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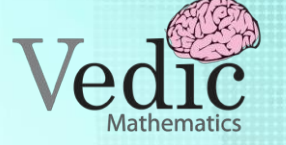
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Today in History on 9 OCT

➤ 1756: British forces led by Governor General Robert Clive recapture Calcutta.

In 1756, British forces led by Governor General Robert Clive recaptured Calcutta. As a lieutenant colonel, Clive commanded the expedition sent to recapture Calcutta from Nawab Siraj-ud-Daulah in December 1756. The fort of Baz-Baz was soon captured, with minimal losses to the British. Soon after, Calcutta was captured on 2 January 1757.



on Octobe, 1845, during George Bancroft's tenure as Secretary of the Navy. The Naval Academy is the second oldest of the five U.S. service academies and educates midshipmen for service in the officer corps of the United States Navy and the United States Marine Corps. It is part of the Naval University System.



➤ 1906: Indian novelist R K Narayan was born.

In the year 1906, Indian novelist R K Narayan was born. R K Narayan's full name was Rasipuram Krishnaswami Iyer Narayanaswami. Narayan is counted among the three greatest novelists among Indian writers of English literature. His name along with Mulk Raj Anand and Raja Rao is famous as 'Brihatrayi' in the early period of Indian English writing.

➤ 1845: The United States opens the Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland.

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➤ 1991: India won the team title at the World Carrom Championship.

In the year 1991, India won the team title at the World Carrom Championship. Many a times, he was a member of the Indian team that won the team event in a tournament. This was the case with the International Carrom Federation Cup in 1989 and 1997, the World Carrom Championship in 1991, 1995 and 2000, the SAARC Carrom Championship between 1997 and 1999, the US Open International Carrom Tournament in 1996 and the French Open International Carrom Tournament in 1998.



➤ 1910: The first All India Hindi Conference was organized in Varanasi under the chairmanship of Madan Mohan Malviya.

In the year 1910, the first All India Hindi Conference was organized in Varanasi under the chairmanship of Madan Mohan Malviya. All India Hindi Sahitya Sammelan is a major public institution dedicated to the promotion of Hindi language and literature and Devanagari. Its headquarters is in Prayag (Allahabad) which has a printing press, library, museum and administrative building. Hindi Sahitya Sammelan was the first to start a scheme of awards etc. for the creations of Hindi writers to encourage them.



Important NEWS on 9 OCT

National News



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UIDAI Waives Aadhaar Biometric Fees for This Section

In a significant move aimed at simplifying access to public services, the Unique Identification Authority of India (UIDAI) has waived all charges for Mandatory Biometric Updates (MBUs) for children aged 7 to 15 years. This waiver, effective from October 2025, will remain in force for one year, benefiting nearly 6 crore children across India.

Aadhaar Biometric Updates:-

- When a child under five is enrolled for Aadhaar, only basic demographic data (name, date of birth, gender, photo, and address) is collected.
- Biometric data—like fingerprints and iris scans—are not captured at that age due to underdeveloped physical features.

National News

Coal India's First All-Women Central Store Unit Inaugurated

In a significant stride towards women-led development in India's industrial sector, South Eastern Coalfields Limited (SECL), a subsidiary of Coal India Limited (CIL), inaugurated the company's first fully women-operated Central Store Unit at its Central Workshop in Korba, Chhattisgarh, on October 2025.

Key Points: -

- The newly inaugurated Central Store Unit is designed to handle spare parts supply, logistics, and inventory management within SECL's industrial operations.
- What makes this project unique is its entirely women-managed workforce, comprising eight officers and staff members, all of whom oversee the store's day-to-day operations and administrative responsibilities.

International News

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Bitcoin Hits All-Time High Above \$125,000 Amid Market Optimism

Bitcoin, the world's largest and most valuable cryptocurrency, surged to a new all-time high of \$125,245.57 on October, 2025, marking a 2.7% rise as per Reuters data. This record surpasses the previous peak of \$124,480 in August 2025, reflecting strong institutional demand, favorable U S regulatory developments, and a weaker dollar environment.

