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Today in History on 13 OCT

➤ 1643- Mughal emperor Bahadur Shah I was born.

The year 1643 marks the birth of Mughal emperor Bahadur Shah I. Bahadur Shah I was born on October 1643, in Burhanpur, India. He was the Mughal emperor of India from 1707-12. As Prince Muazzam, the second son of emperor Aurangzeb, he was the likely successor after his elder brother joined his father's brother and rival, Shah Shuja.



➤ 1882- Punjab University was established in Shimla.

Punjab University was established in Shimla in the year 1882. Punjab University is one of the oldest universities of India. It is located in Chandigarh. It was established in Lahore in 1882 and after

partition, it was functioning from Delhi and Shimla for some time in India. Since 1958, it is currently spread over about 450 acres of land in two sectors of Chandigarh city.



➤ 1943- Japan declared the independence of the Philippines.

In the year 1943, Japan declared the independence of the Philippines. The Japanese occupation of the Philippines occurred between 1942 and 1945, when the Japanese Empire occupied the Commonwealth of the Philippines during World War II. The invasion of the Philippines began on December 8, 1941, ten hours after the attack on Pearl Harbor. As at Pearl Harbor, American aircraft were badly damaged in the initial Japanese attack. Lacking air cover, the US Asiatic Fleet in the Philippines withdrew to Java on December 12, 1941.





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➤ 1948- War between Israel and Egypt begins.

War between Israel and Egypt begins in the year 1948. The 1948 war formally ends with the signing of armistice agreements between Israel and the four Arab belligerent countries: Egypt (on 24 February 1949), Lebanon (on 23 March 1949), Jordan (on 3 April 1949) and Syria (on 20 July 1949). The Iraqis refuse to participate in armistice talks.



➤ 2010- The 19th Commonwealth Games concluded in Delhi.

The 19th Commonwealth Games concluded in Delhi on October 2010. These games were organized

between 3 and 14 October 2010. This was the first time that India hosted the Commonwealth Games. These games were inaugurated at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Delhi and the closing ceremony was also held here.



Important NEWS on 13 OCT

National News

Viksit Bharat Strategy Room Inaugurated at LBSNAA

In a significant step toward strengthening data-driven governance and evidence-based policymaking, NITI Aayog in collaboration with the Lal Bahadur Shastri National Academy of Administration (LBSNAA), Mussoorie, inaugurated the Viksit Bharat Strategy Room (VBSR) and announced the winners of the Use Case Challenge Awards under the NITI for States initiative.

Key Point:-

The Viksit Bharat Strategy Room (VBSR) at LBSNAA has been established as a dynamic governance hub designed to foster analytical thinking, innovation, and data-based decision-making among India's future administrators.

The initiative is an extension of NITI Aayog's central Strategy Room, which integrates data from multiple



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development sectors for real-time monitoring, planning, and decision support.

India's First Bullet Train to Run by August 2027

India is preparing to enter a new era of high-speed rail connectivity, with the country's first bullet train expected to become operational by August 2027, according to Railways Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw. The announcement was made at the first-ever Vibrant Gujarat Regional Conference in Mehsana, Gujarat, marking a major milestone in India's journey toward becoming a Viksit Bharat (Developed India).

Key Points:

The Mumbai-Ahmedabad High-Speed Rail (MAHSR), known as India's bullet train project, is one of the most ambitious infrastructure projects undertaken by the Indian Railways.

Once operational, it will connect Mumbai in Maharashtra to Ahmedabad in Gujarat and cover a distance of approximately 508 kilometers at speeds of up to 320 km/h.

India-UK Connectivity and Innovation Centre with £24 million in funding for 6G, non-terrestrial networks, and telecom cybersecurity

India-UK Joint AI Centre to promote ethical and scalable AI in health, climate, and financial technology

A new Critical Minerals Collaboration Guild, and Phase 2 of the Critical Minerals Observatory with a satellite campus at IIT-ISM Dhanbad

Appointments

Rishi Sunak Joins Microsoft and Anthropic as Adviser

Former UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak has taken on new roles in the global technology sector by joining Microsoft and Anthropic, a leading artificial intelligence company, as a senior adviser. These part-time, non-policy roles will see Sunak offering strategic guidance on macroeconomic and geopolitical trends, further marking his transition from public office to international corporate engagement.

International News

India-UK Joint Statement 2025 Highlights Strategic Cooperation

Marking a key milestone in bilateral relations, India and the United Kingdom issued a comprehensive Joint Statement on October 2025, following the official visit of UK Prime Minister Sir Keir Starmer to India. This was Prime Minister Starmer's first visit to India and reciprocated Prime Minister Narendra Modi's July 2025 visit to the UK, where the historic India-UK Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and the Vision 2035 roadmap were signed.

Key points:

Sports

Bumrah Becomes First Indian Pacer with 50 Matches Across All Format

In a landmark moment for Indian cricket, Jasprit Bumrah etched his name in the record books by becoming the first Indian fast bowler to play 50 Test matches across all international formats. The feat was achieved during the second Test match against the West Indies at the Arun Jaitley Stadium in Delhi on October, 2025. This milestone solidifies Bumrah's legacy as one of India's finest modern pacers.

Key Points:

Bumrah's 50th red-ball Test appearance for India came in an impressive Test match against the visiting West Indies, where he was part of a team led by Shubman Gill.





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India had already won the first Test in Ahmedabad and entered the Delhi Test with momentum.

Banking/Economy

HDFC Bank Launches "My Business QR"

In a move that merges digital identity with payment acceptance, HDFC Bank has introduced "My Business QR", a first-of-its-kind commerce identity QR tailored for small businesses. Unveiled at Global Fintech Fest (GFF) 2025, this innovation aims to help retailers make an easy shift from offline to online commerce while enhancing their discoverability, customer engagement, and payment capabilities.

Key Points:

My Business QR has been integrated into HDFC Bank's SmartHub business app, which is already used by over 2 million merchants across India.

The app helps retailers manage payments, track business activities, and now—through this new feature—display a searchable digital profile that customers can save directly to their phone contacts.

State news

Chola-era inscriptions

The Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) documented 10 Chola-era inscriptions from the Vedapureeswarar Shiva temple at Therizhandhur in Mayiladuthurai district. Two inscriptions, dated to the 34th and 44th regnal years of Kulottunga Chola I. It records a grant of five gold coins to Brahmins for lighting lamps in the temple.

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Current affairs MCQS 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



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D. Big Bash League

Answer: B. English Premier League

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

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

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.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

Answer: C. Unity between hill and valley communities

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 of the "Mera" month of the traditional Meitei calendar. This festival is a living example of community harmony, traditional identity, and cultural solidarity.

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

Answer: A. Solar and wind power generation

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
- B. 1 crore
- C. 1.5 crore
- D. 2 crore

Answer: C. 1.5 crore

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





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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

Answer: A. Zoho Mail

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

Answer: C. Yashobhoomi Convention Centre, New Delhi

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

Answer: A. Mumbai One

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?

- A. Jewar International Airport
- B. Pune International Airport
- C. Navi Mumbai International Airport
- D. Ahmedabad Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel International Airport

Answer: C. Navi Mumbai International Airport

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?





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- 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

Answer:A. T-shaped pillar carved with a human face

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

Answer:C. Laszlo Krasznahorkai

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

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

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
- C. Antonio Guterres
- D. Khaled El-Anani

Answer:D. Khaled El-Anani

Khaled El-Anany 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

Answer:D. Both B and A

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





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Answer:D. All of the above

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.

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