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Today in History on 09 SEP

- 1776: The U.S. Congress changes the country's name from "United Colonies" to "The United States of America."

The United Colonies were renamed "the United States of America" in 1776, but the change was made by the Second Continental Congress on September 9, 1776, not by Parliament, and was a formal and official renaming. The same name was also used in the Declaration of Independence, reflecting the reality of the colonies emerging as a new nation.



- 1850: California becomes the 31st state of the United States.

California became the 31st state of the United States in 1850. It was admitted into the Union on September 9, 1850, under the Compromise of 1850, which admitted California as a free (slavery-free) state. The California Gold Rush of 1848-1855

attracted millions of ambitious young men from around the world to northern California. Only a few became rich and many returned home disappointed.



- 1920: Aligarh Anglo Oriental College transformed into Aligarh Muslim University.

In 1920, Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental (MAO) College, also known as Anglo Oriental College of Aligarh, was converted into Aligarh Muslim University (AMU) under the Aligarh Muslim University Act of 1920. Sir Syed Ahmed Khan founded Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College in 1875. He was a prominent Indian Muslim leader and educationist during the 19th century. He founded the Muhammadan Anglo-Oriental College in 1875, which later became Aligarh Muslim University in 1920.





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➤ 1947: The first computer bug is discovered.

The "first computer bug" was discovered on September 9, 1947, when computer scientist Grace Hopper's colleagues found a real moth stuck inside the Harvard Mark II computer, causing the machine to malfunction. Hopper stuck the moth in the logbook as "the first real case of insect discovery," and the incident helped popularize the words "bug" and "debug." When engineers opened the computer to diagnose the problem, they found a real moth stuck inside a relay.



➤ 1948: The Republic of Korea is established.

The First Republic of Korea was the government of South Korea from 1948 to April 1960. The First Republic was established in August 1948. The United States Army Military Government, which had ruled South Korea since the end of Japanese rule in 1945, became the first independent republican government in Korea. Syngman Rhee became the first president of South Korea after the general election of May 1948, and the National Assembly in Seoul promulgated South Korea's first constitution in July, establishing a presidential system of government.



Important NEWS on 09 SEP

➤ Angikaar 2025 Campaign Launched to Boost PMAY-U 2.0

Union Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs, Shri Manohar Lal, launched Angikaar 2025, a dedicated outreach and awareness campaign under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana – Urban 2.0 (PMAY-U 2.0). The initiative was unveiled at a ceremony in New Delhi, aiming to bridge the last-mile gap in urban housing



delivery and boost awareness and community participation in housing schemes. This campaign seeks to not only accelerate the pace of house completions under the scheme but also expand awareness of new and existing benefits available to urban residents across India.



➤ Niti Aayog Strategy to Double Pulses Production by 2047

In a major step toward agricultural self-reliance, Niti Aayog has released a comprehensive strategy to make India self-sufficient in pulses by 2030 and double its production by 2047. The report outlines a roadmap that integrates technological, ecological, and socio-economic interventions, aiming to transform the pulses sector into a pillar of India's food and nutritional security.



➤ Nepal Bans 26 Unregistered Social Media Platforms

In a landmark digital policy move, the Government of Nepal has banned 26 unregistered social media platforms, including Facebook, WhatsApp, Instagram, YouTube, and X (formerly Twitter). The decision, announced by Minister of Communications and Information Technology Prithvi Subba Gurung on September, 2025, is aimed at enforcing digital accountability and ensuring regulatory compliance under Nepal's Directive for Regulation of Social Media Use, 2080.



➤ 26 Nations Pledge Postwar Security Guarantees for Ukraine



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In a significant move aimed at shaping Europe's postwar security landscape, 26 countries have pledged to offer security guarantees to Ukraine once the ongoing war with Russia ends. Announced by French President Emmanuel Macron at a summit in Paris on September, 2025, the pledge includes potential deployments on land, sea, and in the air, marking a major step in international efforts to deter future Russian aggression.



➤ Citibank Appoints Kaustubh Kulkarni as Asia-Pacific IB Co-Head

In a strategic leadership move, Citibank has appointed Kaustubh Kulkarni as the new co-head of investment banking for Asia-Pacific, a region encompassing key markets like Japan, North Asia, Australia, and South Asia. Kulkarni, a seasoned finance executive with nearly three decades at JPMorgan, is set to join Citigroup in December 2025, subject to regulatory approvals.



➤ Skechers Signs Mohammed Siraj as Brand Ambassador

In a strategic move to strengthen its foothold in India's rapidly expanding cricket footwear market, global sportswear brand Skechers has signed Indian fast bowler Mohammed Siraj as its newest brand ambassador. This endorsement not only marks Skechers' continued push into Indian cricket but also adds another high-profile athlete to its growing roster.