History of bitcoin

- Bitcoin is a cryptocurrency, a digital asset that uses cryptography to control its creation and management rather than relying on central authorities.
- Originally designed as a medium of exchange, Bitcoin is now primarily regarded as a store of value.

Appointments

JPMorgan Appoints New EMEA Co-CEOs

In a significant leadership reshuffle, JPMorgan Chase has appointed Conor Hillery and Matthieu Wiltz as Co-Chief Executive Officers for its operations in Europe, the Middle East, and Africa (EMEA). This move underscores the bank's commitment to expanding its footprint and achieving substantial growth across the EMEA region.

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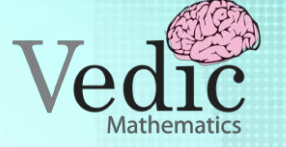
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Nishad, Simran Win Gold at Para Athletics Worlds 2025

India celebrated a landmark achievement at the 2025 World Para Athletics Championships in New Delhi on October 2025, as Nishad Kumar and Simran Sharma each secured gold medals. Their victories came on a historic day when India claimed four medals in total, pushing the nation closer to its best-ever performance at the global para athletics stage.

Key Points:-

- In the Men's High Jump T47, Nishad Kumar soared to 2.14 meters, clinching his first world championship gold. This effort broke his own Asian record and placed him ahead of elite global competitors.
- On the same day, Simran Sharma triumphed in the Women's 100 meters T12, clocking 11.95 seconds — her personal best and a significant milestone as her first world title.

lakh has been allocated to the lion-tailed macaque, an endangered primate native to the Western Ghats. The Madras hedgehog, found in semi-arid regions of Tamil Nadu, Andhra Pradesh, and Kerala, will receive ₹20.5 lakh for conservation.

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Banking

RBI Unveils Four Major Banking Sector Reforms

In a landmark regulatory shift, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has proposed four key measures to modernize and strengthen India's banking system. These reforms, announced on October 2025, aim to align Indian banking practices with global standards, enhance financial resilience, and support sectors like MSMEs and housing through calibrated capital requirements.

State News

Endangered Species Protection

The Tamil Nadu government has sanctioned ₹1 crore for conserving four lesser-known endangered species: lion-tailed macaque, Madras hedgehog, striped hyena, and hump-headed mahseer. ₹48.5

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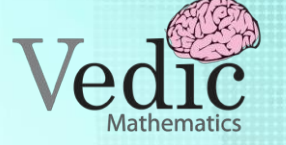
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Current affairs MCQS on 9 OCT

Q.1. Sanae Takaichi is set to become the first female Prime Minister of which country?

- A. Japan
- B. Russia
- C. France
- D. South Korea

Answer: A. Japan

Japan's former Economic Security Minister Sanae Takaichi was elected leader of Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) in a vote held on October 15. She is set to become Japan's first female prime minister. Takaichi, a former television anchor, entered Japanese politics in 1993 and won a seat in the lower house as an independent candidate.

Q.2. According to the NCRB's 2023 report, which is the safest metropolis in India?

- A. Indore
- B. Kolkata
- C. Chennai
- D. Bengaluru

Answer: B. Kolkata

According to the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB), Kolkata has emerged as the safest city in India for the fourth consecutive year and recorded the lowest rate of cognizable crimes in 2023. The data compared 19 metropolitan cities namely Ahmedabad, Bengaluru, Chennai, Coimbatore, Delhi, Ghaziabad, Hyderabad, Indore, Jaipur, Kanpur, Kochi, Kolkata, Kozhikode, Lucknow, Mumbai, Nagpur, Patna, Pune and Surat.

Q.3. Which team recently won the Irani Cup 2025-26?

