each with a processing capacity of 4 tonnes per hour.

International News

Trump receives South Korea's highest honor and a golden crown

US President Donald Trump was welcomed to South Korea on October, 2025, where he was awarded a golden crown and South Korea's highest national honor, the Grand Order of Mugunghwa. His visit comes during a crucial moment for Asia-Pacific diplomacy, with economic and security discussions underway during the upcoming APEC summit.

Key Points:-

The Grand Order of Mugunghwa is South Korea's highest honor, usually reserved for heads of state and royalty.

By bestowing this honor upon Donald Trump, the South Korean government has recognized his role as a "peacemaker," particularly his past relations with North Korea during his presidency.





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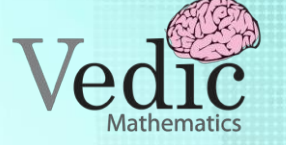
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Sports

Latest ICC Men's ODI Batsmen Rankings

The International Cricket Council (ICC) regularly updates its player rankings to evaluate performances across all formats — Tests, ODIs, and T20Is. These ICC rankings reflect a player's consistency, form, and overall contribution to matches over time. In the latest ICC Men's ODI Rankings (October 2025), India's captain Rohit Sharma climbed to the Number 1 position for the first time in his illustrious career.

James Anderson Receives Knighthood for Services to Cricket

James Anderson, England's legendary fast bowler, was formally knighted during an investiture ceremony held at Windsor Castle on October 2025. He received the honour from Princess Anne in recognition of his monumental contribution to cricket. The knighthood, awarded as part of Rishi Sunak's resignation honours list in April 2025, celebrates a career defined by excellence, longevity, and record-breaking achievements.

Banking/Economy

Paytm Enables UPI for NRIs with Foreign Numbers

In a breakthrough for cross-border digital payments, Paytm has introduced UPI payment support for NRIs using international mobile numbers. Announced on October 2025, this new service empowers Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) from 12 countries to make seamless UPI payments in India through the Paytm app, without needing an Indian SIM card.

State News

Iridium Scam

The Crime Branch-Criminal Investigation Department (CB-CID), Tamil Nadu, arrested 57 persons in connection with the Iridium scam. Iridium is the element with an atomic number of 77.

It is a hard, brittle, silver-white transition metal in the platinum group, known for being extremely dense and corrosion-resistant.

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Current affairs MCQS on 01 NOV

Q.1. For which season did the Central Government recently approve Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) rates for 2025-26?

- (a) Kharif 2025
- (b) Rabi 2025-26
- (c) Summer 2025
- (d) Winter 2026

Answer: (b) Rabi 2025-26

The Central Government has taken a major step to provide affordable fertilizers to farmers in the upcoming crop season. The Union Cabinet has approved the Nutrient Based Subsidy (NBS) rates on phosphatic and potassic (P&K) fertilizers for Rabi 2025-26. This subsidy will be effective from October 2025 to March 2026 and will cover di-ammonium phosphate (DAP) and NPKS grade fertilizers (nitrogen, phosphorus, potash, sulfur).

Q.2. Which ministry is recently launching "Koyla Shakti" - Smart Coal Analytics Dashboard (SCAD)?

- (a) Ministry of Power
- (b) Ministry of Coal
- (c) Ministry of Mines
- (d) Ministry of Environment

Answer: (b) Ministry of Coal

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Q.3. At which event was the logo of the National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) recently launched?

- (a) India Ocean Summit
- (b) India Maritime Week 2025
- (c) Global Shipping Conclave
- (d) Port & Trade Expo

Answer: (b) India Maritime Week 2025

The Ministry of Ports, Shipping and Waterways unveiled the official logo of the National Maritime Heritage Complex (NMHC) at the India Maritime Week 2025 celebrations held in Mumbai. The unveiling marks a significant step towards showcasing and preserving India's vast maritime history and promoting it through digital, cultural and tourism-based initiatives. The NMHC, to be established in Lothal, Gujarat, is envisioned as a world-class facility to commemorate India's ancient maritime heritage and inspire future innovations in the sector.

Q.4. The name of the 76th district of Uttar Pradesh will be:

- (a) Atal Nagar
- (b) Kalyan Singh Nagar
- (c) Ramgarh Nagar
- (d) Vivekanand Nagar

Answer: (b) Kalyan Singh Nagar

The Uttar Pradesh government has named a new district "Kalyan Singh Nagar" in honor of former Chief Minister Kalyan Singh. This will be the state's 76th district, created by merging Aligarh's Atrauli and Gangri tehsils and Bulandshahr's Dibai tehsil. Kalyan Singh was born and worked in this area. The proposal will soon be introduced in the Assembly.

Q.5. How many countries signed the United Nations Cybercrime Convention held recently in Hanoi?

- (a) 52
- (b) 62
- (c) 72
- (d) 82

Answer: (c) 72

In Hanoi, Vietnam, 72 countries signed a landmark treaty – the United Nations Convention against Cybercrime. The convention provides the first universal legal framework to combat cybercrime globally. After five years of negotiations, it will be adopted by the UN General Assembly in 2024. It aims to combat crimes such as ransomware, online fraud,



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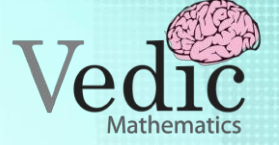
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child exploitation, and the sharing of private photos without consent.

Q.6. In which country did the 20th East Asia Summit, which recently adopted the Krai Lumpur Declaration, take place?