➤ Early Names of Chennai

Madraspatnam was first mentioned in 1639 in a land grant by Venkatadri Nayak, referring to a port called Medraspatam. The grant was translated and recorded in H D Love's book Vestiges of Old Madras





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as the site where the British arrived. In 1645, Raja Sriranga Raya of Chandragiri granted the British land around Madraspatnam and an area later called Narimedu.



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Current affairs MCQS on 09 SEP

Q.1. Who was the world famous fashion designer known as "King Giorgio", who died recently at the age of 91?

- A) Donatella Versace
- B) Giorgio Armani
- C) Roberto Cavalli
- D) Valentino Garavani

Answer: B) Giorgio Armani

The fashion world is mourning the death of Giorgio Armani, one of its most influential and iconic figures, the Italian designer who redefined modern elegance. He died at the age of 91. The Armani Group released a statement confirming his death. Known globally as "Re Giorgio" (King Giorgio), Armani leaves behind a legacy that transcends fashion, symbolizing timeless style, precision tailoring and visionary business leadership.





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Q.2. Who recently jointly inaugurated the PSA Mumbai Terminal Phase-II located at JNPA (Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority)?

- A) Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Singapore PM Lawrence Wong
- B) Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President of Sri Lanka
- C) Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Japan PM
- D) Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President of France

Answer:A) Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Singapore PM Lawrence Wong

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Prime Minister of Singapore Lawrence Bang jointly virtually inaugurated the PSA Mumbai Terminal Phase-II at the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Authority (JNPA). The occasion will mark an important milestone in India-Singapore economic cooperation and further strengthen India's position in global shipping and trade logistics.

Q.3. India has recently developed which rare anti-doping reference material (RM), which is capable of detecting steroids for a long time in the urine test of players?

- A) Testosterone Metabolite
- B) Stanozolol LTM
- C) Methandienone Long-Term Metabolite (LTM)
- D) Clenbuterol Metabolite

Answer:C) Methandienone Long-Term Metabolite (LTM)

India has developed Methandienone Long-Term Metabolite (LTM) in September 2025. Jointly developed by NIPER Guwahati and NDTL New Delhi, this reference material is capable of detecting the anabolic steroid Methandienone even months after intake.

Q.4. Recently which Indian leg-spinner announced retirement after a professional cricket career of 25 years?

- A) Amit Mishra
- B) Piyush Chawla

- C) Yuzvendra Chahal
- D) Anil Kumble

Answer:A) Amit Mishra

Indian leg-spinner Amit Mishra has announced his retirement from all forms of cricket, bringing an end to a career spanning over 25 years. Known for his classical leg-spin, flight and deceptive googly, Mishra has taken 156 international wickets in 22 Tests, 36 ODIs and 10 T20Is for India. He made a memorable Test debut in 2008 with a five-wicket haul against Australia and was part of India's ICC Champions Trophy-winning side in 2013.

Q.5. Recently, how many names has the Supreme Court Collegium recommended for appointment in the Allahabad High Court?

- A) 26
- B) 22
- C) 28
- D) 30

Answer:A) 26

The Collegium has recommended 26 new judges for the Allahabad High Court. The Supreme Court Collegium has put forward a major proposal to meet the acute shortage of judges in the Allahabad High Court. The recommendation includes a mix of judicial officers and advocates, including senior women lawyers. This is one of the biggest recommendations sent for high courts in recent times. It aims to reduce the burden of increasing cases and strengthen the judicial system.

Q.6. Where was India's first online Vulture Knowledge Portal (The Vulture Network) launched recently?

- A) Assam
- B) Gujarat
- C) Rajasthan
- D) Madhya Pradesh

Answer:A) Assam

India's first online vulture knowledge portal (The Vulture Network) was launched in Assam. The portal has been developed by students and





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researchers from Assam and is a digital platform to promote scientific information, awareness material and community participation for vulture conservation.

Q.7. Recently, how many countries resolved to give security guarantee to post-war Ukraine in the Paris Summit?

- A) 18 countries
- B) 20 countries
- C) 26 countries
- D) 30 countries

Answer:C) 26 countries

26 countries have promised to provide security guarantees to Ukraine in a post-war situation with Russia. French President Emmanuel Macron announced this at a summit held in Paris. These guarantees include the possibility of ground, sea and air deployment, which is being seen as an important step towards deterring any aggressive action by Russia in the future.

Q.8. Who was elected as the new Prime Minister of Thailand recently?

- A) Chaikasem Nitisiri
- B) Anutin Charnvirakul
- C) Thaksin Shinawatra
- D) Prayut Chan-o-cha

Answer:B) Anutin Charnvirakul

Thailand's parliament has elected businessman Anutin Charnvirakul as the country's prime minister, the third prime minister elected in two years. He replaces Patongtaorn Shinawatra, who was removed from office last week by the Constitutional Court for ethical violations in handling a border dispute with Cambodia.

Q.9. Recently, Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Shri Manohar Lal launched which campaign, which is being run under PMAY-U 2.0?

