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Today in History on 24 OCT

➤ **1605: Mughal emperor Jahangir ascends the throne in Agra.**

Jahangir ascended the throne in 1605, eight days after the death of his father. Salim ascended the throne with the imperial title of Nuruddin Muhammad Jahangir Badshah Ghazi and thus began his 22-year reign at the age of 36. His reign was marked by a combination of artistic achievement and political intrigue, set against the backdrop of the considerable expansion and consolidation of the Mughal Empire.



➤ **1914: Freedom fighter and social worker Lakshmi Sahgal was born.**

Captain Lakshmi was born on 24 October 1914 to S Swaminathan, a lawyer practising criminal law in

the Madras High Court, and AV Ammukutty, a social worker and freedom fighter. She belonged to an aristocratic Nair family named "Vadakkath" in Anakkara, Ponnani taluk, Malabar district, British India.



➤ **1945: The United Nations was founded after World War II with the signature of 50 countries.**

The United Nations was founded in October 1945 with the signing of the Charter of the United Nations by 50 countries. The victorious countries of World War II together established the United Nations with the aim of intervening in international conflicts. The most powerful countries in the UN structure, the Security Council (the United States, France, Russia and the United Kingdom), were very many nations in World War II.





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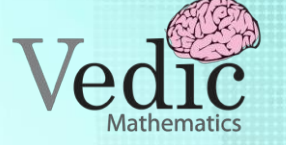
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➤ 1946: First photograph of Earth taken from space.

On October 24, 1946, a V-2 No. 13 rocket launched from White Sands Rocket Proving Ground carried a movie camera. The first photograph of Earth from outer space was taken. The rocket was 65 miles (105 km) from Earth when the photograph was taken, and the camera was theoretically 720 miles from the horizon.



➤ 1991: Famous Hindi writer Ismat Chughtai passed away.

Ismat Chughtai died on 24 October 1991 in Mumbai. Ismat Chughtai was an Urdu writer and was also known as 'Ismat Aapa'. She was a prominent writer of Urdu literature and raised the issues of women in

a new way. Her first story- Genda, was published in 1949 in 'Saqi', the best literary magazine of Urdu literature of that time and her first novel- Ziddi was published in 1941.



Important NEWS on 24 OCT

National News

Law Ministry Increases Notary Limits in Four States

To ensure wider access to essential legal documentation services, the Ministry of Law and Justice has notified the Notaries (Amendment) Rules, 2025, significantly increasing the maximum number of notaries in Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, and Nagaland. The move aims to meet the surging demand for notary services due to expanding administrative units and growing population pressures.

Key Points:-

The amendment has been made under Section 15 of the Notaries Act, 1952, which empowers the Central Government to amend the rules governing notary appointments and practices.



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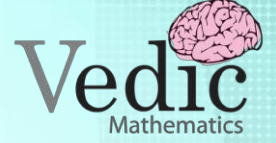
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The Notaries Rules, 1956, serve as the main regulation guiding the licensing, obligations and conduct of notaries throughout India.

Centre Releases ₹730 Crore to Boost Rural Local Bodies

In a move to empower grassroots governance, the Union Government has released over ₹730 crore to strengthen Rural Local Bodies (RLBs) in Gujarat and Haryana. The allocation, made under the 15th Finance Commission (XV-FC) for the Financial Year 2025–26, reflects the Centre's commitment to decentralised development and better service delivery in rural areas.

Key Points:-

The release of these funds is more than just a financial transaction—it represents an important policy tool to improve rural governance, promote local decision-making, and support infrastructure and services.

By providing flexibility through untied funds, panchayats can address the specific needs of their areas. Tied grants focus on critical services that directly impact public health and the quality of rural life.

International News

Rodrigo Paz Elected New President of Bolivia

In a historic electoral outcome, Bolivia has turned a new page in its political journey. Rodrigo Paz, a 58-year-old senator and proponent of economic liberalization, has been elected as the President of Bolivia, marking the end of two decades of socialist rule initiated by Evo Morales. With 54.5% of the vote, Paz defeated former President Jorge Quiroga, signaling a clear public mandate for change amidst a severe economic crisis.

