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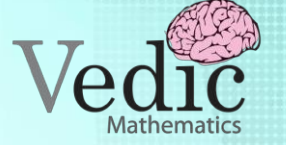
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Today in History on 15 OCT

➤ 1905 - Partition of Bengal

On October 1905, Bengal was partitioned by the British Viceroy Lord Curzon. The partition was on religious grounds, with Muslim-majority areas in eastern Bengal and Hindu-majority areas in western Bengal. The Indian national movement rose against the partition, and it was annulled in 1911. The event gave a new dimension to the independence movement in India and laid the foundation for the Swadeshi movement.



➤ 1959 - National Council for Women's Education established

The National Council for Women's Education was established on October 1959. Its aim was to promote women's education in India and provide them opportunities to become self-reliant. This initiative contributed significantly to women's empowerment and increased women's participation in the field of education.

➤ 1951 - Liaquat Ali Khan assassinated

On October 1951, Pakistan's first Prime Minister Liaquat Ali Khan was shot dead in Rawalpindi. He was one of the prominent leaders who played a key role in Pakistan's freedom struggle. His assassination destabilized Pakistan's political situation and created a new wave of instability in the country.





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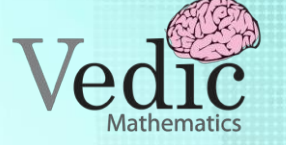
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➤ 1964 - China's first nuclear explosion

On October, 1964, China successfully conducted its first nuclear explosion. This event brought China into the ranks of countries in the world that possessed nuclear weapons. This test affected the global nuclear balance and boosted China's military power.



➤ 1999 - US sanctions on Pakistan

On October 1999, the US imposed sanctions on Pakistan in protest against the military rule in the country. The US restricted military and economic ties with Pakistan due to the coup led by General Pervez Musharraf. This move weakened Pakistan's international standing.



Important NEWS on 15 OCT

National News

Three Indian Ports Named Green Hydrogen Hubs

India has taken a significant step toward building a future-ready green energy ecosystem by designating three major ports as Green Hydrogen Hubs. The Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE), under the framework of the National Green Hydrogen Mission, has formally recognised Deendayal Port (Gujarat), V O Chidambaram Port (Tamil Nadu), and Paradip Port (Odisha) as focal points for green hydrogen production, distribution, and usage.

Key Point: -

The government is committed to building an ecosystem of sustainable development to achieve India's net zero target by 2070.

The MNRE has also released guidelines to support the development of hydrogen hubs.

Siddi Tribal Community Achieves 72% Literacy Rate

In a notable recognition of tribal advancement, the President of India recently lauded the Siddi tribal community for achieving a literacy rate exceeding 72%. This is a significant milestone for a group listed under Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) and reflects ongoing efforts to uplift marginalized communities through education and inclusion.

Key Point:

7th century CE with Arab merchants

16th century CE with Portuguese and British colonialists, primarily as slaves, servants, blacksmiths, and artisans

Their African ancestry is evident in their physical features, yet over centuries, they have assimilated



into Indian society while retaining distinctive elements of their culture.

International News

Palau Hosts World's First Live Underwater Interview

In a historic first, Palau's President, Surangel Whipps Jr., conducted a live underwater interview beneath the Pacific Ocean. This novel broadcast employed Li-Fi technology—which transmits data via light rather than traditional radio waves—to spotlight ocean conservation, climate threats, and the existential risks that small island nations like Palau face.

Key Points:

The interview was conducted underwater, with the President and marine activist Merle Liwand exchanging comments in real time.

The technology used, Li-Fi, allows data transmission via light, which is better suited for underwater communication where radio waves have difficulty.

Awards

Forest Rangers Honored with 2025 International Ranger Awards

Forest rangers—often the first and last line of defense for global biodiversity—were honored at the 2025 International Ranger Awards, recognizing their unmatched courage and unwavering service to wildlife protection and forest conservation. The awards, presented by the IUCN World Commission on Protected Areas (WCPA), highlighted the often-overlooked sacrifices rangers make in safeguarding the world's most fragile ecosystems.

Appointments

Sonali Sen Gupta Appointed RBI Executive Director

In a key leadership update, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has appointed Sonali Sen Gupta as its new

Executive Director (ED) with effect from October, 2025. With over 30 years of experience at the central bank, Sen Gupta brings deep expertise in multiple policy and regulatory areas crucial to India's financial system.