- A) Angikaar 2025
- B) Awas Jyoti
- C) Ujjwal Nagar 2025

D) Griha Lakshmi

Answer:A) Angikaar 2025

Hon'ble Housing and Urban Affairs Minister Shri Manohar Lal launched the last mile outreach campaign "Angikaar 2025" under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana - Urban 2.0 (PMAY-U 2.0) in New Delhi. Hon'ble Minister of State for Housing and Urban Affairs Shri Tokhan Sahu was also present on the occasion. Secretary, Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs (MoHUA) Shri Srinivas Katikithala, Joint Secretary & Mission Director (JS & MD) of Housing for All (HFA) Shri Kuldeep Narayan and other senior officers of the Ministry were also present on the occasion.

Q.10. Recently, at which place will the final match of Asia Cup 2025 be played?

- A) Sheikh Zayed Cricket Stadium, Abu Dhabi
- B) Sharjah Cricket Stadium
- C) Dubai International Cricket Stadium
- D) Kingston Oval, Barbados

Answer:C) Dubai International Cricket Stadium

The tournament will begin with Afghanistan taking on Hong Kong at the Zayed Cricket Stadium in Abu Dhabi on September 9 and conclude with the final at the Dubai International Cricket Stadium on September 28. These two venues will host the entire tournament – comprising 19 matches – with no matches in Sharjah.

Q.11. Recently, which writer will be awarded the Prof. V.K. Gokak Award in Bengaluru?

- A) Vinayak Krishna Gokak
- B) U. R. Ananthamurthy
- C) Anand V. Patil
- D) Girish Karnad

Answer:C) Anand V. Patil

In recognition of literary excellence, Anand V. Patil, noted for his contribution to children's literature, was awarded the Prof. V.K. Gokak Award in Bengaluru. Named after Prof. Vinayaka Krishna Gokak, one of India's most influential literary figures, the award honours individuals who have





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made significant contributions to Indian literature, particularly Kannada literature.

Q.12. Recently, which Indian fast bowler has been appointed as the new brand ambassador of Skechers?

- A) Mohammed Siraj
- B) Jasprit Bumrah
- C) Umesh Yadav
- D) Arshdeep Singh

Answer:A) Mohammed Siraj

To strengthen its foothold in India's fast-growing cricket footwear market, global sportswear brand Skechers has roped in Indian fast bowler Mohammed Siraj as its new brand ambassador. The partnership reflects Skechers' growing presence in Indian cricket and adds another big name to its list of athletes. Siraj will now be seen wearing Skechers' cricket footwear and will be part of the brand's performance and lifestyle campaigns.

Q.13. Who has recently been re-appointed as part-time non-executive chairman of private sector bank 'Yes Bank' by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI)?

- A) Shaktikanta Das
- B) Urjit Patel
- C) R. Gandhi/R. Gandhi
- D) N. S. Viswanathan/N. S. Vishwanathan

Answer:C) R. Gandhi/R. Gandhi

In a move that will strengthen leadership continuity and governance stability at Yes Bank, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has approved the reappointment of R Gandhi as the part-time non-executive chairman of the private sector lender, a regulatory filing by Yes Bank confirmed. His new term will be from September 20, 2025, to May 13, 2027.

Q.14. Who has recently been appointed by Citibank as the Co-head of Investment Banking for Asia-Pacific region?

- A) Kaustubh Kulkarni
- B) Jan Metzger
- C) Vikram Chawla

D) Deepak Dangayach

Answer:A) Kaustubh Kulkarni

Citibank has appointed Kaustubh Kulkarni as co-head of investment banking for the Asia-Pacific region, covering key markets such as Japan, North Asia, Australia and South Asia. Kulkarni will join Citigroup in December 2025 (subject to regulatory approval) and will work from Singapore. Here he will work closely with Citi's current Asia-Pacific investment banking head, Jan Metzger.

Q.15. Recently ISRO's new launch centre, which will be primarily dedicated to Small Satellite Launch Vehicles (SSLV), is being built where and by when is it expected to be completed?

- A) Sriharikota, Andhra Pradesh - 2025
- B) Kulasekarapattinam, Thoothukudi (Tamil Nadu) - December 2026
- C) Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala - 2027
- D) Ahmedabad, Gujarat - 2028

Answer:B) Kulasekarapattinam,

In a major step towards India's space ambitions, ISRO has announced that the new launch complex being built at Kulasekarapattinam in Tamil Nadu's Thoothukudi district will be fully operational by December 2026. This will be India's second space centre, which will work alongside the Satish Dhawan Space Centre at Sriharikota and will be primarily dedicated to the launch of Small Satellite Launch Vehicles (SSLV).

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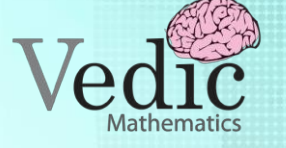
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