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## Today in History on 04 SEP

### ➤ 1781: Spanish colonists founded the present-day city of Los Angeles.

Los Angeles was founded in 1781 by Spanish governor Felipe de Neve. After independence from Spain, the city became part of Mexico in 1821, and was purchased by the United States in 1848 under a treaty between the United States and Mexico after the Mexican–American War ended.

of Baroda in 1874. After this, he moved to England, where he continued to advocate for Indian interests.



### ➤ 1888: George Eastman receives a patent for a roll-film camera.

In 1888, George Eastman receives a US patent for his Kodak camera, which was a significant step in making photography accessible to the general public due to its use of roll-film. The famous slogan "You press the button, we do the rest" was coined with this camera, as the customer did not have to deal with the complexities associated with photography. The Kodak camera was a small, box-style device designed to be easy to use. It had pre-loaded film and a simple shutter button, allowing anyone to take a picture.

### ➤ 1825: Dadabhai Naoroji was born.

Dadabhai Naoroji was born on 4 September 1825 and was the first Indian (and thus the first Asian) to be elected to the British Parliament, serving as a member of the House of Commons from 1892 to 1895 and also known as the "Elderly Man of India". Naoroji's early career included serving as the Diwan





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#### ➤ 1946: Interim Government formed in India.

The Interim Government was formed by the Constituent Assembly of India in 1946. This government was formed to help lead British India towards independence and it functioned until 15 August 1947, when India gained independence and was divided between India and Pakistan. It was formed under the leadership of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and played a key role in the transformation of the country.



#### ➤ 1985: First photos of the Titanic wreck emerge.

In 1985, a joint US-French expedition led by Dr Robert Ballard used experimental marine

technology to locate the Titanic wreck and took the first underwater photographs of it. On September 1, 1985, the team aboard the R/V Knorr spotted a huge boiler on the sea floor, confirming the ship's wreck. These photos confirm the location of the ship, which sank 73 years ago, at a depth of about 13,000 feet.



### Important NEWS on 04 SEP

#### ➤ IEPFA Launches Niveshak Didi Phase II for Women

The Investor Education and Protection Fund Authority (IEPFA) under the Ministry of Corporate Affairs has launched Phase II of its flagship initiative—Niveshak Didi, with a renewed focus on women-led financial literacy in rural India. Officially launched on September, 2025, at Patelguda Panchayat, Hyderabad, the program aims to bridge financial knowledge gaps by training women to educate fellow women.







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### ➤ PM Modi Launched Rajya Jeevika Nidhi Saakh Sahkari Sangh Limited

Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually inaugurated the Bihar Rajya Jeevika Nidhi Saakh Sahkari Sangh Limited, a landmark initiative aimed at providing affordable, digitally enabled credit access to rural women across Bihar. With an initial capital transfer of ₹105 crore, this new cooperative represents a major boost to the state's self-help group ecosystem under the Jeevika program.



### ➤ NCERT Launches Bal Vatika TV and DIKSHA 2.0 on 65th Foundation Day

The National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) celebrated its 65th Foundation Day on September, 2025, unveiling a series of initiatives aligned with the National Education

Policy (NEP) 2020. The event witnessed the launch of Bal Vatika TV Channel, DIKSHA 2.0, PRASHASTI 2.0, and other tools aimed at inclusive and digital learning for early childhood and school education.



### ➤ India Offers 1,000 E-Scholarships to Afghan Students for 2025-26

In a gesture of continued academic and diplomatic outreach, India has announced 1,000 e-scholarships for Afghan students for the academic year 2025-26. The scholarships will be granted under the Special Scholarship Scheme for Afghan Nationals (SSSAN) administered by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) through the e-VidyaBharati (e-VB) i-learn portal. This initiative reaffirms India's support for education, capacity building, and people-to-people ties with Afghanistan.



#### ➤ Record ₹40 Cr for ICC Women's World Cup 2025 Winners

In a landmark move for women's cricket, the ICC has announced that the 2025 ICC Women's Cricket World Cup winners will receive a record-breaking prize of USD 4.48 million (₹39.55 crore). This is part of a massive expansion in the overall prize pool, as the 13th edition of the prestigious tournament gears up to begin on September 30, co-hosted by India and Sri Lanka.



#### ➤ President Appoints Permanent Judges in Kerala & Allahabad HC

Exercising powers under the Constitution of India, the President of India, in consultation with the Chief Justice of India (CJI), has appointed new judges to the Allahabad and Kerala High Courts. These appointments include the elevation of Additional Judges to Permanent Judges, thereby strengthening the judicial system in two of the country's key High

Courts.



#### ➤ Telemetry study on Olive ridley turtles

Tamil Nadu has announced a two-year telemetry study, from 2025 to 2027. It aims to track the movements of Olive Ridley turtles along its coastline using satellite and flipper tagging. The initiative aims to identify near-shore hotspots, migratory routes, and entanglement-prone fishing areas. Results will provide science-backed strategies to reduce fishing-related mortality.