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

Answer: (b) Malaysia

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang attended the 20th East Asia Summit in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Speaking on the occasion, Li Keqiang said that over the past 20 years, the East Asia Summit has played a constructive role and promoted regional stability and rapid development.

Q.7. Paytm's new UPI service for NRIs recently supports international numbers from how many countries?

- (a) 10
- (b) 12
- (c) 15
- (d) 18

Answer: (b) 12

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Q.8. How much did India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) grow by in September 2025?

- (a) 2.5%
- (b) 3.2%
- (c) 4.0%
- (d) 5.6%

Answer: (c) 4.0%

India's industrial sector continued to demonstrate strong resilience in September 2025. The Index of

Industrial Production (IIP) recorded an annual growth of 4.0%, according to data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO). The IIP is a key indicator measuring the level of industrial activity in India's mining, manufacturing, and power sectors, reflecting the overall health of the country's industrial economy.

Q.9. James Anderson was recently awarded a knighthood for his services to which sport?

- (a) Football
- (b) Cricket
- (c) Tennis
- (d) Rugby

Answer: (b) Cricket

Legendary England fast bowler James Anderson will be knighted during a ceremony at Windsor Castle. The honor was bestowed upon him by Princess Anne in recognition of his outstanding contribution to cricket. Anderson will retire from international cricket at Lord's in July 2024, bringing an end to his 21-year career.

Q.10. With which country did HAL recently sign an agreement to manufacture the SJ-100 passenger aircraft?

- (a) France
- (b) USA
- (c) Russia
- (d) Japan

Answer: (c) Russia

In a significant step towards self-reliance in civil aviation, Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Russia's United Aircraft Corporation (UAC) for the production of the SJ-100 civil commuter aircraft in India. The SJ-100, also known as the Sukhoi Superjet 100, is a twin-engine regional passenger aircraft ideal for short-haul connectivity across India.

Q.11. Cyclone Monta recently made landfall in which region?





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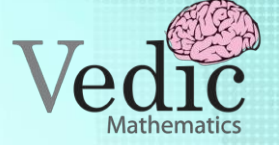
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- (a) Arabian Sea coast
- (b) Bay of Bengal coast
- (c) South China Sea coast
- (d) Indian Ocean

Answer: (b) Bay of Bengal coast

Recently, Cyclone Montha made landfall in the Bay of Bengal. The name "Montha" means fragrant flower in Thai. It is a tropical cyclone, a rapidly rotating storm that forms in tropical oceans around a low-pressure system. Such storms are called hurricanes in the Atlantic, typhoons in the western Pacific and South China Sea, and willy-willies in Western Australia.

Q.12. Which organization recently inaugurated a state-of-the-art seed processing plant in New Delhi?

- (a) ICAR
- (b) NABARD
- (c) NSC - National Seeds Corporation
- (d) FCI

Answer: (c) NSC - National Seeds Corporation

The Union Agriculture Minister recently inaugurated the National Seeds Corporation's (NSC) state-of-the-art seed processing and packaging unit in New Delhi. This initiative is a significant step towards ensuring the supply of high-quality seeds to farmers and reflects the government's focus on quality-based inputs in the agriculture sector.

Q.13. What is India's rank in the Global Firepower (GFP) Index 2025?

- (a) First
- (b) Second
- (c) Third
- (d) Fourth

Answer: (d) Fourth

The Global Firepower (GFP) Index 2025 ranks the world's strongest militaries based on over 60 factors, including manpower, defense budget, logistics, and technology. The United States, with a defense budget of over \$860 billion, advanced technology, and global reach across land, sea, air, and cyberspace, ranks first. Russia, with its vast tank,

artillery, and nuclear arsenal, as well as the modernization of the S-500 air defense and hypersonic missile programs, ranks second. China's relations with Russia are driven by rapid military modernization, a focus on cyber warfare, and the expansion of its navy. India ranks fourth, focusing on Atmanirbhar Bharat and focusing on indigenous defense projects such as the Tejas Mk1A, Arihant-class submarines, and the BrahMos upgrade.

Q.14. What is the "coelacanth" that was recently in the news?

- (a) Submarine
- (b) Prehistoric lobe-finned fish
- (c) A marine reptile
- (d) A newly discovered species of butterfly

Answer: (b) Prehistoric lobe-finned fish

Recently, paleontologists in China have discovered a new species of the genus *Whitia* from two fossil specimens. The coelacanth is a prehistoric, lobe-finned fish belonging to the order Coelacanthiformes. It was thought to be extinct for 66 million years until it was rediscovered alive off the coast of South Africa in 1938. It is known as a "living fossil." Coelacanth fossils date back to the Devonian period, about 420 million years ago. At one time, about 90 species existed worldwide, both in marine and freshwater waters. Today, only two living species remain – the coelacanth of the western Indian Ocean and the Indonesian coelacanth.

Q.15. In which state is Indi lime, which recently received a GI tag, primarily cultivated?

- (a) Odisha
- (b) Maharashtra
- (c) Karnataka
- (d) Andhra Pradesh

Answer: (c) Karnataka

The Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA) recently airlifted the first consignment of GI-tagged Indi lime and Puliyanakudi lime to the United Kingdom. Indi lime is primarily grown in the Vijayapura district of





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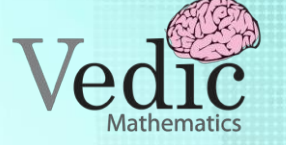
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Karnataka. It received the Geographical Indication (GI) tag for its excellent quality, strong aroma, high juiciness, and balanced acidity.

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