Appointments

Neeraj Chopra Honoured as Lieutenant Colonel in Territorial Army

Neeraj Chopra, India's iconic javelin thrower and two-time Olympic medallist, has added another feather to his cap — he has been conferred the honorary rank of Lieutenant Colonel in the Territorial Army. This honour not only recognises his extraordinary sporting achievements but also his embodiment of discipline, dedication, and national pride. The announcement marks a significant moment where Indian defence traditions and sporting excellence intersect.

Key Points:-

The Territorial Army (TA) is a part-time volunteer force that supports the regular Indian Army. Although this honorary rank does not involve active military command, it nevertheless holds symbolic significance.

This rank is awarded to civilians or non-serving personnel in recognition of their exceptional contributions to the nation.

Sports

Morocco Stuns Argentina to Win Historic U-20 World Cup

Morocco made history on October, 2025, by defeating Argentina 2-0 in the Under-20 FIFA World Cup final in Chile, capturing the nation's first World Cup title at any level. The North African nation capped off a phenomenal tournament run with a commanding victory over one of football's traditional powerhouses. This win not only marks Morocco's emergence as a global football force but also positions them as a key player in youth development on the world stage, becoming the first African team since Ghana in 2009 to win the U-20 World Cup.





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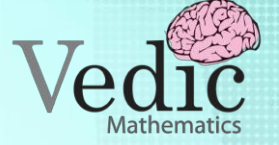
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Awards

SAIME Aquaculture Model from Sundarbans Earns FAO Global Recognition

In a prestigious endorsement of India's green innovation, the Sustainable Aquaculture in Mangrove Ecosystems (SAIME) model—developed by the Nature Environment and Wildlife Society (NEWS)—has received Global Technical Recognition from the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations.

State News

Reconsideration on Fiscal Responsibility (Amendment) Bill, 2024

Tamil Nadu Assembly "rejected" Governor R N Ravi's position on the need for the House to reconsider the Tamil Nadu Fiscal Responsibility (Amendment) Bill, 2024. It readopts the same bill without any changes. The Bill seeks to postpone the achievement of zero revenue deficit and 3% fiscal deficit by another year.

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Current affairs MCQS on 24 OCT

Q.1. Which famous voice actor was recently honored with Japan's "Persons of Cultural Merit 2025" award, becoming the first voice actor to receive this honor?

- A. Hayao Miyazaki
- B. Min Tanaka
- C. Masako Nozawa
- D. Keiko Takemiya

Answer: C. Masako Nozawa

In a landmark moment for the anime and entertainment industry, Masako Nozawa, the renowned voice of Son Goku from the Dragon Ball franchise, has been selected as one of the 2025 Cultural Merit Award winners in Japan. She becomes the first voice artist to receive this prestigious cultural award, marking a turning point in the recognition of voice acting as an integral part of Japanese culture.





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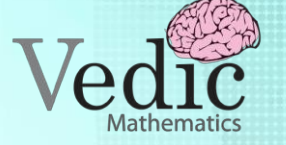
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Q.2. In which state was the blackbuck reintroduction scheme recently successfully implemented?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Chhattisgarh
- C. Gujarat
- D. Haryana

Answer: B. Chhattisgarh

A reintroduction plan for blackbucks has been successfully implemented in the Barnawapara Wildlife Sanctuary in Chhattisgarh. After 50 years of local extinction, the deer have been successfully reintroduced through the state's five-year reintroduction plan.

Q.3. Who recently won the Formula 1 United States Grand Prix 2025, making the title race even more exciting with his third win in just his fourth race?