Banking/Economy

Private Sector Candidates Eligible for SBI MD, PSU ED Roles

In a major policy shift aimed at reforming leadership in public sector banking, the Government of India has opened top management roles in public sector banks (PSBs) — including a Managing Director (MD) post in State Bank of India (SBI) — to private sector candidates. This change marks a significant departure from the tradition of appointing only internal candidates from within PSBs for such key roles.

Key Points: -

Professionalizing the leadership of public sector banks

Encouraging talent mobility across sectors

Improving governance, innovation, and performance in public sector banks

State News

Revenue Department Day

The Tamil Nadu government has designated July month, the first day of the Fasli year, as 'Revenue Department Day'. Fasli is a traditional agricultural calendar system that begins on July month each year in the Gregorian calendar. It is used for land revenue, updating village records, Jamabandi events, and crop audit reports. The Fasli system originated during the Mughal period and was retained by colonial administrators.



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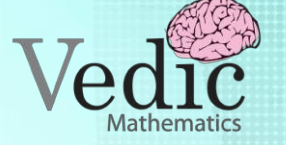
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Q.1. Which High Court recently appointed Justice Soumen Sen as its 14th Chief Justice?

- A. Meghalaya High Court
- B. Kolkata High Court
- C. Sikkim High Court
- D. Odisha High Court

Answer: A. Meghalaya High Court

The Meghalaya High Court has a new Chief Justice. Justice Soumen Sen assumed office. Governor Chandrashekhar H. Vijayshankar administered the oath of office to him. President Draupadi Murmu made the appointment following a recommendation from the Supreme Court Collegium. Prior to this, Justice Hamarsan Singh Thangkhiew served as Acting Chief Justice.

Q.2. Which country recently successfully conducted the world's first live underwater interview?

- A. Australia
- B. Palau
- C. United Kingdom
- D. Maldives

Answer: B. Palau

Palau, an island nation located in the Pacific Ocean, successfully hosted the world's first live underwater interview. Palau's President, Surangel Whipps Jr., conducted the interview with Estonian Olympic swimmer Merle Liivand to raise awareness about the importance of ocean conservation.

Q.3. Which state government is recently organizing the Swadeshi Mela to promote indigenous products?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Bihar
- C. Uttar Pradesh
- D. Haryana

Answer: C. Uttar Pradesh

The Uttar Pradesh government is organizing Swadeshi Melas in all districts of the state to promote indigenous products. The aim is to promote MSME, Khadi, handloom, and handicraft products





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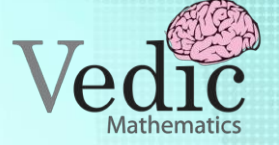
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and provide a larger market for local artisans and entrepreneurs.

Q.4. According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), which is the safest city in India?

- A. Bengaluru
- B. Pune
- C. Ahmedabad
- D. Kolkata

Answer: D. Kolkata

Kolkata has once again claimed the title of India's safest city, with the lowest cognizable crime rate, according to the National Crime Records Bureau's 2023 report. Among 19 major cities, Kolkata recorded only 83.9 cognizable crimes per 100,000 population. Kochi remained the most unsafe, while Pune, Mumbai, and Hyderabad also ranked among the safest cities.

Q.5. Who was recently awarded the 2025 Nobel Prize in Literature?

- A. Laszlo Krasztahorkai
- B. Haruki Murakami
- C. Mariette Atwood
- D. Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Answer: A. Laszlo Krasztahorkai

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.6. Who was recently appointed as the brand ambassador of Buildathon 2025?

- A. Shubhanshu Shukla
- B. Rakesh Sharma
- C. Kalpana Chawla
- D. Sunita Williams

Answer: A. Shubhanshu Shukla

Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla, the first Indian to reach the International Space Station (ISS), has been appointed as the brand ambassador of India's

largest ever school hackathon, Vikasit Bharat Buildathon 2025. Organised by the Ministry of Education in collaboration with Atal Innovation Mission and NITI Aayog, the buildathon aims to engage over 10 million students from 1.5 lakh schools to ideate, design and build prototypes that solve real-world challenges.

Q.7. Khaled al-Anani, who will become the first Arab Director-General of UNESCO, hails from which country?

- A. Lebanon
- B. Egypt
- C. Jordan
- D. Morocco

Answer: B. Egypt

The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) is at a crucial juncture, with an Arab leader poised to assume the position for the first time. Khaled El-Anani, Egypt's former Minister of Tourism and Antiquities, has been nominated by UNESCO's Executive Board as Director-General. If the nomination is approved at the General Assembly in Uzbekistan next month, El-Anani will become the first Arab head of the prestigious organization.

Q.8. Peacekeepers from which country were recently honored in the United Nations Interim Security Force (UNISFA)?