- A. Vidarbha
- B. Mumbai
- C. Saurashtra
- D. Rest of India

Answer: A. Vidarbha

Vidarbha won the Irani Cup for the third time. The team defeated Rest of India by 93 runs. Rest of India

were bowled out for 267 in their second innings at the Nagpur Cricket Stadium. Yash Dhull top-scored with 92. Harsh Dubey took four wickets for Vidarbha.

Q.4. Where will the UNTCC Major Conference 2025 be held?

- A. Pune
- B. New Delhi
- C. Bengaluru
- D. Hyderabad

Answer: B. New Delhi

The Indian Army will host the Conference of Heads of United Nations Troop Contributing Countries (UNTCC) in New Delhi from 14 to 16 October 2025. Senior military chiefs from over 30 major countries contributing to UN peacekeeping operations will participate.

Q.5. Who recently launched the 'Your Capital, Your Right' campaign?

- A. Narendra Modi
- B. Sanjay Malhotra
- C. Nirmala Sitharaman
- D. Amit Shah

Answer: C. Nirmala Sitharaman

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman launched the "Your Capital, Your Rights" campaign from Gandhinagar, Gujarat. This campaign will help people recover their unclaimed financial assets. The campaign, which will run for three months, will make it easier to claim millions of rupees stuck in old bank accounts, insurance policies, stocks, and mutual funds.

Q.6. Which organization will conduct the 10th National Pollution Response Exercise?

- A. Indian Coast Guard
- B. Ministry of Environment
- C. National Disaster Response Force
- D. Indian Navy

Answer: A. Indian Coast Guard





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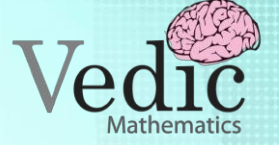
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The Indian Coast Guard (ICG) is conducting the 10th National Level Pollution Response Exercise (NATPOLREX-X) off the Chennai coast of Tamil Nadu. This two-day biennial event is a major national exercise to test and strengthen India's preparedness to deal with marine oil spills. The event is being held in conjunction with the 27th National Oil Spill Disaster Contingency Plan (NOSDCP) meeting, which will be attended by several key stakeholders from India and abroad.

Q.7. The world's highest motorable road was recently constructed over which pass?

- A. Umling La
- B. MIG LD
- C. Khardung La
- D. Rohtang La

Answer: B. MIG LD

India has achieved a new milestone in the field of high-altitude infrastructure by constructing the world's highest motorable road at the Mig La Pass in eastern Ladakh. The Border Roads Organisation (BRO) completed the construction of the road at an altitude of 19,400 feet (5,913 metres), breaking its previous record of the Umling La Pass. This strategic route connects the Hanle area with Phukche village near the Line of Actual Control (LAC). The project was constructed under Project Himank, led by Brigadier Vishal Srivastava.

Q.8. Who has recently been appointed as India's new ODI captain?

- A. Virat Kohli
- B. Ravindra Jadeja
- C. Shubhman Gill
- D. Jasprit Bumrah

Answer: C. Shubhman Gill

Star Indian batsman Shubman Gill has been appointed India's new ODI captain, replacing Rohit Sharma. Gill has captained only 11 international matches so far and has never captained in ODIs. His rapid rise to captaincy across multiple formats could bring several challenges.

Q.9. Who recently became the first female Archbishop of Canterbury in England?

- A. Mary Johnson
- B. Sarah Mullally
- C. Anna Williams
- D. Elizabeth Thomas

Answer: B. Sarah Mullally

Dame Sarah Mullally has become the first female Archbishop of the Church of Canterbury in England. She will replace Justin Welby, who resigned following allegations of child abuse. Mullally, who is currently the Bishop of London, will formally assume the position in January.

Q.10. Which drug has Australia recently approved for the treatment of Alzheimer's disease?

