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Today in History on 10 OCT

➤ 1869 - Thomas Edison's first invention

American inventor Thomas Edison applied for a patent for his first invention on October, 1869. This invention was an electric vote recorder machine, which aimed to make the counting of votes faster and more accurate. Although it was not adopted practically at that time, it inspired Edison for future inventions. Later, Edison made many important inventions, which still hold an important place in the world of science and technology.

consuming process. The invention of roll film made photography more simple and widespread. This technology was later popularized by Kodak and became the foundation of modern photography.

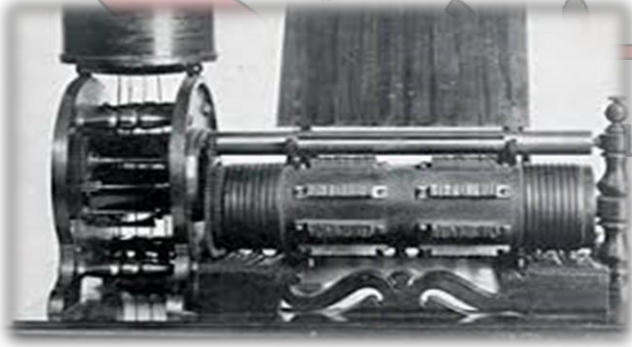


➤ 1932 - First political campaign broadcast

On October 1932, the first political campaign broadcast was made in New York. This happened via radio, giving political parties a new medium to communicate their ideology and message directly to the public. This event underlined the growing role of the media in politics and marked the beginning of the influence of radio and television in future election campaigns.

➤ 1881 - David Henderson Houston's Roll Film Patent

On October, 1881, American inventor David Henderson Houston patented roll film for cameras. This invention brought about a major change in the world of photography, as before this taking photographs was a complicated and time-





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➤ 1968 - Apollo 7 Television Broadcast

On October, 1968, the first television broadcast from orbit was made from America's first manned Apollo mission 'Apollo 7'. This historic event proved to be a milestone in space science, as it gave the public a direct view from inside a spacecraft for the first time.

Apollo 7 later laid the foundation for the Apollo 11 mission, which was crucial for landing humans on the Moon.



➤ 2008 - First train in Kashmir

On October 2008, Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh flagged off the first train to run in the Kashmir

Valley from Nowgong station. This rail service proved to be an important link for the people of the valley, improving the economic and social condition of the region.



Important NEWS on 10 OCT

National News

Indian Peacekeepers Honoured for Dedicated Service by UNISFA

Indian peacekeepers serving in the United Nations Interim Security Force for Abyei (UNISFA) were recently honoured for their outstanding service in the disputed Abyei region between Sudan and South Sudan. At a formal medal parade ceremony, the Acting Head of Mission and Force Commander of UNISFA, Maj Gen Robert Yaw Affram, praised the dedication and professionalism of the Indian Battalion (INDBATT).

Key Points

India has long been a key pillar of UN peacekeeping missions, contributing not just troops but also essential services, leadership, and logistical support.

In Abyei, the Indian contingent has been crucial in maintaining security in a volatile, resource-rich region claimed by both Sudan and South Sudan.





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India Launches 5 Species Projects During Wildlife Week 2025

Wildlife Week 2025 was marked by a major conservation push, with the Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav launching five new national projects focused on endangered species and human-wildlife conflict management. Themed "Human-Wildlife Coexistence," the celebrations took place at IGNFA, Dehradun, and highlighted India's commitment to sustainable wildlife conservation through innovation, collaboration, and community participation.

Key Points

Forest officers, scientists, and conservationists

Students and research scholars

Technology innovators and youth from 20+ States/UTs

International News

Iran Approves Currency Redenomination to Tackle Inflation

In a major monetary reform, Iran's parliament has approved a plan to remove four zeros from its national currency, the rial, in a phased transition over the coming years. The move is aimed at simplifying everyday transactions and financial statements in the wake of prolonged inflation exceeding 35%, which has severely devalued the rial.

Key Point: -

Years of economic instability and sanctions have pushed Iran's free market exchange rate to 1,150,000 rials per US dollar, making even basic purchases and accounting unwieldy.

According to currency trackers, this excessive denomination has created logistical challenges in issuing, reading, and using banknotes.

Appointments

Sanju Samson Named EPL Ambassador for India

In a first-of-its-kind appointment, Indian cricketer Sanju Samson has been named the official ambassador for the English Premier League (EPL) in India. The move marks a major step in the EPL's strategy to expand its presence in the Indian subcontinent by leveraging local sports icons with pan-India appeal.

Football's Roots in Kerala

Sanju Samson's association with football extends beyond his fan base. Hailing from Kerala, a country known for its football culture, Samson is also the brand ambassador of Kerala Blasters FC, one of the top teams in the Indian Super League (ISL).

His dual involvement in cricket and football reflects Kerala's rich and diverse sporting heritage. From hosting matches at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Kochi to producing top-level footballers, Kerala has long been a hub for football.

Sports

BWF World Junior Championships 2025 Begin in Guwahati

After a gap of 17 years, the BWF World Junior Championships return to India, marking a major milestone for Indian badminton. The prestigious tournament, featuring the world's best young shuttlers, is being held in Guwahati, Assam, on October, 2025. This is the second time India is hosting the event—the first being in Pune in 2008—and it reaffirms the country's growing role as a global badminton hub.

Banking/Economy





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PayPal Onboards India's UPI as First Payments System Partner

In a landmark development for global digital payments, PayPal CEO Alex Chriss announced that India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) has become the first payments system partner to be integrated into PayPal World, the company's newly launched global payments platform. The partnership marks a significant milestone for both PayPal and India's fintech ecosystem, further enhancing UPI's global footprint and demonstrating its transformative role in the digital payments landscape.

Key Points:-

Established in 1998 as Confinity, PayPal went public through an IPO in 2002.

It became a wholly owned subsidiary of eBay later that year, valued at \$1.5 billion.

In 2015, eBay spun off PayPal to its shareholders, and PayPal became an independent company again.

State news

Second Mahout Village

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister inaugurated the second mahout village at Kozhikamuthi Elephant Camp in Anamalai Tiger Reserve. The first mahout village in India was established earlier in 2025 at Theppakadu in the Mudumalai Tiger Reserve. A solar-powered microgrid was installed by the State Planning Commission at a cost of ₹3.5 crore.

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Current affairs MCQS 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

Answer: B. Mary E. Brunko, Fred Ramsdell, and Shimon Sakaguchi

Three scientists from the United States and Japan have been awarded the 2025 Nobel Prize in



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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

Answer: A. 22 medals

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 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

Answer: B. St. John's Island

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

Answer: A. Kerala

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

Answer: B. Goa

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

Answer: B. India and the UK

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

Answer: B. Shivraj Singh Chouhan

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

Answer: C. Actress

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

Answer: A. Modernization of ITI institutes

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 'Namoo Biodiversity Park' recently established?

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

Answer: C. Alwar

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 "Namoo Biodiversity Park"—also known as "Namoo 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

Answer: C. Maharashtra

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



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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

Answer: A. West Bengal

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

Answer: B. Shivalik Class

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

Answer: D. Chennai

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

Answer: A. United States of America (USA)

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





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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.

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