- A. Ghana
- B. Ethiopia
- C. India
- D. Sierra Leone

Answer: C. India

Recently, Indian peacekeepers deployed with the United Nations Interim Security Force in Abyei (UNISFA) were honoured for their outstanding service in the Abyei region (disputed territory between Sudan and South Sudan). In a formal medal parade ceremony, Acting Chief of Staff and Force Commander of UNISFA, Major General Robert Yaw Afram, commended the dedication and professional





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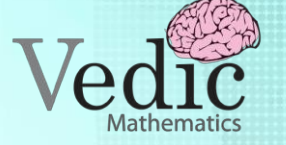
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skills of the Indian Battalion (INDBATT). This honour reaffirms India's global leadership position in peacekeeping operations and reflects its commitment to maintaining international peace and stability.

Q.9. In which state was the Mera Haw Chongba festival recently celebrated?

- A. Nagaland
- B. Assam
- C. Meghalaya
- D. Manipur

Answer: D. Manipur

"Mera Hau Chongba," the annual festival dedicated to Manipur's cultural diversity and unity, was celebrated with traditional grandeur this year at the historic Kangla Fort in Imphal. The festival is known for promoting harmony and cultural interaction between the people of the hills and plains of the state.

Q.10. Who was recently awarded the 2025 Nobel Prize in Chemistry?

- A. Susumu Kitagawa, Richard Robson, and Omar M. Yaghi
- B. Emmanuelle Charpentier
- C. Frances Arnold
- D. Jennifer Doudna

Answer: A. Susumu Kitagawa, Richard Robson, and Omar M. Yaghi

The Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences has decided to award the Nobel Prize in Chemistry for the year 2025 to Susumu Kitagawa (Japan), Richard Robson (Australia) and Omar Yaghi (USA) for their groundbreaking work in the field of metal-organic frameworks (MOFs).

Q.11. Which Indian department recently hosted the 'AI for Good Summit' at the India Mobile Congress 2025?

- A. Department of Science and Technology
- B. Department of Administrative Reforms and Public Grievances

C. Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade

D. Department of Telecommunications

Answer: D. Department of Telecommunications
Recently, the Department of Telecommunications (DoT) and the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) organized the 'AI for Good Summit' at the India Mobile Congress (IMC) 2025 held in New Delhi. ITU is the United Nations (UN) specialized agency for information and communications technology (ICT). It was founded in 1865 as the International Telegraph Union. In 1947, ITU became a specialized agency of the United Nations. ITU coordinates global telecommunications and ICT services between governments and private sector entities.

Q.12. In which state was the Indra 2025 military exercise between India and Russia recently held?

- A. Bihar
- B. West Bengal
- C. Gujarat
- D. Rajasthan

Answer: D. Rajasthan

The India-Russia joint military exercise "Indra 2025" has begun at the Massachusetts Petroleum Rifle Range in Rajasthan. The exercise will continue until October 15 and aims to build synergy between the armies of the two countries and enhance cooperation in modern warfare scenarios and counter-terrorism operations.

Q.13. Which state recently signed an agreement with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, to produce green hydrogen from paddy?

- A. Bihar
- B. Punjab
- C. Madhya Pradesh
- D. Assam

Answer: B. Punjab

Punjab has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Indian Institute of Science (IISc), Bengaluru, for the production of green hydrogen





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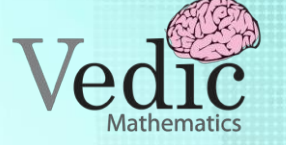
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from paddy. The Punjab Energy Development Agency (PEDA), in collaboration with IISc, has launched a pilot project aimed at using agricultural residues such as paddy straw.

Q.14. Maria Corina Machado recently won the 2025 Nobel Peace Prize. Which country does she belong to?

- A. Germany
- B. Switzerland
- C. Canada
- D. Venezuela

Answer: D. Venezuela

Venezuelan opposition leader Maria Corina Machado dedicated her Nobel Peace Prize to the Venezuelan people and US President Donald Trump. She said Venezuela is on the verge of victory and urged Trump to help restore democracy. The Nobel Committee praised her peaceful struggle.

Q.15. Which country recently commissioned the world's first solar-thermal power plant in the Gobi Desert?

- A. India
- B. Japan
- C. China
- D. England

Answer: C. China

In October 2025, China commissioned the world's first solar thermal power plant in the Gobi Desert of Gansu Province. Built by the China Three Gorges Corporation, it consists of two 200-meter-high towers and 27,000 mirrors that concentrate sunlight and store heat up to 570°C. The plant overcomes the limitations of conventional solar and wind power plants.

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