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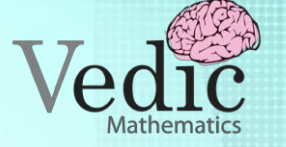
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Today in History on 25 OCT

➤ 1870 - Postcards are used for the first time in the US.

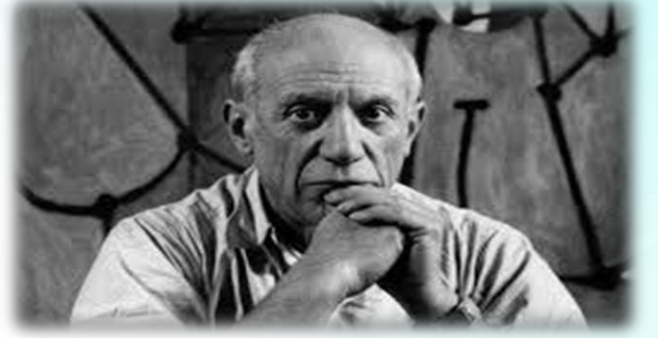
In 1870, Hyman L. Lipman began reissuing Charlton's postcards under a new name: Lipman's Postal Cards. Congress passed legislation on June 8, 1872, which approved government production of postal cards. The first government-produced postcards were issued on May 1, 1873. One part of the postcard was for the message and the other part was for the recipient's address. By law, government postcards were the only postcards allowed to bear the words "Postal Card."



➤ 1881 - Spanish painter Pablo Picasso was born.

Pablo Picasso (1882-1973) was a great painter of Spain. He was the most famous, controversial and rich artist of the twentieth century. He gave birth to Cubism by using sharp lines. Picasso's artworks are a living document of human suffering. Born on 25

October 1881 in Malaga, Spain. In his childhood, he used to surprise his friends by making various types of figures.



➤ 1951 - First general elections in India began.

General elections were held in India from 25 October 1951 to 21 February 1952, the first national elections after India gained independence in 1947.

After the adoption of the Constitution, the Constituent Assembly continued to function as the Interim Parliament while the Interim Cabinet was headed by Jawaharlal Nehru. An Election Commission was created in 1949 and Sukumar Sen was appointed the first Chief Election Commissioner in March 1950.





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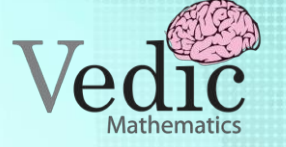
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➤ 1960 - The first electronic wristwatch goes on the market in New York.

The Bulova Accutron was the most important watch of the 1960s, bringing a new level of precision and technology and shifting the balance of power in watchmaking from Switzerland back to the United States. This delayed the development of other electronic watches and distracted the American and Swiss industries from the rise of quartz.



➤ 2001 - Microsoft releases a new operating system, Windows XP.

2001: Windows XP, Microsoft introduced Windows XP as the first NT-based system with a version

directly aimed at home users. Home users and critics rated XP highly. The system improved the appearance of Windows with colorful themes and provided a more stable platform.



Important NEWS on 25 OCT

National News

India Rises to 9th Globally in Forest Area, Retains 3rd Rank in Annual Forest Gain

India has made a major leap in global environmental rankings, moving up to the 9th position worldwide in total forest area as per the Global Forest Resources Assessment (GFRA) 2025, released by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Bali. Additionally, India continues to hold the 3rd position in annual forest area gain, affirming its leadership in forest conservation and sustainable land management.

NHAI Launches AI-Based Highway Monitoring Using 3D Survey

In a move to revolutionize national highway maintenance and monitoring, the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is deploying 3D laser-based Network Survey Vehicles (NSVs) across





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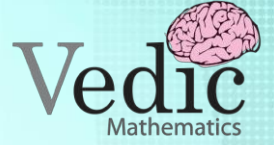
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23 states, covering over 20,933 km of road stretches. This initiative is part of a broader effort by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways to utilize Artificial Intelligence (AI) in enhancing road infrastructure management in India.

Key Points –

The NSVs use state-of-the-art 3D laser technology enabling automatic capture and reporting of road defects without human intervention.

This system precisely detects surface anomalies, ensuring no defect goes unnoticed.

International News

Peru Declares 30-Day State of Emergency in Lima

In a decisive response to surging crime and growing public unrest, Peru's President José Jeri has declared a 30-day state of emergency in the capital city Lima and the adjacent province of Callao. The declaration, which took effect just after midnight, authorizes the Peruvian Armed Forces to assist police in maintaining law and order. This move comes amid nationwide concerns over public safety and follows violent protests that left one dead and over 100 injured.