- A. Memantine
- B. Lecanemab
- C. Donepezil
- D. Rivastigmine

Answer: B. Lecanemab

In a significant milestone in dementia care, Australia's Therapeutic Goods Administration (TGA) has approved lecanemab for the treatment of early-stage Alzheimer's disease. The decision comes amid rising Alzheimer's cases in Australia – now the leading cause of death in the country. Lecanemab is only the second disease-modifying drug to receive regulatory approval in Australia. While it offers hope for patients, serious concerns have also been raised about its cost, availability, and safety.

Q.11. Which medal did Mirabai Chanu recently win at the 2025 World Weightlifting Championships?

- A. Gold Medal
- B. Silver Medal
- C. Bronze Medal
- D. No Medal

Answer: B. Silver Medal

India's star weightlifter Mirabai Chanu produced a stellar performance at the 2025 World Weightlifting Championships in Fårde, Norway, winning the silver medal in the women's 48 kg category. With this





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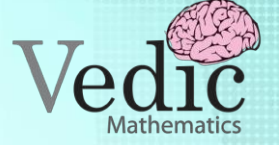
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victory, she also set two new national records and marked her impressive return to the international stage.

Q.12. Who is the richest person in India in the recent Hurun India Rich List 2025?

- A. Gautam Adani
- B. Mukesh Ambani
- C. Roshni Nadar
- D. Shiv Nadar

Answer: B. Mukesh Ambani

With a net worth of ₹9.55 lakh crore, Mukesh Ambani is the richest Indian and has topped the M3M Hurun India Rich List 2025. Gautam Adani is ranked second on the M3M Hurun India Rich List 2025 with a net worth of ₹8.15 lakh crore.

Q.13. What type of ship is INS Sutlej, which was in the news recently?

- A. Hydrographic Survey Vessel
- B. Diesel Electric Submarine
- C. Stealth Multi-Role Frigate
- D. Torpedo Launch and Recovery Vessel

Answer: A. Hydrographic Survey Vessel

INS Sutlej has arrived in Port Louis, Mauritius, for the 18th joint hydrographic survey between India and Mauritius. It is a specialized hydrographic survey vessel of the Indian Navy. The vessel was built by Goa Shipyard Limited and commissioned in 1993. It is based in Kochi under the Southern Naval Command. It is equipped with advanced survey and navigation systems such as a multi-beam swath echo sounder, Differential Global Positioning System (DGPS), and motion sensors. It is also equipped with a sea gravimeter, magnetometer, oceanographic sensor, and side scan sonar.

Q.14. What is the name of the scheme launched by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology to promote the manufacturing of passive electronic components in India?

- A. Semiconductor Promotion Programme
- B. Make in India Electronics Campaign

C. Digital India Component Mission

D. Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme

Answer: D. Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme

The Minister of Electronics and Information Technology announced that the Electronics Component Manufacturing Scheme has received strong interest from global and Indian industries. It is the first dedicated production-based incentive (PLI) scheme launched by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology for passive electronic components such as resistors, capacitors, relays, switches, and connectors. It aims to build a robust component manufacturing ecosystem and integrate India with global value chains (GVCs). It offers three incentive models – turnover-linked, capex-linked, and hybrid.

Q.15. The Mar del Plata Valley, recently in the news, is located in which country?

- A. Peru
- B. Suriname
- C. Argentina
- D. Ecuador

Answer: C. Argentina

A recent expedition to Argentina's Mar del Plata Canyon discovered more than 40 potentially new deep-sea species, including glass squid and pink shrimp. The Mar del Plata Canyon, located 250-300 kilometers from Buenos Aires Province, is one of Argentina's largest submarine canyons. It consists of fine sandy sediments mixed with terrestrial materials and planktonic foraminifera. The area is highly productive due to the Argentine shelf-break front, where subantarctic waters meet the Falkland-Malvinas Current. A submarine canyon is a steep underwater valley that cuts across continental slopes and shelves.





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