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### Current affairs MCQS on 04 SEP

**Q.1. NotOnMap, a community-driven sustainable tourism initiative based in Chhamba, Himachal**

**Pradesh, was recognised at which international forum in 2025?**

- A) Harvard-University of Tokyo Asia Conference (ACONF)
- B) World Economic Forum
- C) UN Climate Summit
- D) G20 Summit

**Answer: A) Harvard-University of Tokyo Asia Conference (ACONF)**

NotOnMap, based in Chhamb, Himachal Pradesh, is a community-driven tourism model that connects travellers with rural and cultural heritage communities. It aims to preserve local culture, promote cultural exchange and empower rural livelihoods. The initiative received international recognition at the Harvard-Tokyo University Asia Conference (ACONF) 2025 held in Tokyo.

**Q.2. Ghaggar river, popularly known as the "river of sorrow" due to frequent floods, is located in which region of Punjab?**

- A) Doaba
- B) Majha
- C) Malwa
- D) Puadh

**Answer: C) Malwa**

The Ghaggar River, known as the "River of Sorrow" because of its frequent floods, lies in the Malwa region of Punjab, particularly affecting districts such as Patiala, Sangrur and Mansa. The river is seasonal and originates in the Shivalik foothills of Himachal Pradesh, and flows into Punjab near Dera Bassi, where its sudden surge during the monsoon can cause massive damage. Its unpredictable floods have been made worse by embankment problems and encroachments, leading to disasters in 1988, 1993, 2008, 2019 and 2023.

**Q.3. According to a recent study published in Environmental Research Letters, which important current of the Atlantic Ocean is at risk of collapse?**

- A) Canary Current
- B) Kuroshio Current





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C) Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC)

D) Labrador Current

**Answer:C) Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC)**

The Atlantic Meridional Overturning Circulation (AMOC), which includes the Gulf Stream, moves warm water north and cold water south from the tropics; as recent studies have warned, its collapse could disrupt global climate, affecting rainfall and temperature patterns, and it is weaker than at any point in 1,600 years.

**Q.4. Scientists have recently linked the rare appearance of blue dragons in the Mediterranean waters of Spain to which environmental factor?**

- A) Rapid warming of the Mediterranean Sea
- B) Overfishing of native predators
- C) Oil spill in the Mediterranean Sea
- D) Ocean acidification

**Answer:A) Rapid warming of the Mediterranean Sea**

The rapid warming of the Mediterranean Sea has increased ocean temperatures, attracting jellyfish and Portuguese man-o-war—which prey on blue dragons. As these food sources increase, so do blue dragons, affecting marine ecosystems. Climate change is the root cause of this rare phenomenon.

**Q.5. ICC has partnered with which company to promote women's cricket?**

- A) Google
- B) Microsoft
- C) Apple
- D) Amazon

**Answer:A) Google**

Women's cricket is taking a major step forward in the global stage and vision. The International Cricket Council (ICC) has announced a partnership with Google. The partnership aims to improve fan engagement, digital access and accelerate the global growth of women's cricket—especially ahead of the

ICC Cricket Women's World Cup 2025 and Women's T20 World Cup 2026.

**Q.6. Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented which major gift to the Prime Minister of Japan and his wife during his recent visit?**

- A) Moonstone bowl set and Pashmina shawl
- B) Gold jewelry
- C) Indian tea and spices
- D) Replica of Taj Mahal

**Answer:A) Moonstone bowl set and Pashmina shawl**

During his recent two-day visit to Japan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi presented a moonstone bowl set and a pashmina shawl to Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba and his wife. These gifts highlighted the deep affinity between Indian craftsmanship and Japanese tradition and further strengthened the civilisational and spiritual ties between the two countries.

**Q.7. On which platform have 1,938 e-government services been integrated under digital governance in India?**

- A) BharatNet and UMANG
- B) Aadhaar and SWAYAM
- C) DigiLocker and e-District
- D) MyGov and CSC

**Answer:C) DigiLocker and e-District**

The National e-Governance Division (NeGD) under the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY) has achieved another significant milestone by enabling pan-India integration of e-Governance services on DigiLocker and e-District platforms. With this achievement, citizens across all 36 states and Union Territories can now seamlessly access nearly 2,000 digital services anytime, anywhere.

**Q.8. Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty entered the semi-finals of the BWF World Championship 2025 by defeating which country's pair?**

- A) Malaysia







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- B) Indonesia  
C) Thailand  
D) Korea

**Answer:A) Malaysia**

Signaling resurgence and grit, India's top men's doubles badminton pair Satwiksairaj Rankireddy and Chirag Shetty defeated their long-time rivals Aaron Chia and Soh Wooi Yik of Malaysia to enter the semifinals of the BWF World Championships 2025. The win came after a hard-fought battle and was special because almost a year ago, the Indian players lost to the same pair at the Paris Olympics 2024. The win this time was not only important for them but also personally emotional and historic.