Key Points:-

The declaration follows a week of mounting tensions and violent demonstrations against government inaction on crime and insecurity.

Protesters took to the streets demanding safety and economic stability, highlighting the worsening conditions in Peru's urban areas.

Appointments

Justice Prathiba Singh Named Chair of WIPO Advisory Board

In a historic appointment, Justice Prathiba M. Singh of the Delhi High Court has been selected as the Chair of the World Intellectual Property Organization

(WIPO) Advisory Board of Judges for the term 2025-2027. This marks the first time an Indian—and indeed someone from Asia—has been appointed to this prestigious global role, representing a significant recognition of India's growing leadership in intellectual property (IP) law and policy.

Key Points:-

The World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) is a specialized agency of the United Nations headquartered in Geneva, that works globally to protect and promote intellectual property rights in various countries.

Its Advisory Board of Judges consists of jurists and judges from around the world who guide WIPO in adapting its policies to judicial standards in different legal systems.

Sports

India Unveils FIDE World Cup 2025 Logo and Anthem

India marked a significant moment in international sports as Chief Minister Dr. Pramod Sawant unveiled the official logo and anthem for the FIDE World Cup 2025 at a cultural ceremony in Panaji, Goa on October, 2025. This milestone not only brings global chess back to India after 23 years, but also sets the stage for an event that merges sport, culture, and national pride.

Key Points:-

The World Cup will be held in North Goa from October 31 to November 27, 2025.

Goa will host 206 top players from 82 countries in a high-stakes knockout tournament.

The FIDE World Cup prize money is US\$2 million (approximately ₹17.58 crore).

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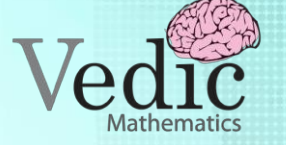
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Karthik Narain Joins Google Cloud as Chief Product Officer

In a high-profile executive move, Karthik Narain, a former Accenture Chief Technology Officer, has been appointed as the Chief Product and Business Officer of Google Cloud. The announcement was welcomed by Google CEO Sundar Pichai, who expressed optimism that Narain's leadership will help accelerate the company's growth in AI and cloud services. This strategic hire comes as Google Cloud deepens its enterprise offerings and expands its AI capabilities globally.

State News

Law Against Honour Killings

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister announced the formation of a Commission to recommend legislation against caste-based hate crimes and honour killings. The Commission will be headed by retired Madras High Court judge Justice K N Basha. The Commission will consult political groups, legal experts, social activists, and affected individuals.

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Current affairs MCQS on 25 OCT

Q.1. Which state will be declared India's first extreme poverty-free state?

- A. Madhya Pradesh
- B. Bihar
- C. Kerala
- D. Tamil Nadu

Answer: C. Kerala

Marking a milestone in India's social development history, Kerala is now set to be officially declared an "extreme poverty-free state." Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan will make the announcement at a public ceremony at the Central Stadium in Thiruvananthapuram on November 1, 2025. This achievement is the result of the state's continued focus on inclusive development and targeted welfare programs, which can now become a model for other states.





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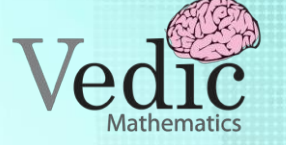
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Q.2. The UDAN scheme (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) recently completed nine years. In which year was this flagship scheme of the Ministry of Civil Aviation launched?

- A. 2016
- B. 2017
- C. 2015
- D. 2018

Answer: A. 2016

India's flagship civil aviation policy, the UDAN (Ude Desh ka Aam Naagrik) scheme, completed nine years since its launch in October 2016. Run by the Ministry of Civil Aviation, the scheme aims to make air travel affordable and accessible to the general public, particularly by promoting regional air connectivity. Over the past nine years, UDAN has connected remote and underserved areas to mainstream air routes and has served over 15.6 million passengers through 323,000 flights so far.

Q.3. Who was recently elected as the new President of Bolivia, ending nearly two decades of socialist rule under Evo Morales?