- A. Oscar Piastri
- B. Lando Norris
- C. Max Verstappen
- D. Charles Leclerc

Answer: C. Max Verstappen

Max Verstappen produced a superb performance at Circuit of the Americas to win the 2025 United States Grand Prix, while Lando Norris staged a stunning comeback to beat Charles Leclerc in a thrilling battle for second place.

Q.4. Which country recently won the FIFA U-20 World Cup 2025, defeating Argentina 2-0, marking its first World Cup title at any level?

- A. Morocco
- B. Ghana
- C. France
- D. South Korea

Answer: A. Morocco

Morocco made history by defeating Argentina 2-0 in the final of the FIFA Under-20 World Cup in Chile. This marked the country's first World Cup title at any level. The North African nation concluded its impressive tournament campaign with a resounding victory over one of football's traditional superpowers. The win not only marks Morocco's

emergence as a global football force, but also establishes them as a key player in youth development on the world stage. It became the first African team to win the Under-20 World Cup since Ghana in 2009.

Q.5. On which issue has the US and Australia recently signed a new \$8.5 billion partnership agreement, aimed at reducing dependence on China?

- A. Defense technology
- B. Semiconductor manufacturing
- C. Critical mineral supply chains
- D. Renewable energy projects

Answer: C. Critical mineral supply chains

A new \$8.5 billion agreement between the United States and Australia on rare earth minerals and critical minerals aims to reduce Western countries' dependence on China. The agreement will strengthen the supply chain of these essential minerals for sectors such as electric vehicles, jet engines, and defense equipment.

Q.6. India recently developed its first indigenous antibiotic, designed to treat respiratory infections. What is the name of this antibiotic?

- A. Zithromycin
- B. Naphthromycin
- C. Erythromycin
- D. Roxithromycin

Answer: B. Naphthromycin

Science and Technology Minister Dr. Jitendra Singh has said that India has achieved a significant milestone towards self-reliance in the pharmaceutical and biotechnology sector by developing its first indigenous antibiotic, naphthromycin. Inaugurating a three-day medical workshop in New Delhi, he said that this antibiotic is effective in eliminating drug-resistant respiratory infections. He further said that this drug is particularly beneficial for cancer patients and those suffering from uncontrolled diabetes.





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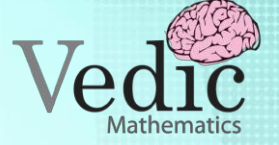
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Q.7. Who was recently elected as Japan's first female Prime Minister, achieving a historic victory?

- A. Sanae Takaichi
- B. Yuriko Koike
- C. Seiko Noda
- D. Shigeru Ishiba

Answer: A. Sanae Takaichi

Japan's parliament has elected Sanae Takaichi as the country's first female prime minister, a historic achievement. Takaichi, leader of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), has formed a new coalition government with the Japan Innovation Party (JIP) after splitting from her longtime ally, Komeito.

Q.8. Which material plant did Defense Minister Rajnath Singh recently inaugurate in Lucknow, which will play a key role in India's strategic self-reliance mission?

- A. Titanium and Superalloy Materials Plant
- B. Defense Electronics Manufacturing Unit
- C. Advanced Missile Component Facility
- D. Aerospace Engine Manufacturing Complex

Answer: A. Titanium and Superalloy Materials Plant

In a major leap towards strategic materials independence, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated the Titanium and Superalloy Materials Plant at PTC Industries' Strategic Materials Technology Complex in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh. The plant is expected to play a key role in India's Atmanirbhar Bharat mission, especially in critical sectors such as defence, aerospace and electronics. The new complex will manufacture aviation-grade titanium and superalloys – materials that are not only scarce but also essential for high-performance military platforms such as fighter aircraft, missiles, naval systems and satellites.

Q.9. Which first direct observation did Chandrayaan-2 recently make, helping to understand the impact of solar activity on the Moon's exosphere?