**Q.9. Global Peace Index (GPI) Who is the safest country in Asia in 2025?**

- A) Japan  
B) Singapore  
C) Bhutan  
D) South Korea

**Answer:B) Singapore**

Singapore has been declared the safest country in Asia in the Global Peace Index (GPI) 2025. Singapore has ranked sixth globally. The report has been released by the Institute for Economics and Peace (IEP). In this, 163 countries were evaluated on parameters such as security, conflict and militarization. Although Singapore has slipped one place compared to 2024, its peace score has improved, reflecting its continued dedication to social stability and public safety.

**Q.10. What is the maximum limit for Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) in the insurance sector set by the Government of India?**

- A) 100%  
B) 74%  
C) 49%  
D) 26%

**Answer:A) 100%**

The Finance Ministry has issued a notification to allow 100% foreign investment in the insurance

sector, which is pending approval of Parliament. The amendment replaces the existing 74% limit with provisions prescribed in the Insurance Act, 1938, which allows foreign investment through the automatic route, subject to IRDAI verification. The move is aimed at unleashing the potential of the sector and boosting its projected 7.1% annual growth.

**Q.11. As per RBI's August 2025 bulletin, private sector capital expenditure (Capex) in India is projected to increase by how much in FY 2025-26?**

- A) 21.5%  
B) 15%  
C) 10%  
D) 7.1%

**Answer:A) 21.5%**

According to an article published in the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) August 2025 Bulletin, private sector capital expenditure (capex) is projected to grow 21.5% to ₹2.67 lakh crore in FY 2025-26. This growth indicates new momentum and confidence in private investment, especially in infrastructure and greenfield projects. Factors such as strong economic fundamentals, policy easing and better financial health of companies are driving this.

**Q.12. Which rare dragonfly species has been recently reconfirmed in the high mountain regions of the Western Ghats?**

- A) Crocothemis erythraea  
B) Crocothemis servilia  
C) Anax julius  
D) Dronestera lepida

**Answer:A) Crocothemis erythraea**

There has been a major breakthrough in Indian biodiversity studies recently. Odontologists (dragonfly experts) have reconfirmed the presence of a rare dragonfly species called Crocothemis erythraea in the southern part of the Western Ghats. It was previously misidentified due to its resemblance to common species. This rediscovery not only highlights the ecological uniqueness of high





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altitude habitats but also reveals how ancient climate events shaped today's biodiversity.

**Q.13. As per the UDISE+ 2024-25 report, for the first time in India, the total number of teachers in schools has crossed how much?**

- A) 1 crore
- B) 50 lakh
- C) 75 lakh
- D) 1.5 crore

**Answer:A) 1 crore**

For the first time in any academic year, the total number of teachers in the country is set to cross the one crore mark in the academic year 2024-25. This has been revealed in a report by the Ministry of Education's Unified District Information System for Education Plus (UDISE+) on school education in India. According to the report, this is an increase of 6.7 per cent as compared to 2022-23 in the same period. Meanwhile, India currently has around 15 lakh schools with over 24 crore students. Of these, about 50 per cent students are enrolled in government schools, followed by 41 per cent in private schools and the rest in government-aided schools. Moreover, female representation has also increased, with over 54.3 per cent of school teachers being women and the enrolment of girls currently stands at 48.3 per cent.

**Q.14. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping decided to resume bilateral cooperation specifically in which two areas at the SCO Summit 2025?**

- A) Defence & Space
- B) Health & Education
- C) Direct Flights & Border Trade
- D) Agriculture & Water Management

**Answer:C) Direct Flights & Border Trade**

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping have decided to resume bilateral cooperation, particularly in two areas - direct flights and border trade - at the SCO Summit 2025. Eurasia's leaders gathered in Tianjin, China for

the SCO Summit 2025 to discuss global issues, economic cooperation and regional security. Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping held an important bilateral meeting on the sidelines of the summit, which attracted special attention.

**Q.15. How many electric buses are currently operating in Odisha and what is the fleet size the state aims to increase to in the coming years?**

- A) 450;1,000
- B) 850;1,500
- C) 3,564;5,000
- D) 238;500

**Answer:A) 450;1,000**

Odisha is now fast emerging as a green transport destination. The state currently operates 450 electric buses (e-buses) and plans to more than double this fleet in the coming years. This initiative is part of the Clean Transport Campaign, which is in line with the Government of India's support schemes and is a major step towards making urban transport more eco-friendly.

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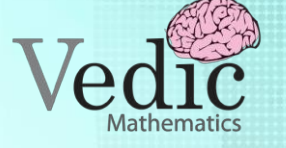
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