- A. Evo Morales
- B. Jorge Quiroga
- C. Rodrigo Paz
- D. Luis Arce

Answer: C. Rodrigo Paz

Centrist Senator Rodrigo Paz has won the presidential election in the South American country of Bolivia. Rodrigo Paz defeated his conservative rival Jorge Tuto Quiroga. According to Bolivia's electoral tribunal, preliminary results showed Paz receiving 54.5 percent of the vote, while Quiroga received 45.5 percent. Paz's party does not have a majority in the country's legislature, forcing him to form a coalition. The new president will take office on November 8. The victory of the 58-year-old senator marks a historic change for the South American country.

Q. 4. According to a nationwide survey by the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT), what was

the total value of goods traded between Navratri and Diwali 2025?

- A. ₹4.8 lakh crore
- B. ₹5.4 lakh crore
- C. ₹6.2 lakh crore
- D. ₹5.0 lakh crore

Answer: C. ₹6.2 lakh crore

According to a survey by the Confederation of All India Traders (CAIT), the total value of merchandise trade was ₹5.40 lakh crore between Navratri and Diwali 2025. The total trade (combined goods and services) during this festive season was ₹6.05 lakh crore, of which ₹65,000 crore was from the services sector.

Q. 5. Which country recently declared a 30-day state of emergency in its capital, Lima, and Cayao province to address rising crime and unrest?

- A. Peru
- B. Chile
- C. Colombia
- D. Ecuador

Answer: A. Peru

Peru has declared a 30-day state of emergency in its capital, Lima, and the Cayayo province to combat rising crime and unrest. Under the state of emergency, some civil rights, such as freedom of assembly and freedom of movement, are suspended. The move comes in response to a wave of rising violent crime in the capital and surrounding areas.

Q. 6. Recently, the central government has released over ₹730 crore under the 15th Finance Commission to strengthen rural local bodies (RLBs) in which two Indian states?

- A. Punjab and Rajasthan
- B. Madhya Pradesh and Chhattisgarh
- C. Gujarat and Haryana
- D. Uttar Pradesh and Bihar

Answer: C. Gujarat and Haryana

The central government has released Fifteenth Finance Commission (XV FC) grants for the financial year 2025-26 to strengthen rural local bodies





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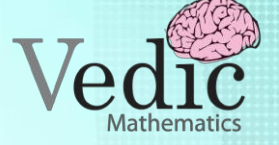
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(RLBs) in Gujarat and Haryana. In Gujarat, the second installment of unrelated grants amounting to ₹522.20 crore for the financial year 2024-25 has been released to all 38 district panchayats, 247 eligible block panchayats, and 14,547 eligible gram panchayats in the state.

Q.7. In the capital of which country did India recently upgrade its technical mission to a full-fledged embassy, marking India's first diplomatic expansion there since 2021?

- A. Afghanistan
- B. Iran
- C. Uzbekistan
- D. Saudi Arabia

Answer: A. Afghanistan

India has formally upgraded its technical mission in the Afghan capital, Kabul, to a full-fledged Indian embassy. The decision is India's first formal diplomatic expansion initiative since the Taliban returned to power in 2021.

Q.8. Codex standards for which three spices were finally approved during the 8th session of the Codex Committee on Spices (CCSCH) held in 2025?

- A. Turmeric, Black Pepper, and Cumin
- B. Clove, Nutmeg, and Fenugreek
- C. Vanilla, Large Cardamom, and Coriander
- D. Cinnamon, Ginger, and Fennel

Answer: B. Clove, Nutmeg, and Fenugreek

Marking a significant milestone in the international trade and quality standards of spices, the eighth session of the Codex Committee on Spices and Culinary Herbs (CCSCH) finalized international Codex standards for three more spices – vanilla, large cardamom, and coriander. With this achievement, international standards have been developed for a total of 19 spices since the Committee's inception in 2013.

Q.9. Which organization developed the Sustainable Aquaculture in Mangrove Ecosystems (SAIME)

model, which received "global technical recognition" from the FAO in October 2025?

- A. Nature Environment and Wildlife Society (NEWS)
- B. Global Nature Fund (GNF)
- C. Naturland e.V.
- D. World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF)

Answer: A. Nature Environment and Wildlife Society (NEWS)

The Sustainable Aquaculture in Mangrove Ecosystems (SAIME) model was developed by the Nature Environment and Wildlife Society (NEWS). Located in the Sundarbans region of West Bengal, it has received global technical recognition from the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations.

Q.10. According to the Global Forest Resources Assessment (GFRA) 2025 published by the FAO, what is India's current global rank in terms of total forest area?