- A. The impact of coronal mass ejections (CMEs) on the Moon's exosphere

- B. The Moon's volcanic activity
- C. Fluctuations in the Moon's magnetic field
- D. Micrometeorite impacts on the lunar surface

Answer: A. The impact of coronal mass ejections (CMEs) on the Moon's exosphere

In a major scientific achievement, the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) has confirmed that its Chandrayaan-2 lunar orbiter has made the first direct observations of how solar activity, specifically coronal mass ejections (CMEs), impacts the Moon's exosphere. This landmark discovery provides unprecedented information about the Moon's space weather and the dynamics of the Moon's extremely thin atmosphere.

Q.10. Recently, the Government of India notified the Notary (Amendment) Rules, 2025, to increase the maximum number of notaries in which four states?

- A. Maharashtra, Kerala, Punjab, and Bihar
- B. Karnataka, Odisha, West Bengal, and Assam
- C. Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, and Nagaland
- D. Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Haryana, and Chhattisgarh

Answer: C. Gujarat, Tamil Nadu, Rajasthan, and Nagaland

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Q.11. The IN-ROKN 2025 exercise was recently conducted between India and which country?

- A. Japan
- B. South Korea
- C. Indonesia
- D. Australia

Answer: B. South Korea





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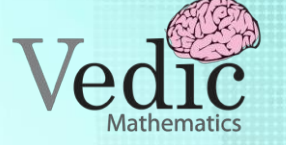
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Giving new impetus to maritime cooperation in the Indo-Pacific region, the Indian Navy (IN) and the Republic of Korea Navy (ROKN) commenced their first bilateral naval exercise series "IN-ROKN" at Busan Naval Base, South Korea. This historic exercise is a significant step towards strengthening the strategic partnership between the two countries and promoting maritime interoperability, trust and regional stability.

Q.12. Recently, for which year did the Government of India release the State Mining Readiness Index (SMRI) and State Rankings for the first time, which aims to measure the efficiency and sustainability of states in managing non-coal mineral resources?

- A. 2023
- B. 2024
- C. 2025
- D. 2026

Answer: C. 2025

In a major step towards modernising India's mineral governance, the Ministry of Mines has released the first-ever State Mining Readiness Index (SMRI) and State Rankings for 2025. The index, announced as part of the Union Budget 2025-26, aims to measure states on how efficiently and sustainably they manage their non-coal mineral resources, ushering in a new era of transparency, accountability and competitiveness in the mining sector.

Q.13. Recently, the Government of India released the State Mining Readiness Index (SMRI) for the first time. What is its main objective?

- A. To assess and rank states' efficiency and sustainability in non-coal mineral management.
- B. To evaluate coal mining performance in Indian states.
- C. To rank states based on renewable energy production.
- D. To monitor forest cover and environmental compliance.

Answer: A. To assess and rank states' efficiency and sustainability in non-coal mineral management.

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Q.14. Which religion, practiced by the Bodo tribe of Assam, has recently been recognized with a separate code for the first time ahead of the upcoming national census?

- A. Donyi-Polo
- B. Kirat
- C. Bathou
- D. Sanamahism

Answer: C. Bathou

In a historic move ahead of the upcoming national census, the Bathou religion practiced by the Bodo community of Assam has been granted a separate code—the first time its religious identity has been recognized at the national level. This official recognition is an important step towards preserving and promoting the cultural and spiritual heritage of one of the most prominent indigenous groups of Northeast India.

Q.15. Which ministry recently released the State Mining Readiness Index (SMRI) 2025?

- A. Ministry of Environment
- B. Ministry of Mines
- C. NITI Aayog
- D. Ministry of Commerce

Answer: B. Ministry of Mines

The Ministry of Mines, Government of India, recently released the State Mining Readiness Index (SMRI) and State Rankings. This initiative is not only a significant step towards encouraging reforms in the





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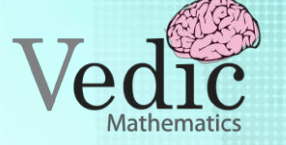
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mining sector at the state level, but also fulfills a key announcement made in the Union Budget 2025-26.

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