- A. 7th
- B. 10th
- C. 9th
- D. 8th

Answer: C. 9th

According to the Global Forest Resources Assessment (GFRA) 2025 released by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) in Bali, India has made a major leap in the global environmental rankings and has reached the 9th position worldwide in terms of total forest area. Additionally, India continues to rank third in annual forest area increase, reaffirming India's leadership in forest conservation and sustainable land management. Union Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav shared this achievement through social media and attributed this progress to public participation and strong environmental policies led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Q.11. In which national park of Kerala was the newly discovered plant species Tetratenium manilianum found?





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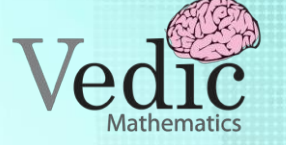
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- A. Silent Valley National Park
- B. Eravikulam National Park
- C. Kudremukh National Park
- D. Periyar National Park

Answer: B. Eravikulam National Park

Researchers recently discovered a new plant species, *Tetratenium manilianum*, which has increased the biodiversity of the Western Ghats. It belongs to the carrot family (Umbelliferae/Apiaceae). The species was found in Eravikulam National Park in the Idukki district of Kerala. It is named in honor of Prof. K.S. Manilal, the founding president of the Indian Association for Angiosperm Taxonomy. The plant grows in grasslands bordering shola forests at high altitudes. It is the first species of its kind identified globally and the 48th species in the carrot family. Its flowers are white, it has underground rhizomes, and it blooms during the monsoon.

Q.12. The Malabar gliding frog, recently seen in the news, is native to which region of India?

- A. Eastern Ghats
- B. Northeast
- C. Western Ghats
- D. Himalayas

Answer: C. Western Ghats

A rare Malabar gliding frog was recently spotted in Hirebagevadi, near Belgaum, Karnataka. Its scientific name is *Rhacophorus malabaricus*. It is endemic to the rainforests of the Western Ghats in India. This frog lives on tree leaves along rivers or near waterfalls and breeds on trees overhanging water bodies. It can glide through the air using webbed feet between its toes and can jump up to 9-12 meters, which is approximately 115 times its body length. It grows up to 10 cm, and males are smaller than females. Its back is bright green, its belly is pale yellow, and its toes are webbed orange-red. It is listed as Least Concern by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN).

Q.13. The Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) is a framework designed to address which environmental problem in Delhi-NCR?

- A. Noise pollution
- B. Air pollution
- C. Plastic waste management
- D. Water pollution

Answer: B. Air pollution

The Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) has implemented the second phase of the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) after Delhi's Air Quality Index (AQI) crossed 300, entering the "very poor" category. Measures in the second phase include mechanical cleaning of roads, water sprinkling, dust control at construction sites, and promotion of CNG and electric public transport.

Q.14. Which Indian lunar mission made the first observation of the impact of a solar coronal mass ejection (CME) on the Moon?

- A. Chandrayaan-1
- B. Chandrayaan-2
- C. Chandrayaan-3
- D. Aditya-L1

Answer: B. Chandrayaan-2

India's second lunar mission, Chandrayaan-2, made the first direct observation of the Sun's coronal mass ejection (CME) impacts on the Moon. The observation was made by CHACE-2 (Chandra Atmospheric Composition Explorer-2), a payload on the orbiter. The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) reported that when the CME impacted the Moon, the pressure in the Moon's exosphere increased on the dayside.

Q.15. Which football team won the 125th Indian Football Association (IFA) Shield in 2025?

- A. East Bengal FC
- B. Odisha FC
- C. NorthEast United FC
- D. Mohun Bagan Super Giant

Answer: D. Mohun Bagan Super Giant





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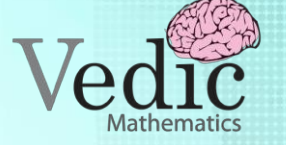
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Mohun Bagan Super Giants won the 125th Indian Football Association (IFA) Shield by defeating East Bengal FC 5-4 in a penalty shootout. The final was played in the Kolkata Derby at the Salt Lake Stadium. The Indian Football Association (IFA) was founded in Calcutta in 1893 and the IFA Shield tournament began in the same year. The tournament is considered the fourth oldest club football tournament after the FA Cup (England), the Scottish Cup and the Durand Cup. The 2025 edition marks the return of the tournament after a gap of three years, which was last won by Real Kashmir FC in 2021.

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